



Equestrian Rides on Public Lands within 50 Miles of Spokane

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Please Note! We share the trails with other users (horsemen, hikers and 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 wonderful trails – please, leave no trace. Call 911 for emergencies, otherwise call Crime Check at 456-2233 if you see any evidence of criminal activity. Enjoy your ride.

- 1. Antoine Peak Conservation Area:** Location: northeast of Spokane. Directions/Parking: I-90 east, Barker Rd. Exit 293 north over freeway, right on Trent/Hwy 290, North on Campbell Rd., left on Lincoln Rd., left at Antoine C.A. Park sign. Park 3-4 trailers on right in upper graveled parking area to right. Description: 1.066 acres of mountainous terrain. Single track trail joins two-track spiraling up peak to radio towers at top. Difficulty: Moderate - Up gradually to top of peak and back down. Duration: approx. 2.75 hrs. 7.5 miles roundtrip. Fire pond midway, wildlife and spring/summer wildflowers.
- 2. Columbia Plateau Trail State Park:** Location: west of Spokane. Directions/Parking: I-90 west, Cheney/Tyler Exit into Cheney. Left on Cheney Spangle Road; trailhead and parking 1 mile on left just over rail bed/bridge. Description: ride through pine forest shrub-steppe on crushed rock trail (coarse crushed rock further down trail) surface on west from trailhead through Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge to Martin Road (beyond Martin Road not open to horses). Shoes or hoof boots strongly recommended. Difficulty: easy, flat ride. Duration: approx. 19.25 miles one-way. Additional trailheads at Amber Lake and Martin Road.
- 3. Escure Ranch/Rock Lake:** Location: southwest of Spokane. Directions/Parking: I-90 west to Sprague Exit; south on HWY 23; right (west) to Lamont; through Lamont; left (southwest) on Potts Rd.; left (south) on Revere Rd.; right (south) on George Knott Rd.; right at Escure Ranch sign; down steep hill. Park in open field on right at bottom of hill. Description: Open country scablands, deep coulees, tall bluffs. Notes: Aggressive rattlesnakes in summer. Hunting in fall. Deep mud in parking area in early spring. Difficulty: Steeps hills, rocks, water crossing. Duration: Many hours and miles.
- 4. Fishtrap/ BLM Recreation Area:** Location: southwest of Spokane. Directions/Parking: I-90 west to Fishtrap Exit 254. Turn left (south) over freeway on Old State Highway to Fishtrap BLM sign at Ranch House approx. 1 ¾ miles. Park in turnout at Old Ranch house. Description: Loop trail. Pine forest, shrub-steppe and Palouse grasslands around Fishtrap Lake – cliffs, coulees, ponds, meadows on approx. 7,000 acres. Notes: Rattlesnakes in summer. Stay on trail. Hunting in fall. Difficulty: Moderately easy a few gentle hills, some rocks on trails. Duration: Many hours and miles.
- 5. Heyburn State Park:** Location: southeast of Spokane. Directions/Parking: I-90 east to Pines Exit; south on Pines becomes HWY 27; left at Rockford; right on Main Street to HWY 95; right on HWY 95; left on HWY 5 at Plummer; follow signs to Heyburn State Park and trails. Description: Riding trails through dense forest on north shore of Lake Chatcolet on Indian Land. 5,500 acres. Difficulty: Moderate. Duration: Many hours and miles.
- 6. Hog Canyon Lake/ BLM Recreation Area:** Location: southwest of Spokane. Directions/Parking: I-90 west to Fishtrap Exit 254. Turn left over freeway (south) on Old State Highway. Turn left at Fishtrap Lake Resort sign. Parking approx. ½ mile at turn out on right. Description: Loop trail starts across road through gate. Gate behind parking area adjoins Fishtrap loop trail. Pine forest, shrub-steppe and Palouse grasslands bordering Hog Canyon Lake – cliffs, coulees, ponds, meadows, lake on approx. 1000 acres. Notes: Rattlesnakes in summer. Stay on trail. Hunting in fall. Difficulty: Moderate to easy - steep trail down to lake, some rocks on trails. Duration: 2.75 hours 7.5 miles.
- 7. Liberty Lake County Park:** Location: east of Spokane. Directions: I-90 east; Liberty Lake exit; straight at light; right on Molter; left on Valley Way around lake; left at Y & stop sign past park turnout; left past water



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tank and motorcycle parking lot; equestrian parking lot on right past second corner. Description: Mountain forest slopes surrounding Liberty Lake. 16 miles of trails. Difficulty: steep trails. Duration: Many hours and miles.

8. **Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park**: Location: south of Spokane near Tekoa. Directions: I-90 east; Pines Exit south becomes HWY 27 to Tekoa; south on paved county road toward Seltice and Farmington; turn east at the north edge of Seltice (Saltice) 2 miles; south on King Valley Road 1 ½ miles to top of hill and trailhead. Description: Palouse Hills and agricultural lands. Loop ride accessible from either side of road or nice ride on brow of hill. Notes: This state park was put together by a Tekoa druggist over a period of years. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: nice day's ride.
9. **McClellan Conservation Area**: Location: northwest of Spokane. Directions: Nine Mile Road/ WA SR 29; left across dam; right on Charles Road for 5 miles; right on South Bank Road for 6 miles around large bend; right on McClellan Lane ½ mile to end of road and park. Limited parking. Description: Wooded trails along Spokane River and Long Lake on 410 acres. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 2-3 hours.
10. **McKenzie Conservation Area**: Location: northeast of Spokane. Directions: I-90 east; take Argonne, Pines or Sullivan Exits north over freeway; right (east) on Trent under bridge toward Rathdrum, Idaho for approx. 4 miles; left (north) on Starr Road; right at Y on Hauser Lake Road for approx. ½ mile; left on Muzzy Road 4.5 miles (Muzzy becomes West Newman Lake Road); Conservation area is on left. Description: Upland forest, streams along Newman Lake Shoreline. 421 acres. Difficulty: Moderate. Duration: 2-3 hours.
11. **Milwaukee Road Corridor – Malden to Rosalia**: Location: south of Spokane. Directions: HWY 195 south to Rosalia; in Rosalia, take road to Malden; park in Malden by rail bed. Description: Rail bed with crushed rock surface winds through Palouse hills and agricultural lands from Malden to Rosalia and back. Note: Permit required in 2007 from State Parks. Call 509-646-9218. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 6 hours.
12. **Mt. Spokane State Park**: Location: northeast of Spokane. Directions: Division St. north to HWY 2; east on HWY 206 14 miles to park entrance; Parking is 1.5 miles (paved) and 3 miles (snowmobile lot on right). Description: Wooded mountain trails. Difficulty: Moderate to difficult. Duration: Many hours and miles.
13. **Palisades City Park**: Location: west Spokane city limits. Directions: north on Government Way from 2nd Ave.; west on Greenwood Road; right at Y; parking area left at top of hill on Rimrock drive. Description: Wooded trails on top of basalt cliffs. Rolling, hilly terrain below creek crossing. Difficulty: Moderately difficult. Duration: 2-4 hours.
14. **Pend Oreille County Park**: Location: north of Spokane. Directions: Division St. to HWY 2 past Elk, WA; entrance on left over hwy; drive through and park at end of access road. Description: Trails and switchbacks up and around steep, wooded small peak. 440 acres. Difficulty: Difficult, steep trails. Duration: 3-4 hours.
15. **Riverside State Park**: Location: northwest of Spokane city limits. Directions: From the north – Nine Mile Rd. left (south) over the dam to Seven Mile Rd. and continue to the trailhead at Pine Bluff. From the west, east or south – I90 Maple St. Exit; right (west) on 2nd Ave.; right (north) on Government Way; right (north) at Aubrey L. White Parkway for the Trail Town trailhead; or right (north) at Old Trails Rd. for the Trailhead at the south park entrance. Description: Extensive trails over wooded hills, cliffs, canyon (Deep Creek), flat areas and along river. Note: many other multi-users (hikers, bicyclists). Difficulty: Easy to difficult trails. Duration: Many hours and miles.



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16. **Slavin (James T.) Conservation Area:** Location: south of Spokane. Directions: HWY 195 south 8.4 miles ; right (west) on Washington Road; Parking area straight ahead. Description: Horseshoe shaped trail network over Wooded hills, bluffs and grasslands around 2 large ponds separated by an earth dam crossing/ trail. Waterfowl refuge in partnership with Ducks Unlimited. Difficulty: Moderately easy. Duration: 3-4 hours.