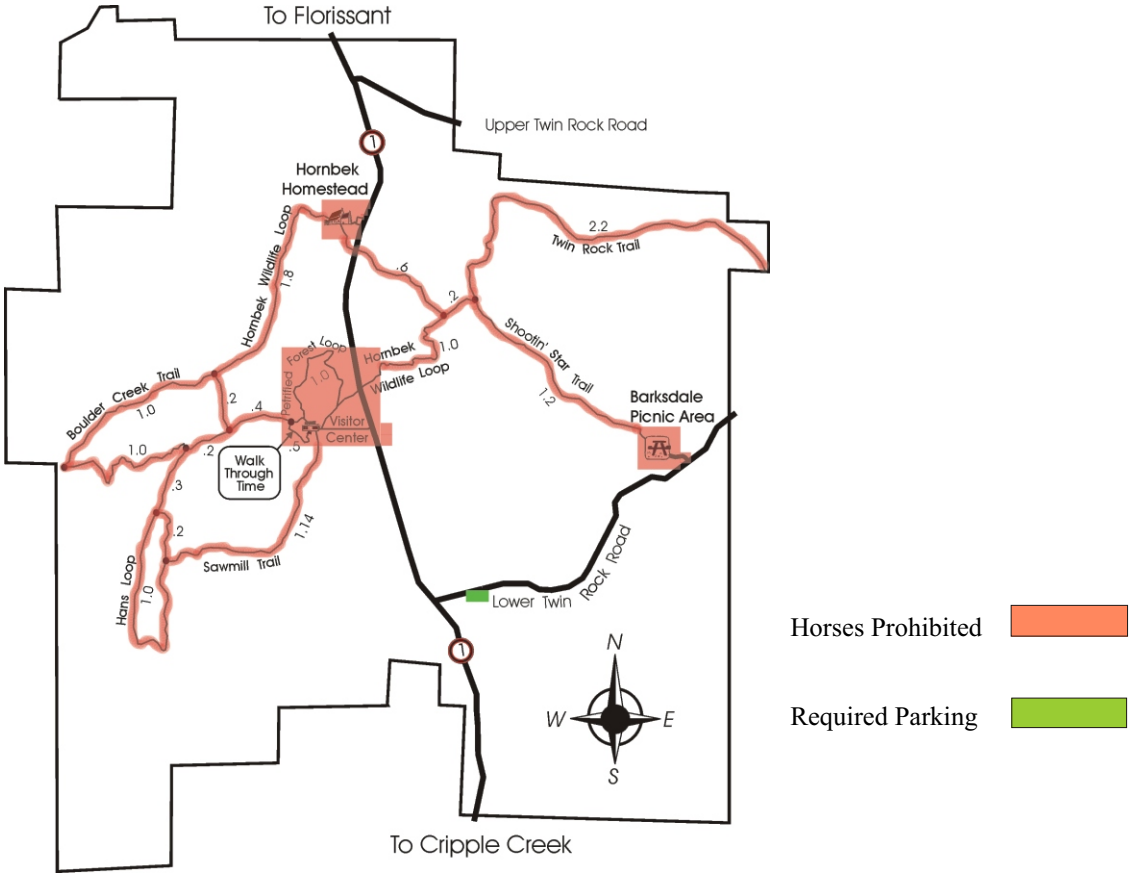
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

HORSE AND PACK ANIMAL USE INFORMATION

In 1969 Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument was established to provide for the protection of the fossils, related geologic sites, and scenic resources of the area. Though recreational activities such as horse use are not mentioned in the establishing legislation of the Monument, it has been a tradition to allow such uses as long as they don't conflict with management responsibilities. These management responsibilities include providing for public health and safety, protection of the natural and cultural resources, avoiding conflict among visitor use activities, and protecting wildlife. At this time we will continue to allow horse use in the Monument as long as we can meet these responsibilities. We ask for your help in allowing this use to continue by following the restrictions and regulations provided here. If you have any questions please stop by our visitor center or call our park at (719)748-3253.



Restrictions and Regulations

-The park charges an entrance fee, an annual pass is available.
-Dogs, camping, hunting, and weapons possession are prohibited.
-Do not approach wildlife.
-Riding on any trail or in developed areas is prohibited.
-Ride dispersed; do not create new trails.
-Park hours: 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

The National Park Service is active in the statewide program to control the spread of invasive weeds and encourages the use of certified weed-free feed.