

January 10, 2022 RFVHC Survey Monkey Comments and Solutions

We asked, and You answered!

In 2021 RFV Horse Council sponsored a Trail Survey for Hikers and Horseback Riders, with Questions about Trails & Equestrian Access to Parking in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Q10 What trails do you love in the area of Missouri Heights to hike and ride?

LEGEND: Survey Monkey responses are written in black
RFVHC Comments and Solutions are written in red

NEW TRAILS WANTED

MISSOURI HEIGHTS - We want to ride from ranch to ranch up there - need everyone's help to gain access for safe trails linking the east to west. At different times we boarded at Cache & Windwalkers with access to trails, riding directly out of those facilities. Loved it. How and where can we park to have access to those areas again?

***RFVHC COMMENT** - Establishing the **Kit Strang Missouri Heights Trail** – We have surveyed some sections of this trail and determined that such a trail could be accomplished. Here's one idea - map all the horse boarding places and link them, avoiding non-horse properties unless we know the landowners and we can arrange an easement or use the edges of the county road for trails. Liability releases will encourage private landholder's participation. Traffic speed limits could be reduced for safety with flashing lights to alert motorists that there are equestrians - children and families - who are on the road traveling certain sections with blind corners. Riding horseback across privately owned fields is not an option, because there is always an overarching fear of someone leaving a gate open, thereby causing problems. We have a similar problem with trail users leaving gates open on the Crown. Signage can educate people about trail etiquette/gate closures.*



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NEED TRAILER PARKING SPACES AT ALL POTENTIAL TRAILHEADS

FISHER CREEK– FISHER CEMETARY – LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN - Cottonwood Pass has trailer parking at the turnoff for Red Mountain! I think small parking lots are a fair way of limiting users, honestly. Fisher Cemetery and Lookout Mountain. Both need more parking. Fisher Creek Trail - not much trailer parking, maybe can accommodate 2 or 3 trucks and trailers - nice ride, can go a very long way toward Glenwood Springs . . . Fisher Creek, sufficient parking available in 2 places, shared trails with hikers, bikers but not crowded. Love fisher creek! Lookout Mountain!



Red dot locates the original Fisher Homestead



Fisher Cemetery Road is another trail access



RFVHC COMMENT - Fisher Creek parking is mentioned frequently in the Survey Monkey responses, because it's a lovely area to trail ride. Currently, on our website under the Trails Tab Fisher #2 is listed. There are three Lookout Mountain Trails according to our research. One of the three that is listed as "horse friendly" can be found on this link.

<https://www.aspentrailfinder.com/lookout-mountain-park/>



Fisher Creek Homestead in sight



Fisher Creek Trails have open vistas & good footing
Truck & Trailer parking is limited

Here is the winter and spring 2021-22 RFVHC Survey about RFV Trails for Equestrians and Hikers. **[Instructions for filling out this survey](#)** Answers to the following questions are optional. While we hope that you will provide answers to all of these questions, you are not obligated to do so. You may simply scroll past any question that you prefer not to answer. You may scroll up and down through the questions at any time. We are asking for more survey responses.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JL23DN3>

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