

SOUTH MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL LOOPS

Saddleback Loop: is the shortest loop. It is 7.9 miles in length. From the Equestrian Parking Area go 0.3 miles and take a left on to Saddleback Trail and ride 3 miles. When you reach the intersection you will turn right onto Raven Rock. Raven Rock is STRENUOUS and steep. It crosses the river, crosses paved park road, and has gravel road terrain. Turn right onto Little River Trail. In .5 mile turn right onto Turkey Ridge Trail. Turkey Ridge is rated moderate and is 1.7 miles. Turkey Ridge will bring you back to the Equestrian Parking Area.

Sawtooth Loop: is 10.3 miles in length. It uses Turkey Ridge, Little River, Sawtooth, Horseridge and Upper CCC Trails. These trails are rated moderate to difficult. Little River trail and Sawtooth trail have water on them. Upper CCC has hitch rails available, has sandy terrain and is a good trail for speed. From the Equestrian parking area stay on Turkey Ridge and cross the highway. Ride to the intersection and turn right onto Little River. Turn Left onto Upper CCC and ride for .4 miles. Ride until you see the Sawtooth Trail. Turn left onto Sawtooth. Ride 2.2 miles until you come to the end of Sawtooth and turn right onto Horseridge Trail. Follow it to Upper CCC and turn right onto Upper CCC and ride until you get to Little River Trail, turn right onto Little River, then left onto Turkey Ridge, follow Turkey Ridge back to the Equestrian Parking Lot.

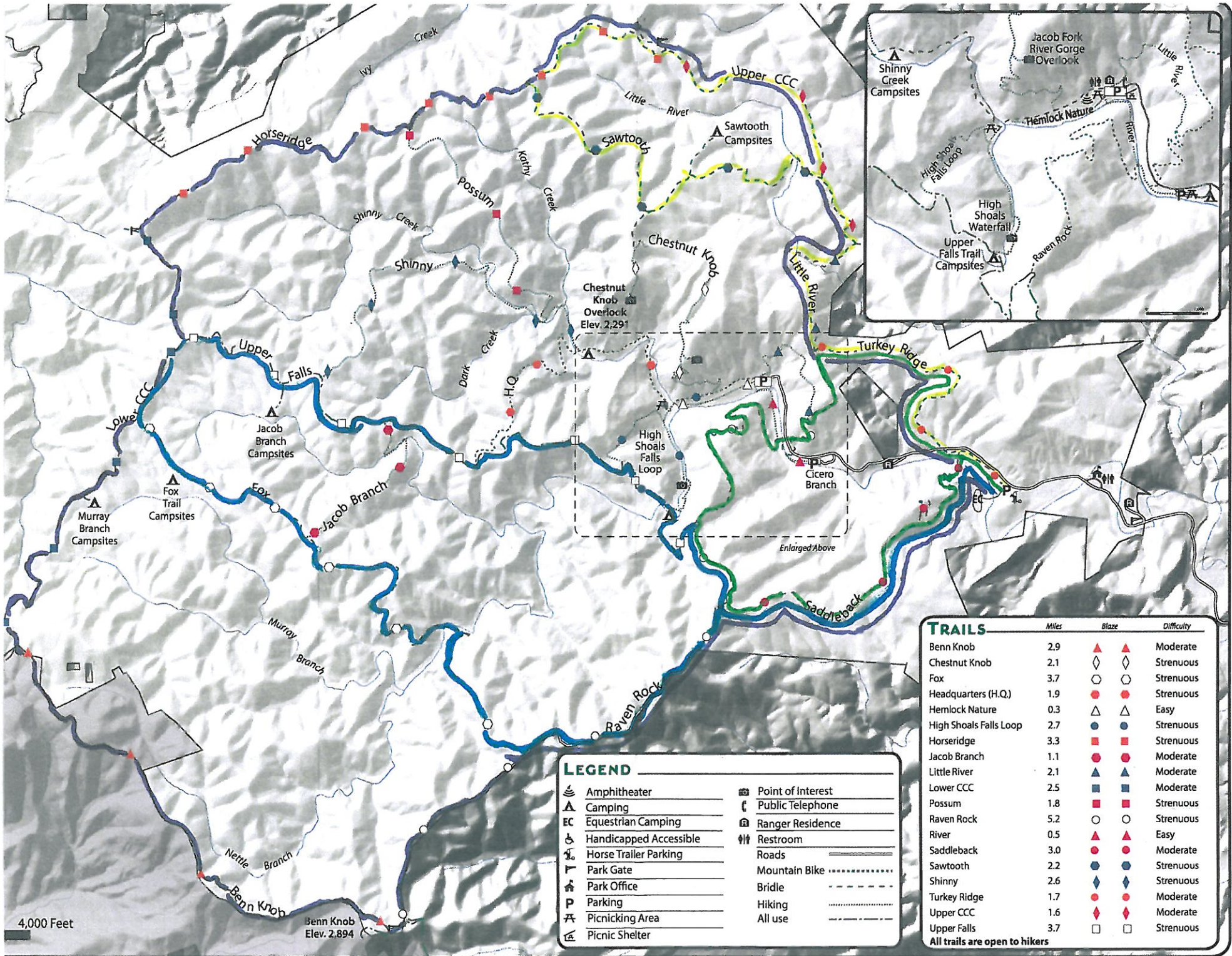
Perimeter Loop: is 19 miles in length. It uses Saddleback, Raven Rock, Benn Knob, Lower CCC, Horseridge, Upper CCC, Little River, and Turkey Ridge Trails. These trails are rated easy to difficult. Start at the Equestrian parking lot on Turkey Ridge Trail. In 0.3 mile, turn left onto Saddleback Trail. This trail is 5' wide, crosses the river and is 3.2miles. You turn left onto Raven Rock and follow it till you see Benn Knob Trail and turn right. **NOTE: Part of this trail is a paved road shared with Pine Mountain Resort.** Benn Knob is 2.9 miles in length. Turn right onto Lower CCC Trail. This trail is 2.5 miles in length. At the intersection bear right onto Horseridge Trail. This trail is 3.3 miles. It has beautiful scenes west to the Blue Ridge. Stay on Horseridge until you come to Upper CCC Trail and turn right. Upper CCC is 1.6 miles in length. Turn right onto Little River and ride to the intersection where you see Turkey Ridge and turn left onto Turkey Ridge. This trail will take you back to the Equestrian Parking Area.

Fox Loop : is 14.4 miles It uses Turkey Ridge, Saddleback, Raven Rock, Fox, Lower CCC and Upper Falls Trails. These trails are rated easy to difficult. From the Equestrian Parking Lot go 0.3 mile and turn left onto Saddleback Trail. Next take a left onto Raven Rock. **Note: part of this trail is a paved road.** When you get to Fox Trail take a right onto Fox. This trail is 3.6 miles, it crosses a creek, has ridge views and hitch rails available for your use. When you come to the intersection with Lower CCC Trail take a right. When you come to Upper Falls Trail take a right. Follow Upper Falls to Raven Rock. Turn right onto Raven Rock. When you get to Saddleback, turn left onto Saddleback and it will take you back to Turkey Ridge. Turn right and follow back to the Equestrian Parking Lot.

Welcome to South Mountains State Park, a nature preserve of over 19,000 acres. The park has 33 miles of equestrian trails to ride and enjoy. High Shoals Falls and Chestnut Knob Overlook are a short walk from the trail. Hitching rails are provided to tie horses. Most of the trails are roads that have been graveled in some sections. The trails are moderate to difficult and they connect in loops that vary in length. Riders will be more comfortable on conditioned horses that can traverse ridgeline trails that climb and descend mountainous terrain. All of these loops start in the Equestrian day parking lot.



View from Sawtooth Trail Looking South.



4,000 Feet

Benn Knob
Elev. 2,894

LEGEND

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| Amphitheater | Point of Interest |
| Camping | Public Telephone |
| Equestrian Camping | Ranger Residence |
| Handicapped Accessible | Restroom |
| Horse Trailer Parking | Roads |
| Park Gate | Mountain Bike |
| Park Office | Bridle |
| Parking | Hiking |
| Picnicking Area | All use |
| Picnic Shelter | |

TRAILS

	Miles	Blaze	Difficulty
Benn Knob	2.9	▲ ▲	Moderate
Chestnut Knob	2.1	◇ ◇	Strenuous
Fox	3.7	○ ○	Strenuous
Headquarters (H.Q.)	1.9	● ●	Strenuous
Hemlock Nature	0.3	△ △	Easy
High Shoals Falls Loop	2.7	● ●	Strenuous
Horseshoe	3.3	■ ■	Strenuous
Jacob Branch	1.1	● ●	Moderate
Little River	2.1	▲ ▲	Moderate
Lower CCC	2.5	■ ■	Moderate
Possum	1.8	■ ■	Strenuous
Raven Rock	5.2	○ ○	Strenuous
River	0.5	▲ ▲	Easy
Saddleback	3.0	● ●	Moderate
Sawtooth	2.2	● ●	Strenuous
Shinny	2.6	◆ ◆	Strenuous
Turkey Ridge	1.7	● ●	Moderate
Upper CCC	1.6	◆ ◆	Moderate
Upper Falls	3.7	□ □	Strenuous

All trails are open to hikers