

Save Our Trails

Overuse, underuse, misuse, mixed use—in the face of these trail threats, what can recreational riders do to keep riding trails open and usable.

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The recreational trail rider's most valuable treasure, next to a good horse, are the public riding trails. One of the reasons trail riding is enjoyed by so many equestrians—more than any other equestrian activity or discipline—is the seemingly unlimited network of riding trails available across the country. There is nothing a trail rider would rather do than enjoy the great outdoors from the back of a horse, and for this reason, riders greatly fear losing trails.

We often hear of trails being closed due to encroaching development or lack of funding to maintain them. However, there are other reasons why trails become off limits, and some of them might surprise you. Fortunately, you can do a lot to keep your favorite trails open and maintained.

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