

WHERE TO RENT A HORSE:

Out 'N' About Treasort trail begins at the popular tree house bed-and-breakfast at 300 Page Creek Road off Takilma Road, approximately 12 miles south of Cave Junction.

There are trails along Takilma Road, along the ridges below Hope Mountain, across the East Fork of the Illinois River (fordable), and up Page Creek into the Siskiyou National Forest. Guided trail rides offered and well-trained trail horses are provided, based on each rider's skill. Phone for reservations: (541) 592-2208.

Culpepper Cattle Company is located at 42 Mesa Verde Drive. Follow Hwy. 199 south from Cave Junction to Ken Rose Lane and take a left. Turn onto Mesa Verde Drive.

Follow the signs to Culpepper Cattle Company. Skip Leahy is the head horse wrangler on some 400 acres of trails. You can make reservations by phoning (541) 592-2149 or (541) 592-2143. The cost is \$28 an hour per person for groups of three or more.

Each rider gets a well-trained horse suited to their skill level. Riding helmets are provided.

Diane Moller has a horse farm in the 5700 block of Rockydale Road with a covered arena that can

be rented for winter practice riding. Riding lessons are available.

She also leases a thoroughbred and Paso Fino/Arab to intermediate or advanced equestrians for riding on her 5 acres of trails and on miles of nearby BLM trails. Leases can be weekly or monthly. Phone (541) 592-3582 for information.

There are countless more places to ride on BLM or U.S. Forest Service Land in the Illinois Valley area. Hiking and equestrian trails are currently being developed in Cave Junction from Westside Road, through Illinois River "Forks" State Park to Rusk Ranch.

There also are trails from Grayback Campground on Caves Hwy. near Oregon Caves National Monument. You can obtain trail maps at the forest service office on Redwood

Hwy. at the south end of Cave Junction to a wealth of trails for riding in the Siskiyou National Forest.

Back Country Horsemen, Sourdough Chapter, holds an annual Poker Ride at Lake Selmac Horse Camp. The 2008 ride will be held on June 21. Approximately 80 to 100 riders usually participate, coming from Crescent City, Grants Pass, Medford, Applegate, Williams, and Illinois Valley.

Camping, corrals and horse trailer parking available. A barbecued lunch, silent auction and raffles, provided by BCH, follow the ride. For information and fees, phone Susie Wood at 596-2488.

And contact her for more trail information.





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