



# TRAIL CENTER

Trail Information and Trail Volunteers for  
Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Alameda & San Francisco Counties

## *Where to Hire a Horse for Trail Riding*

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### Introduction

The following is a list of stables that provide horse rentals and/or trail rides. Hourly rates vary and are subject to change. Some trails are subject to seasonal closures. Most stables are flexible in accommodating your needs by prior arrangement. Reservations are recommended or required. Things to keep in mind include:

- Almost all trail rides are now done with guides. If not, be candid about your riding experience. Most stables provide group and individual lessons for a fee.
- Follow the instructions of your group leader or guide.
- Wear long pants and sturdy shoes with heels.
- Horses have the right of way on trails. But be courteous to others you meet, as many trail users do not understand the importance of trail etiquette requiring them to defer to horses.
- Obey trail signs and never litter.
- Horses are individuals. Ask questions about your horse's temperament and preferences. Be gentle but firm in maintaining control. Do not jerk on the horse's mouth.
- Be alert for things that could startle your horse, or others.
- Volunteer your services to help in trail maintenance.

## Alameda County

### Anthony Chabot Regional Park

14600 Skyline Blvd.

Oakland CA 94619

*Phone:* (510) 569-4428

*Directions:* Call for appointment and directions.

*Open:* Has intermittent rental stables. Should be available again in the year 2000. In the meantime, children summer camps are being offered.

### Las Trampas Stables

18015 Bollinger Canyon Rd.

San Ramon, CA

*Phone:* (925) 838 7546

*Directions:* I-680 to Bollinger Canyon Rd. west; cross Crow Canyon 4 miles on left.

*Open:* Daily 9-5 for rides. Seasonal restrictions, but year round generally on [Las Trampas Regional Wilderness](#) (EBRPD). Day camp summer for children. Year-round lessons; pony rides, horse boarding. Famous for night rides and BBQs during daylight savings hours.

### Sunol Wilderness Pack Station

Geary Rd.

Sunol, CA 94586

*Phone:* (925) 862-0175

*Directions:* Call for information and reservations.

*Open:* Guided trail rides in [Sunol Regional Wilderness](#) by reservation only.

### Wildcat Canyon Ranch City Stables

13560 Skyline Blvd.

Oakland, CA 94619

*Phone:* (510) 430-9510

*Directions:* Skyline Blvd between Redwood and Kellor on north side.

*Open:* Daily. Only for inner city children from the City of Oakland. 5 week summer camp from 1-3pm M-F. focus is on recreation, job training, education and environmental awareness. Many referrals from the school district, but private individuals may also participate in equine care and events on a paid basis. Adjoins Chabot Regional Park.

## Contra Costa County

### Western Trail Ride Adventures

1525 Castle Rock Rd.

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

*Phone:* (925) 946-1475; out-of-state toll free: (887) 946-1475

*Web:* [www.westerntrailride.com](http://www.westerntrailride.com)

*Directions:* I-680 to Walnut Creek. Exit either Treat; right on Bancroft which becomes Walnut Ave.; right on Castle Rock Road 1.5 miles; or Ygnacio Valley Rd.; right on Walnut Ave.; right on Castle Rock 1.5 miles

*Open:* Monday-Sunday 9am-3 pm. Club and group events; private rides in [Mt. Diablo](#) and [Castle Rock State Parks](#) and the Old Borges Ranch.

## Marin County

### Five Brooks Stables

8001 State Route 1

Olema, CA 94950

*Phone:* (415) 663-1570

*Web:* [www.fivebrooks.com](http://www.fivebrooks.com)

*Directions:* San Anselmo to Sir Francis Drake Blvd. dead ends into Highway 1 at Olema. Left turn and go 3.5 miles south; stables on right.

*Open:* 120 miles of trails, including beach rides at the [Pt. Reyes National Seashore](#). Guided rides, private rides, pack trips, hay wagon rides, pony rides, horse boarding and riding lessons.

### Miwok Livery

701 Tennessee Valley Rd.

Mill Valley, CA 94941

*Phone:* (415) 383-8048

*Web:* [www.miwokstables.com](http://www.miwokstables.com)

*Directions:* 101 to exit for Highway 1/ Stinson Beach. Go west one mile. Left on Tennessee Valley Rd.

*Open:* Limited guided trail rides in Marin Headlands ([GGNRA](#)); by appointment in small groups 1-4 people. Please call ahead to arrange.

### Sunset Corral

2901 Vineyard Rd.

Novato, CA 94947

*Phone:* (415) 897-8212

*Directions:* Call for reservations and directions.

*Open:* Daily 8-5. Guided trail rides, play days, horse shows, boarding, covered arena. Summer day camps for all ages.

## San Francisco County

### Golden Gate Park

JFK Drive at 36th Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94121

*Phone:* (415) 688-7360

*Web:* [www.extendinc.com/ggps](http://www.extendinc.com/ggps)

*Directions:* Fulton Ave. go west, turn left on 30th Ave. Right at stop. Sharp left at next stop to get into driveway.

*Open:* 9-5 daily. Pony rides and birthday parties, summer camp 5 & older. Guided trail rides in the **Park**. Lessons offered in dressage and jumping for all ages and ability. Western lessons by private appointment.

*Note:* Check with the City at (415) 668-7360 for other concessionaires, if necessary.

## San Mateo County

### Friendly Acres Ranch

2150 N. Cabrillo Hwy

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

*Phone:* (650) 726-9916

*Email:* [SHRHorses@aol.com](mailto:SHRHorses@aol.com)

*Web:* [www.horserentals.com/seahorse.html](http://www.horserentals.com/seahorse.html)

*Directions:* On Hwy 1 (the Coast/Cabrillo Hwy), about 1 mi. N of Hwy 92 in Half Moon Bay. Near Young Ave., Dunes Beach entrance. or

*Open:* Daily all year, weather permitting. No reservations required. 1- to 2-hour rides along the bluffs overlooking the ocean and on the beach. With or without guides. Pony rides for children under 9 in enclosed arena.

### Mar Vista Stables

2155 Skyline

Daly City, CA 94015

*Phone:* (650) 991-4224

*Directions:* 280 exit John Daly Blvd. and continue through several lights toward ocean . Right turn on Highway 35 and stable is shortly award on right side.

*Open:* 9-5 daily; guided horse rental rides on the beach. BBQ parties for groups. Ponies for children. Can bring ponies to your home.

### Seahorse Ranch

1828 N. Cabrillo Coast Hwy

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

*Phone:* (650) 726-2364/726-9903

*Email:* [SHRHorses@aol.com](mailto:SHRHorses@aol.com)

*Web:* [www.horserentals.com/seahorse.html](http://www.horserentals.com/seahorse.html)

*Directions:* On Hwy 1, about 0.5 mi. N of Hwy 92 in Half Moon Bay.

*Open:* Daily all year, weather permitting. No reservations required. 1 hour to all day rides along the bluffs overlooking the ocean and on the beach. With or without guides. Trail and area ponies for children.

## Santa Clara County

### Alum Rock Stables

16235 Alum Rock Ave.

San Jose, CA 95127

(operated by Chaparral Ranch)

*Phone:* (408) 251-8800

*Fax:* (408) 251-6642

*Email:* [Alumrock@aol.com](mailto:Alumrock@aol.com)

*Web:* [users.aol.com/alumrock/index.htm](http://users.aol.com/alumrock/index.htm)

*Directions* Off Alum Rock Ave. near the entrance to Alum Rock Park, San Jose.

From Hwy 101 or 680, take Alum Rock Ave. (Hwy 130) E.

*Open:* Daily all year, weather permitting. No reservations required. 1- to 2-hour guided rides in the hills of [Alum Rock Park](#) daily after 4 pm or weekends June 14-Sept 3. Rest of the year trail rides by appointment. In the summer, M-F horsemanship day camp available for children ages 6-16.

### Calero Ranch Stables

23201 McKean Rd.

San Jose, CA 95141

*Phone:* (408) 268-2567

*Email:* [calerornch@aol.com](mailto:calerornch@aol.com)

*Web:* [members.aol.com/calerornch/ridecalero.html](http://members.aol.com/calerornch/ridecalero.html)

*Directions:* In Calero Reservoir County Park off McKean Rd. San Jose

*Open:* Seasonally open, spring through fall, winter weekends, and by special arrangement. Reservations required. 1- to 2-hour guided trail rides in Calero Park.

### Chaparral Ranch

3375 Calaveras Rd.

Milpitas, CA 95035

*Phone:* (408) 263-3336

*Email:* [drumsey@ix.netcom.com](mailto:drumsey@ix.netcom.com)

*Directions:* Calaveras Rd. in Milpitas to Ed Levin Park.

*Open:* By appointment only. Day camps for children 7-18. Guided trail rides in [Ed Levin Park](#).

**Garrod Farms Riding Stables**

22600 Mt. Eden Rd.

Saratoga, CA 95070

*Phone:* (408) 867-9527

*Directions:* Mt. Eden Rd., Saratoga, off Stevens Canyon Rd.

*Open:* Daily all year; covered arena riding in bad weather. Weekday reservations required. 1 hour guided rides in [Fremont Older Open Space Preserve](#) / [Lower Stevens Creek County Park](#). Weekend wine tasting. Horse boarding and riding academy.

*Note:* Grant Ranch was approved to operate a rental stable mid-1999. Please call [Santa Clara County Park and Recreation Department](#) for further information (408) 358-3741.

## Santa Cruz County

**Redwood Riding Adventures**

PO Box 236

Felton, CA 95018

*Phone:* (831) 335-1334

*Directions:* Call for appointment and directions. Reservations required.

*Open:* Only available for private guided rides of 2-5 maximum in the redwoods. Lessons, boarding, leasing, natural horsemanship camps for all ages.

## Sonoma County

**Armstrong Woods Pack Station**

Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve

P.O. Box 970

Guerneville, CA 95446

*Phone:* (707) 887-2939

*Email:* [jayers@metro.net](mailto:jayers@metro.net)

*Web:* [www.metro.net/ayers/index.htm](http://www.metro.net/ayers/index.htm)

*Directions:* From San Francisco (1-3/4 hours): Hwy 101 to north Santa Rosa. Exit River Road to Guerneville. At the second stop light in Guerneville, turn right to Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. Stable is one mile into State Park. Follow "Horses for Hire" signs (left fork), turn into dirt road by Armstrong Tree. (With reservations, drive 1/2 mile past "Authorized Vehicles Only" off-season sign.) Park charges \$5 per car day-use fee. You can park free at entrance lot and walk the mile.

*Open:* Year-round, with limited availability Oct.-May. Trail rides and overnight pack trips through [Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve](#) and adjoining [Austin Creek State Recreation Area](#).

### **Chanslor Ranch**

2650 Rt. 1

P.O. Box 99

Bodega Bay, CA 94923

*Phone:* (707) 875 3333

*Web:* [www.chanslor.com](http://www.chanslor.com)

*Directions:* 101 exit in Petaluma on Washington East, but head west. Road name changes into Bodega Ave. and ends at Hiway 1 about Valley Ford. Take Highway 1 through both Valley Ford and Bodega Bay. Just after Bodega Bay on right side, turn right and follow long white fence into ranch.

*Open:* Guided trail rides in Bodega Bay and on the beautiful [Sonoma coast](#), private rides, pack trips, hay wagon rides, pony rides, boarding, lessons, parties. Bed and breakfast with horse stabling facilities.

### **Sea Horse Stables**

P.O. Box 277

Bodega Bay, CA 94923

*Phone:* (707) 875-2721

*Directions:* In Bodega Bay. Call for directions

*Open:* Call for availability. Trail rides through the coastal hills and sand dunes along [Salmon Creek Beach](#).

### **Sonoma Cattle Company**

P.O. Box 877, Glen Ellen CA 95442

*Phone:* (707) 996-8566

*Fax:* (707) 938-8366

*Web:* [www.thegrid.net/trailrides](http://www.thegrid.net/trailrides)

*Directions:* 3 locations: [Jack London SP](#) in Glen Ellen, [Sugarloaf Ridge SP](#) in Kentwood, and [Bothe-Napa Valley SP](#) in Calistoga.

*Open:* Reservations required. 3 ride-outs daily. Minimum age 8, maximum weight 240 pounds. All guided rides. 1.5 hours in Calistoga; 2 hour rides in Sonoma parks. 3 hour adventure rides, sunset rides, private rides, catered packages, wine tasting rides, and corporate outings.

### **Victoria's Fashion Stables**

4193 Adobe Road Petaluma, CA 94954-9539

*Phone:* (707) 769-8820 (Voice/Fax)

*Email:* (temp) [fashionstables@hotmail.com](mailto:fashionstables@hotmail.com)

*Web:* [www.fashionstables.com](http://www.fashionstables.com)

*Directions:* Call for information

*Open:* Riding lessons, trail rides, adventure rides. Weddings, campgrounds, pony rides for children. Summer day camps for children. Horse boarding, breeding. Media opportunities, parades, parties and petting zoo.

## Selected Horse Camps and Special Activities

County	Stable	Ages	Notes
Alameda	<b>Las Trampas Stable</b> 18015 Bollinger Canyon Rd. San Ramon, CA (925) 838-7546		
	<b>Wildcat Canyon Ranch City Stables</b> 13560 Skyline Blvd. Oakland 94619 (510) 430-9510		For inner city youth
Marin	<b>Sunset Corral</b> 2901 Vineyard Rd Novato CA 94947 (415) 897-8212	7-100	
	<b>Morning Star Farms</b> 855 Suto Ave Novato, CA 94947 (415) 8978-1633		
San Francisco	<b>Golden Gate Park</b> JFK Drive at 36th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 688-7360		
San Mateo	<b>B.O.K. Ranch</b> 1815, Cordilleras Rd. Redwood City, CA 94062 (650) 336-2BOK <a href="mailto:bokranch@aol.com">bokranch@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.trifox.com/aux/bokranch/">www.trifox.com/aux/bokranch/</a>		For handicapped youth
	<b>National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT)</b> 5001 Woodside Rd. Woodside, CA 94062 (650) 851-2271	All ages	For handicapped
	<b>Spring Down Equestrian Center</b> 725 Portola Road Portola Valley, CA 94025 (650) 851-1114	6-76	
	<b>Webb Ranch</b> 2720 Alpine Rd. Menlo Park, CA 94028 (650) 854-5417	7-15	



Santa Clara	<b>Fremont Hills Country. Club Stables</b> 26941 Purissima Rd. Los Altos Hills, CA, 94022 (650) 948-9980	7-14	
	<b>Hidden Villa</b> (650) 949-8650/650-948-4159 (FAX) <a href="mailto:camp@hiddenvilla.org">camp@hiddenvilla.org</a> <a href="http://www.hiddenvilla.org">www.hiddenvilla.org</a>	For kids	Summer programs
	<b>Redwood Riding Adventures</b> PO Box 236 Felton, CA 95018 (831) 335-1334	5-100	
	<b>Alum Rock Stables</b> 16235 Alum Rock Ave. San Jose, CA (408) 251-8880	6-16	
	<b>Chaparral Ranch</b> 3375 Calaveras Rd., Milpitas, CA (408) 263-3336 <a href="mailto:drumsey@ix.netcom.com">drumsey@ix.netcom.com</a>	7-18	
Sonoma	<b>Victoria's Fashion Stables</b> 4193 Adobe Road Petaluma, CA 94954-9539 (707) 769-8820 <a href="mailto:fashionstables@hotmail.com">fashionstables@hotmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.fashionstables.com">www.fashionstables.com</a>		Hours: 9a- 1p; limit 10

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