



## Fort Custer Horse Friends Association

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April 2020

Dear Horse Friends,

Hope you all are well and staying safely out of each others way and are not being impacted too horribly by the Covid-19 shutdown. Fortunately, horseback riding places us 6 feet apart naturally, so we just need to be mindful at the parking lots and on the trail meeting others. I realize that some interpret the Governors mandate of stay at home and no unnecessary travel more strictly but riding at the park falls within the guidelines so use your own judgment to decide what is comfortable for you. Definitely stay home if you are sick!

For now Fort Custer trails are open to be used as they are designated, which includes riding, hiking, mushing and biking. Lakes and boat ramps are open, too. Some other parks have had to close because folks were not social distancing so please be mindful.

All FCHFA group activities are cancelled until further notice, hoping perhaps to be able get back on schedule later this year but stay tuned. The water pumps at the trailhead are disabled for now and the outhouse is closed. There is a portajohn there but you will need to bring your own water for yourself and your horses.

Campsites are not open- we were hoping to have a grand opening but that is obviously on hold.

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**Manure Fairy**

We had someone take advantage of free fertilizer recently and they cleaned out the manure bunker!! Yay!!! Thank you!!!!



**New Mounting Block**

Member Roland Redmond recently made and donated a beautiful sturdy mounting block to the trailhead. Many many thanks go out to him!!!!

Other members have also been out doing solo trail maintenance removing some large fallen trees and other large snags. I believe all trails

are in great shape. Thanks to all our volunteers for all they do!!

For up to date information check our website <[fchfa.org](http://fchfa.org)> or our Facebook page or the Michigan DNR website.

Please send photos taken at the park to me at [lojomjnc@charter.net](mailto:lojomjnc@charter.net)  
Until we meet again- be healthy and safe!!!!

