

# **ROC-ED RIDE TO CROFT STATE NATURAL AREA**

**Sunday, October 23, 2011**

**Another fun ride is planned ~ we hope you will be able to join us. Expect to be on the trail about four hours with breaks as needed. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch.**

**MEET at 10:00 in the large parking area between the office and the show ring (pass the office, on the left)**

*Anyone NOT camping but just riding for the day is charged \$2.00/adult.*

**RIDE OUT: 10:30**

We will be camping there Friday and Saturday nights; not sure if any campsites are left but call the park and join us for the whole weekend if you can get away.

## **Horse Trail** **Croft State Natural Area**



**Description:** If you're seeking diversity, five trails of varying difficulty and length in Croft State Natural Area near Spartanburg should keep you busy. The trails have portions of singlewide and doublewide, which range in difficulty from moderate to strenuous. The surface is a mixture of rocky root systems with some boggy spots that may be closed during rainy weather. Once part of a World War II Army training camp, this 7,054-acre park includes forgotten military structures, an old gristmill and cemeteries from earlier settlers. But the park's greatest asset is its land: Rolling terrain, hills, and creeks provide a fertile habitat for numerous deer, fox, wild turkeys, and raccoons. The park has excellent equestrian facilities including 54 horse stalls with fresh shavings available every night and a first-class show ring. Croft State Natural Area is an excellent destination for serious equestrians.

Horses must be shod. Insect repellent is recommended during warm months.

**Length:** The park includes four loop trails and one connector. The 3.5-mile Rocky Ridge Trail and the 6.5-mile Foster's Mill Loop are considered strenuous. The 2.4-mile Lake Johnson Loop, 3.5-mile Fairforest Creek Loop, and 4.5-mile Lake Johnson/Fairforest Creek connector are considered moderate.

. **Park Information:** [Croft State Natural Area](#), 450 Croft State Park Rd., Spartanburg, SC, 29302. Telephone: 864-585-1283 or 864-583-2913.

## **DIRECTIONS TO CROFT STATE NATURAL AREA**

**From I-85: Take exit 78. Get on Hwy. 221 and take Hwy. 176 to Country Club Rd. Turn right on Country Club Rd. Turn left at the light (Hwy. 56). Stay on Hwy. 56, turn left onto Dairy Ridge Rd. and follow signs.**



### **RSVP:**

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