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NEW GUIDE SHOWS OFF TENNESSEE'S PLENTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL EQUINE TRAILS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – A new equine trail guide is available now from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. The new statewide directory, offered free of charge, is the most comprehensive ever published for Tennessee.

Guides can be requested by visiting www.picktnproducts.org. Click on “Equine Resources” to be directed to an online request form, and the guide will be sent by mail.

The 50 page guide features easy to use regional sections combined with symbols to indicate private trails, private stables, overnight stabling, city parks, state parks, national parks & forests, state forests, bed & breakfasts with stabling, cabins, primitive camping, camping with electrical hookups, restroom and shower facilities and even wagon trails. Contact information is included for every location.

“Whether you are looking for a place to camp or a romantic bed and breakfast where you can also stable your horses, you can find it in the new trail guide,” says Wendy Lofton, livestock and equine marketing specialist for TDA. “Also listed are areas that offer horse rental, so if you are unable to take your own, you can still enjoy Tennessee’s scenery in the saddle.”

The colorful guide contains more than 130 Tennessee locations that cater to the equine enthusiast, from Birdsong Trail Ride in Camden to Meadow Creek Mountain Rustic Resort in Parrottsville.

“This was a great opportunity for us to help Tennessee farm and forest land owners who offer trails increase income for their equine businesses,” says Lofton, “and also a service we could provide Tennessee’s own equine enthusiasts, who support our agricultural economy with purchases of hay, feed, tack, facilities and equipment.

“There are plenty of places all over the country with trails,” says Lofton, “but not with the beautiful trails Tennessee has. We wanted to be sure that anybody who looks

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through this guide will get an understanding of what makes Tennessee trails special, and worth traveling for.”

According to the latest statistics from USDA, Tennessee ranks sixth in the nation in the number of horses with 142,000 equine of all types.

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