

# LORD STIRLING PARK-BRIDAL PATH

## 2024 TRAIL USE INFORMATION

48 Lord Stirling, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 • 908 722-1200 ext. 5528 • [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org)

Call 908 722-1200 ext. 5528 prior to trailering to the Stable to find out trail availability for that day. Individuals with hearing impairments may use the Relay Service @ 711.

### Trail Use

- All riders are required to have an annual Trail Permit or a Daily Trail Permit.
- Trail Permit Fees (per horse):

Daily	Annual
\$10.00	\$20.00

- Trail Permits are purchased by calling the stable office and are valid for one calendar year.
- A current-year waiver must be filled out and signed.
- A copy of a negative Coggins taken within the last 12 months must be provided to the Stable office prior to riding on the trails.
- An ASTM/SEI approved equestrian helmet is required to be worn by all riders while on park property.

### Trailer Parking

- For trail riding:** Trailers for privately owned horses should park in the Lord Stirling Park lot located at 48 Lord Stirling Road. PLEASE NOTE: Water is not available in the trailer parking lot. There is one optional stream crossing on the trails.

### Operating Hours

Equestrian trails are open Monday – Friday 7:00AM to 7:00PM and Weekends 7:00AM until 5:00PM.

*Note: Weather and footing conditions permitting*

*During the fall, winter, and spring, the trails may be closed for deer hunting. Check the website ([www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org)) or call 908.722.1200 for the hunting schedule.*

### Trail Rules

- Ill, lame, or unbroke horses are not permitted on Park property.
- Only horses being ridden are permitted on Park property.
- A horse shall not be left unattended.
- Horses shall not be ridden at a gait faster than a canter. Galloping of any horse is not permitted. Riders should not trot or canter downhill and must be always under control.
- Horses shall be ridden only at a walk when passing another rider.
- Riders must stay on the designated equestrian trails.
- Riders may not dismount and walk on the trails except for emergency reasons.
- Riders may not harass wildlife.
- It is suggested that riders carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- In the summertime, it is suggested riders carry a fly whisk.
- A rider is responsible for his/her own safety and for the safety of all other persons using the trails.
- While riding on multi-use trails, pedestrians may be present, horses must be at a walk only.
- Mounting blocks are provided at the Lord Stirling Park parking lot and throughout the trail system.

### General Rules

- Alcoholic beverages, fires, picnics, or camping are not permitted.
- Pets are not allowed on the trails.
- Pedestrians are now permitted to walk on designated trails. No pedestrian travel is permitted on the equestrian trails.

**If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908-526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Three weeks' notice is required to ensure that appropriate modification can be provided.**

