

**Graves Mountain Horse Trails**  
are color coded by painted rings around trees, signage, painted rectangles or rocks. The estimated times for these trails are at a "Quarter Horse Walk".

#### Blue Loop Trail

This loop is half open flat land and half wooden mountain trail. It crosses the Robinson river (shallow stream) twice. There are no steep climbs. Excellent trail to acclimate horses to mountain riding. Time: 1 hour.

#### Yellow Trail

If your horse does not like to cross water, you can avoid the river crossing on the blue trail by taking the Yellow Trail before the river. It is a moderate, rocky climb up to the blue trail where you can continue back on the blue trail or cross over it and continue climbing higher up the mountain on the yellow trail before it meanders back toward the stables area. Climbs are moderate with some switch backs. Time: 25 minutes.

#### White Trail (New Trail)

This is a beautiful climb to the TOP of Graves Mountain where you will ride up the ridge with views off both sides! This trail can be accessed and serves as a connector between the Yellow Trail and Upper Red Trail. **WARNING:** This trail is not for a green horse or horses not conditioned to mountain trails. There are some steep pulls with switch backs. The top is very rocky. Seasoned horses and riders only! Time: 45 min.-1 hour.

#### Red Trail

Also called "Hell's Trail" by some of our riders. This trail has several long hard pulls, especially on the Upper Red Trail. Horses should be conditioned to mountain riding to do this loop. The trail is rocky on the Upper Trail and the Lower Red Trail is narrow with steep drop offs down to the road. The lower part of this trail parallels Rt. 670, so if you don't like heights, or your horse is not in shape, you can ride down Rt. 670 to access the Rose River Fire Road or Dark Hollow Trails. Time: 2 hours

#### Green Loop Trail

This loop trail goes up behind the Lodge with several pretty views of the valley below. Some hills are moderately steep. Time: 1 hour

#### National Park & VA Wildlife Management trails. . .

are marked with YELLOW blazed paint. Horses are ONLY allowed on yellow trails on government lands. Allow yourself at least 5-6 hours to go to Big Meadows, Skyland or Camp Hoover. These trails are very rocky. You can ride the Lower Dark Hollow trail and back in approximately 2.5—3 hours. Horses are also allowed on the fire roads.

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## Graves Mountain Arena Trails

and access to the  
Shenandoah  
National Park &  
Virginia Wildlife  
Management Area

Please keep your horses on the trails.  
Horses are NOT allowed  
around the Lodge or Picnic  
Shelters.

*All riders must sign a waiver  
of liability **BEFORE** you ride.*  
(waiver found on back of field registration form)



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