



Horseback Trails

OBSERVATIONS:

- Areas for horse loading / unloading are informal
- Horseback trails are in good condition, but may not be conducive to riding after inclement weather



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Consider providing designated paved trailer parking for loading / unloading of horses
- Provide restrooms and shelters near horseback trail-head to centralize niche users
- Provide clear signage that indicates where horseback riding is permitted and not permitted at every trail that may be accessed by horseback
- Consider posting changeable signage with daily conditions of horseback trails at trail-head



Walking | Hiking Trails

OBSERVATIONS:

- Numerous trails with varying levels of difficulty and length
- Not an abundance of resting points in secluded portions of trails



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Consider providing small shelters or seating areas along less rigorous trails for resting and as a destination for hikers
- Provide a trail rating system that can be incorporated into signage that will indicate the level of challenge that can be expected before navigating trails



Maintenance

-Route 136

OBSERVATIONS:

- Located off route 136 on the perimeter of the park
- A private paved access road links the maintenance area to the core of the park
- Multiple storage buildings and large pieces of equipment
- Very visible from Route 136



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Consider screening the maintenance facility from Route 136



Observatory

OBSERVATIONS:

- Has no day to day connection to park functions other than existing within park property
- Structure is very visible from scout camping area
- Invites a niche group of users to the park



RECOMMENDATIONS:

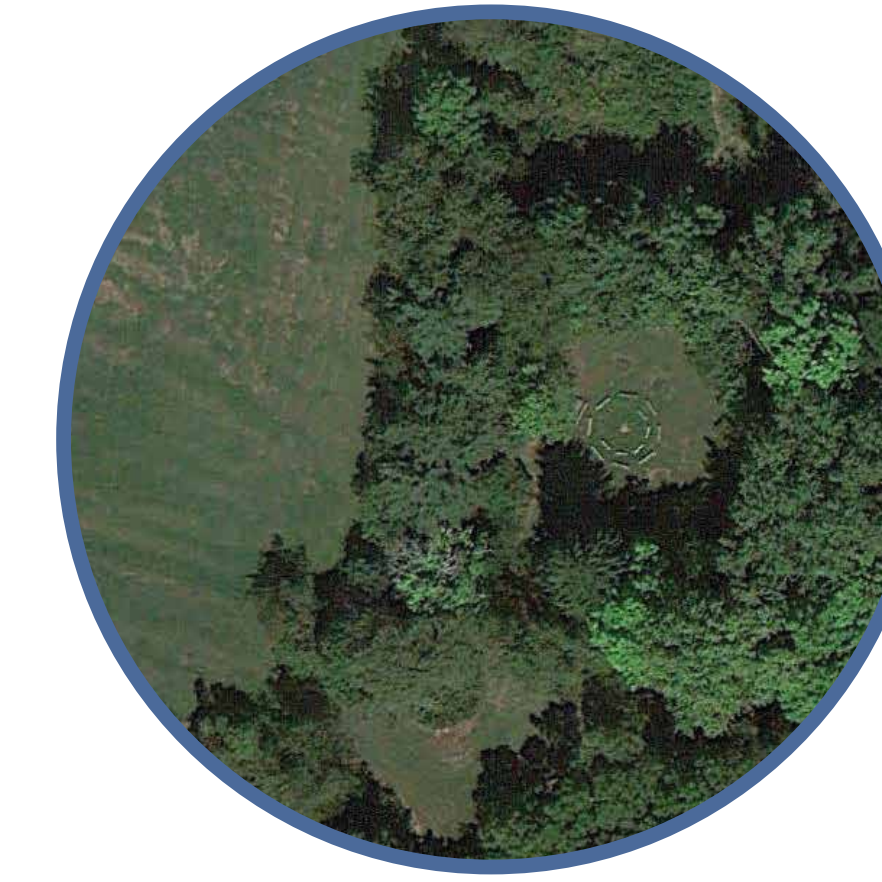
- Consider screening open view of observatory building
- Winding paved access road to the observatory could provide a sense of mystery and arrival for observatory users if the entry sequence is screened and staged properly
- Provide shelters and other park amenities around observatory that can be utilized by visitors of the observatory



Scout Camping Area

OBSERVATIONS:

- Close proximity to observatory and roadway
- Defined by a dense tree line on the edge of an open field
- Small paved parking area



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Consider providing a structure within this area for more formal scout group activities
- Provide designated fire pits for fire safety
- Provide informal seating areas
- Provide a wooded area that has been cleared slightly for a more informal camp setting
- Consider screening camping area from direct visual of road and observatory



Leash Free Area

OBSERVATIONS:

- Large open field along Mingo Creek Road
- No formal dog park amenities



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Provide dog watering and waste amenities
- Provide seating and shade structures for dog owners
- Consider dog agility course to attract users

