



Equestrian Rides on Public Lands 50-100 Miles from Spokane

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Please note! We share these trails with other users – horsemen, hikers, bicyclists. As responsible horsemen, please pick up ALL your manure, hay, and trash and take it home. If we do our part we will all be able to continue to use these trails. PLEASE Leave No Trace.

- Abercrombie/Hooknose Mountains:** Location – north of Spokane 100 miles. Directions: North on Hwy 395 to Colville (70 miles). Right at the 4th Street stoplight onto Hwy 20 east to Tiger for about 1 mile, then left on #145 (Colville-Aladdin-Northpoint Rd). Continue north to Deep Lake Boundary Road #9445, turn right (north) onto Boundary Road to Deep Lake (about 35 miles from Colville). Continue past Deep Lake about 3 miles, right at Silver Creek Rd #4720 (junction is at edge of meadow on left with old mine and mill in it) which becomes #7078. Trailhead is 4 miles up road; keep left at 1st junction, right at 2nd junction straight ahead on #7078, and left at 3rd junction and continue on over cattle guard to trailhead.
Description: mountain trails with views. Duration: there are 2 long trails to ride.
- Blue Mountains, Asotin Creek:** Location – south of Spokane 125 miles. Directions: south on Hwy 195 to Lewiston (106 miles), Hwy 12 for 2 miles west to Clarkston, left on Hwy 129 for 6 miles to Asotin (up the Snake River); before crossing small bridge into town, turn right onto paved road; at about 3 miles, keep right, go about 12 miles on Rd 110 to fork, stay right up Lick Creek road 181; go about 15 miles to a camp at Sheep Gulch beside creek.
Description: rolling hills, meadows, views of canyons. Duration: several trails, old roads to ride, meadows.
- Escure Ranch/Rock Creek:** Location – southwest of Spokane 70 miles. Directions: I90 west to Sprague exit; south on Hwy 23 past Sprague for 12.4 miles. Turn right onto Davis Rd which is on a sweeping turn to the left; stay on main gravel road for about 7.1 miles and make turns to the right until you cross an abandoned rr track and there is a grain elevator down the road on the right. Go past the grain elevator and turn left onto Jordan Knott Rd. Go about 2.3 miles to the Rock Creek Management Area sign and turn right. This is a one lane dirt road of about 2.6 miles which ends in a steep hill down to the camp area. Park/camp in designated campground in the open field on right at bottom of hill.
Description: Open country scablands, deep coulees, tall bluff. Notes: rattlesnakes in summer, hunting in fall; is BLM land. Trails: moderate with some steep hills, water crossings of creek. It would be good to have map of the area and compass if exploring.
Duration: many hours and miles.
- Gypsy Meadows:** Location - about 100 miles north of Spokane. Directions: from the Y on Division take Hwy 2 north for about 28 miles to the Sacheen Lake cutoff – Hwy 211. Left on Hwy 211 for about 16 miles to Hwy 20, left (north) on Hwy 20 for 48 miles to Metaline Falls (at Tiger Hwy 20 turns left but continue north on Hwy 31). Continue on Hwy 31 past Metaline Falls up hill, right on Sullivan Lake Rd #9345, left on Rd #22, which turns into #2220. (Can also turn right at Lone, cross river, follow road past Sullivan Lake, keep left and turn right to Rd #22.) The trailhead is on the left 12 miles from Hwy 31 (stay to left where second road takes off up a hill). Description: mountain trails, some roads, view of Priest Lake. Duration: many hours and miles.

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5. **Kettle Crest:** Location – 100 miles north of Spokane. Directions: north on Hwy 395 to Kettle Falls (about 80 miles), continue straight on Hwy 395 across the Columbia River, turn left onto Hwy 20 to Sherman Pass and Republic; about 20 miles (just before the pass) on a big horseshoe left curve, turn right on Albion Hill Road. Jungle Hill trailhead is 1 mile up the road on the left; Wapaloosie trailhead is about 3 miles up steep road on the left; Old Stagecoach trailhead is about 6 miles up the road on the left up a short hill. Description: many mountain trails with many views. See Forest Service maps; 80+ miles of trails.
6. **Lakeview Ranch:** Location – 77 miles SW of Spokane. Directions: Hwy 2 to Davenport 32 miles; Hwy 28 out of Davenport for 38 miles to Odessa; in Odessa turn right (N) on Hwy 21 and go about 2 miles to Lakeview Ranch Rd (1st gravel road on left). Ranch is about 4 ½ miles on gravel road; camp is on left side of road. Description: mainly old roads past basalt cliffs, ponds, sagebrush; good spring ride, flowers; hot in summer with rattlesnakes. Duration: many miles and hours.
7. **Pee Wee Creek, ID:** Location – 65 miles north of Spokane. Directions: Hwy 2 north to Priest River, ID (about 55 miles). At stoplight turn left onto Hwy 57 to Priest Lake. Go about 3.5 miles to Peninsula Rd, turn right (only way to turn); go 4 miles to just past a row of dumpsters, turn left onto road #334. It is about 1 mile to trailhead on left past gravel pit. Description: steep trails with some long grades, views. Duration: several loops, 10-15 miles. NOTE: ID requires a health certificate and Coggins.

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