



Yellow River State Forest CMO

Saturday, Sunday

July 11-12, 2026

WHERE: Yellow River State Forest, 729 State Forest Rd, Harpers Ferry, Iowa 52146

Camping Reservations can be made at Iowa DNR website: www.iowadnr.gov, Yellow River State Forest. Equestrian Campgrounds Creekside and Frontier

FACILITIES: Camp: The camping areas include, Creekside equestrian campground, and Frontier equestrian campground. All sites are non-modern with vault toilets. **In the two equestrian campgrounds, portable stalls/pens and electric fences are not permitted.** Drinking water is available near the office complex. Advanced campsite reservations can be made through the **online reservation system for Yellow River State Forest.** **The campgrounds are 100% reservable and a reservation is required.**

Please note: Chainsaws, both electric and gas, are prohibited throughout the Forest. Firewood may be gathered if it is down and dead with hand saws only. Felling of trees is prohibited.

Saturday, July 11 Ride meeting starts at 10:00am. First riders out at 11:00 am

Sunday, July 12: Ride meeting at 9:00am. First riders out at 10:00 am. No rider registration after 12 noon on Sunday. Times are flexible depending on conditions.

POTLUCK: Saturday 6:00 P.M. Ride managers will provide main course meat, please bring dish to share.

FEES: \$10 per adult rider per day. \$5 per Jr. Rider per day.

Non-members of NACMO will pay an additional \$5 for a one-day membership to cover insurance each day.

CMO is a timed event covering from 5 to 15 miles in which you find 5-10 markers using a map (provided) and a compass. Riders can compete either individually or in teams. You will need an orienteering type compass (example – Silva(7), available wherever camping supplies are sold. Ride at any pace you like. We will provide instructions and a practice marker before each ride.

RIDE MANAGERS: John and Betty Newton: John 515-709-2617 Betty 515-238-6835 (Text is best and we'll call or text you back). John and Betty will be in Creekside Campground, Campsite:27

NO DRINKING WATER LOCATED IN CAMPGROUND, but available at the A frame Info Center

- **Paint Creek Unit** is the largest at 5,237 acres and is located 15 miles north of Marquette on State Hwy 76. Look for the brown signs and turn right onto B25 (State Forest Road). This unit offers most of the outdoor recreation opportunities at Yellow River including several campgrounds, marked hiking trails, mountain biking and equestrian trails, trout streams and more.

ALL OUT OF STATE HORSES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE HEATH PAPERS AND NEGATIVE COGGINS TESTING