

Willow Prairie Horse Camp Work Day

May 16, 2020

This year's official club work party to clean up camp and trails to get it ready for opening on Memorial Day Weekend will be held on Saturday May 16th (weather permitting) beginning at 9:00am with a safety talk for all and sign in. We will focus on repair of corral rails and general clean up in camp and trail work. Once we are able to get into the camp in early May we will have a better handle on what work needs to be done.

We welcome anyone to come and help with this work party. You don't need to be a member of JCHA. You can bring your horse and ride the trails, clearing, trimming and cutting if possible as you ride. Or, you can walk and hike some trails too. Depending on the number of volunteers, we can break up into small groups and head different directions.

If you want to bring 4 wheelers to drive/ride out to trail areas, **you must stay on the gravel roads**, then hike in on the trails to clean. All ORV rules apply.

We are under a Special Use Permit with the Forest Service to do this work, so we are not considered Forest Service volunteers therefore not regulated by the standard rules concerning hand tools and chain saws. If you have a small saw, and "are experienced" with cutting downed trees, please bring it along. Everyone needs to bring safety gear – eye protection, gloves and long sleeves.

Other items to bring – small hand tools, such as loppers, clippers & hand saws. Bring a lunch and plenty of drinking water. Also, bug/mosquito repellent as they could be pesky. If you have a GPS it's helpful to mark any trees that are too large to cut out or other trail issues. We will have someone with a large saw!

For those helping, the camp will be open and free to spend Friday & Saturday nights. If you have horses, be sure to bring water because the water system may not be turned on yet. You also must have weed free hay.

As with all club rides, dogs are not allowed on the trail with horses.

Please call Debbie Davenport at 541-890-6091 or David Browne at 541-864-0731 if you will be able to attend.

Directions: From Hwy 62 in White City, go east on Hwy 140 for about 28 miles. Turn left on Butte Falls /Willow Lake Rd. About 1 mile, turn left on FS Rd 3738. Go about 1 mile and turn left, go across cattle guard, go another 300 yards, turn left up the hill to the large day use area or pull down into the campground to park.