

Granite Bay Horsemen's Assembly Area

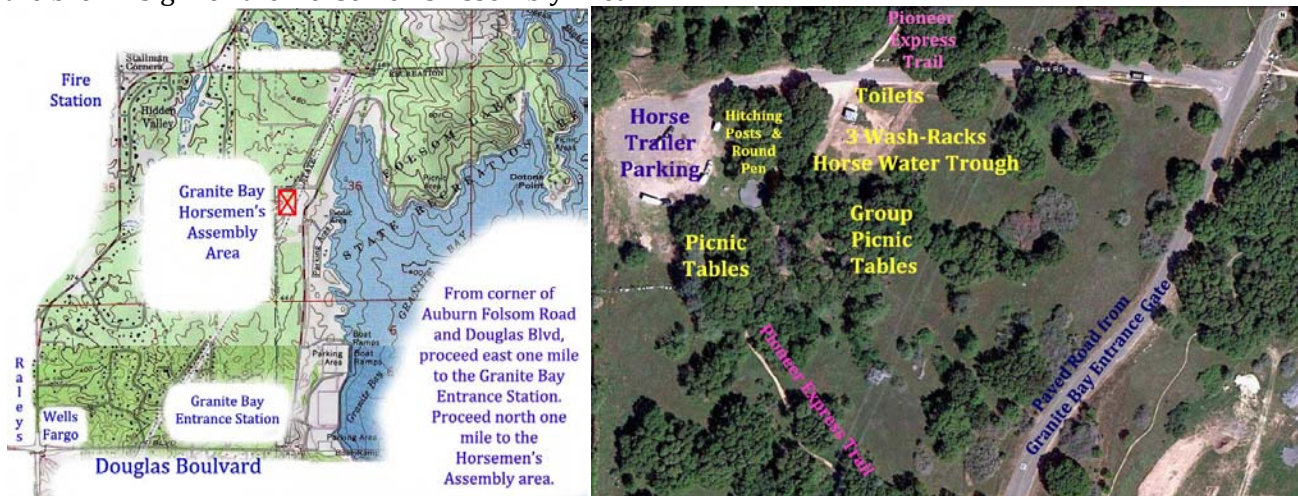
Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

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Location

The Horsemen's Assembly Area at Granite Bay is located in southeastern Placer County within Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. Access is from the east end of Douglas Boulevard through the main entrance gate (pay station and kiosk) of Granite Bay, FLSRA.

Besides the entrance fee to the state recreation area (\$10 per visit or \$90 annual pass), there is *no* additional cost to use the Horsemen's Assembly Area. No reservations are needed, but it is often busy on weekends and holidays. After paying at the gate, proceed north about one mile, then turn left (westward) at the brown sign for the Horsemen's Assembly Area.



At right: Annotated satellite image of the Granite Bay Horsemen's Assembly Area.

Horse Trailer Parking



There is a turn-around circle on the west side. Many horsemen park their trailers under the shade of the oak trees on hot summer days. This also keeps the turn-around circle available for other rigs.

On holiday weekends when the park may be short on maintenance staff, it is prudent to bring extra toilet paper with you in your truck. Do not leave purses and valuables on your truck seat.

Horse Wash-Racks, Water Trough, Restrooms



After a long ride in the hot sun, there are three wash-racks for cleaning up your horse. Bring your own cross-ties, wash buckets, brushes, and an extra hose with a spray nozzle. A concrete handicapped access ramp was installed September 2010.



Concrete picnic tables have been installed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation in September 2010, with a new drinking fountain, water faucet, and fire pit. East of the round-pen are additional picnic tables for equestrian groups.

Pioneer Express Trail, mile marker 37.1



The Granite Bay Horsemen's Assembly Area is at the 37.1 milepost along the Pioneer Express Trail. Signage show the mileage leading north to Rattlesnake Bar and Auburn.

It is best to leave dogs at home, since they are not allowed on the Pioneer Express Trail, and it is not prudent to leave the leashed dog unattended in the hot sun at the horseman's assembly area.