

In October 2011, we went camping for a week at Pine Grove Trails, Leslie, AR. We had been there 3 yrs ago. The next year a big ice storm hit them hard and they are still clearing trails. Some of the trails are closed; however, there are plenty of trails to ride on.

There are 5200 acres. Some of the property is being logged and there are “logging roads” that you can ride on plus there are roads with street signs; those are acres that are leased by hunters, but you can still ride on them as well.

Freddie owns 42 acres and the campground is several acres. It contains electrical, water, interesting bathrooms; porta-potties, ONE shower house (one for women, one for men), but Freddie is in the process of putting up more, which he told us that 3 yrs ago; he has done some work on them but they aren't ready YET. He assured us that they would be done this fall. We'll wait and see on that one.

There is an outdoor arena, where he holds “Little Britches Rodeos” and other various events, cabins (front porch, hitching posts in front), some covered stalls, many outdoor stalls, and you can picket your horses as well. The campground is fairly flat.

It's not a fancy place, but for those who are self-contained it would definitely fit your needs. Those who are primitive camping and need the showers/restroom, just hope that there aren't 100 people in the same boat. There wasn't a bunch of folks camping, but he does have many regulars that come in on Fri/Sat; weekend “warriors”.

He charges \$25 per night for water/electrical, \$5 per head for a stall, ice for \$1.50. He does have wood, but you probably need to take a chainsaw or BORROW his and cut it up.

For those who like to partake in liquor/beer, whatever, Leslie, Arkansas is a “dry county”.

Clinton, where the “chuck wagon races” are held in September is about 20 miles south. Leslie, is only about 3 or so miles north and it's not very big. Harrison, AR is a bigger town north of Leslie, Wal-Mart, etc, you can stop in and stock up on items.

Basically there are 3 trails that are marked, red, white and blue that loop around, switchback, etc. The blue trail is our favorite because you don't hit as much rock, lots of switchbacks/cross trails.

Peyton Creek, look out, it is a rocky creek bed. Our horses rattled and banged over it so we could ride to The Dam and Lake, but they survived.

Red Trail - has an old rock carving of a stick man, which is roped off. It supposedly has been on his property for years. Moonshine Canyon is on this trail, big bluffs.

Lookout Bluff, talk about scenic....our horses were so funny....you aren't actually going to ask us to go over there??????

Running Rock, this is rather neat....you ride to it, get off and walk between the huge bluff and the rock and you can HEAR water running through that rock.

Swimming Hole; blue, blue, blue; reminds you of the ocean color.

Shy Hollow, good place to stop and rest. There are a couple of other rest areas, where you can sit down, tie up and eat lunch. They usually have an outside john which is quite primitive.

Blue Hole, we are still trying to figure out how deep that "hole" is.

Rough Bluff - exactly that - it is located on the south end of the campground and WOULD NOT recommend riding DOWN IT. It's interesting to ride up into camp on it; I think my horse thought he was a "goat".

Indian Bluffs - below Rough Bluff, very scenic.

Waterfall - really cool, but it was very, very dry. We have been there when the water is running over it.

Dam/Lake - it was totally dry, but we have seen it coming over the dam and it is pretty.

There is a red gate that is on the north side of the camp where an obstacle course is. You can go through that gate, and hit the blue trail; very nice trail, not as many rocks; very similar to Blue and Gray riding.

The map that he gives out needs to be updated; hard to see some of the trails.