



## 2024 Trail Design School

The Wisconsin Horse Council presents our 16th Trail Master Certification course presented by Trail Design Specialists, Inc. (TDS) to be held this year in Wildcat Mountain State Park E13660 WI-33, Ontario, WI. Our instructor will be Mike Riter of Trail Design Specialists. The 4-day course will be held on June 9th through June 12th. Class will run from 8:00 through 4:00 daily. (The first day begins at 8:30) All days must be attended to complete the course.

### **Overview**

This course will cover the latest advances in trail design, construction and maintenance with a focus on long term sustainability and ease of maintenance. The course consists of interactive classroom and practical in field sessions covering the topics listed below.

### **Trail Design and Layout**

We will cover advances on how to properly design and layout a trail. We will discuss how to avoid erosion, user conflicts, and impact problems through design. This session will give you a good working knowledge of what causes trails to erode through water/soil relationships. An outdoor session will consist of a series of flagging and layout drills designed to utilize the concepts covered in the classroom.

### **Trail Construction**

We will cover proper corridor clearing for all types of use and proper construction of a durable tread surface. Various types of tread construction, cribbing and raised tread sections, switchbacks and a section on bridges and boardwalks are also included. An outdoor session will consist of construction techniques covered in the classroom. A demonstration of tread construction machinery may be included.

### **Trail Maintenance**

We will cover maintenance issues on trails. We will discuss how to make long-term repairs and lower environmental impacts. Trail hardening techniques along with rehabilitation of disused trails will also be covered. The outdoor session will consist of maintenance techniques covered in the classroom.

### **Crew leader**

The last day will be field application on the concepts we covered on the previous days interspersed with leadership techniques for working with volunteers. This portion of the program will be held entirely outdoors and will give each student the opportunity to lead a crew.

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Dates: June 9 - 12 Deadline **to register: May 17th** (Late registration? please **call** to check availability)

Location: Wildcat Mountain State Park E13660 WI-33, Ontario, WI  
Morning class will meet at the Ontario Public Library 313 Main St Ontario

Class Value \$550

**Wisconsin volunteers that work on trails**, all Wisconsin land managers and their staff (state, county, or town) and WDNR staff; **100% of your registration fee is covered by the WDNR and the Wisconsin Horse Council.**  
**Limited to first 16 registrations.**

All non-WDNR participants must submit a deposit of \$100 to reserve your spot in the course. This must be paid by check, made out to Wisconsin Horse Council and sent to WHC, PO Box 72, Columbus WI 53925. Payment of deposit assures you are registered. After attending and completing the course, your deposit will be returned to you. Any cancelations must be made at least 30 days in advance to receive a refund.

**Included with the class will be breakfast snacks, lunch and water.**

Hotels are available in the area – (Note these are small hotels, with limited rooms, and not many options in the immediate area.)

Driftwood Inn Motel 203 N Garden St, Ontario, WI 54651 (608) 337-4660  
Hotel Hillsboro - 1235 Water Avenue - Hillsboro 54634 (608) 489-3000



Registration is available online at  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DW6FLB3>

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Address City State Zip

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Company – Group – Saddle Club – Government Agency – Land Management Agency

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Best phone number to reach you

**Email address**

Plan on a motel

Commuting or staying with friends

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I need to tell you about ( medical alert – physical limits – other)

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Any thing else that we need to know about to help you to attend and be comfortable.