



## Camping

# Finger Lakes National Forest



# Backbone Horse Campground

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## Description:

Backbone Horse Campground is a small, semi-primitive campground designed for campers or picnickers with horses. The campground is open year round and sites are available on a first come-first served basis. There is no fee for camping but a free use permit must be completed upon entering the campground. This ensures horse users only from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend. There is a pond available for watering livestock.

## Facilities:

There are seven sites available on a first come-first served basis. The sites are large enough to accommodate horse trailers. Each site has a corral adjacent to the camping area, as well as tie posts for horses. The campground has three vault toilets, a main cooking grill, and several areas for cooking out. Picnic tables are scattered throughout the campground. Trash cans are provided from May through October. **The trails are closed to horseback riding from March 15 to May 1.** This is due to muddy trail conditions and the increased potential for erosion and trail damage.

## Directions:

**From the South,** take State Route 14 North (Exit 52 off State Route 17) to Watkins Glen, NY. In Watkins Glen, turn right at the Fourth St intersection onto State Route 414 North. Go approximately 9 miles north, past the Hector Ranger Station of the Finger Lakes National Forest. 0.5 miles past the Ranger Station, turn right on Schuyler County Route 2. Travel for 3.5 miles east. Backbone Campground is on the left, opposite the intersection with Burnt Hill Road.

**From the North,** take State Route 414 South to Hector, NY (Exit 41 off I-90). In Hector, 0.5 miles past Wickham's Plaza, turn left onto County Route 2, the second asphalt road on the left. Travel for 3.5 miles east. Backbone Campground is on the left, opposite the intersection with Burnt Hill Road.

## Notes:

- Maximum length of stay is 14 days
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times
- Check out time is 2:00 PM
- There is no dump station



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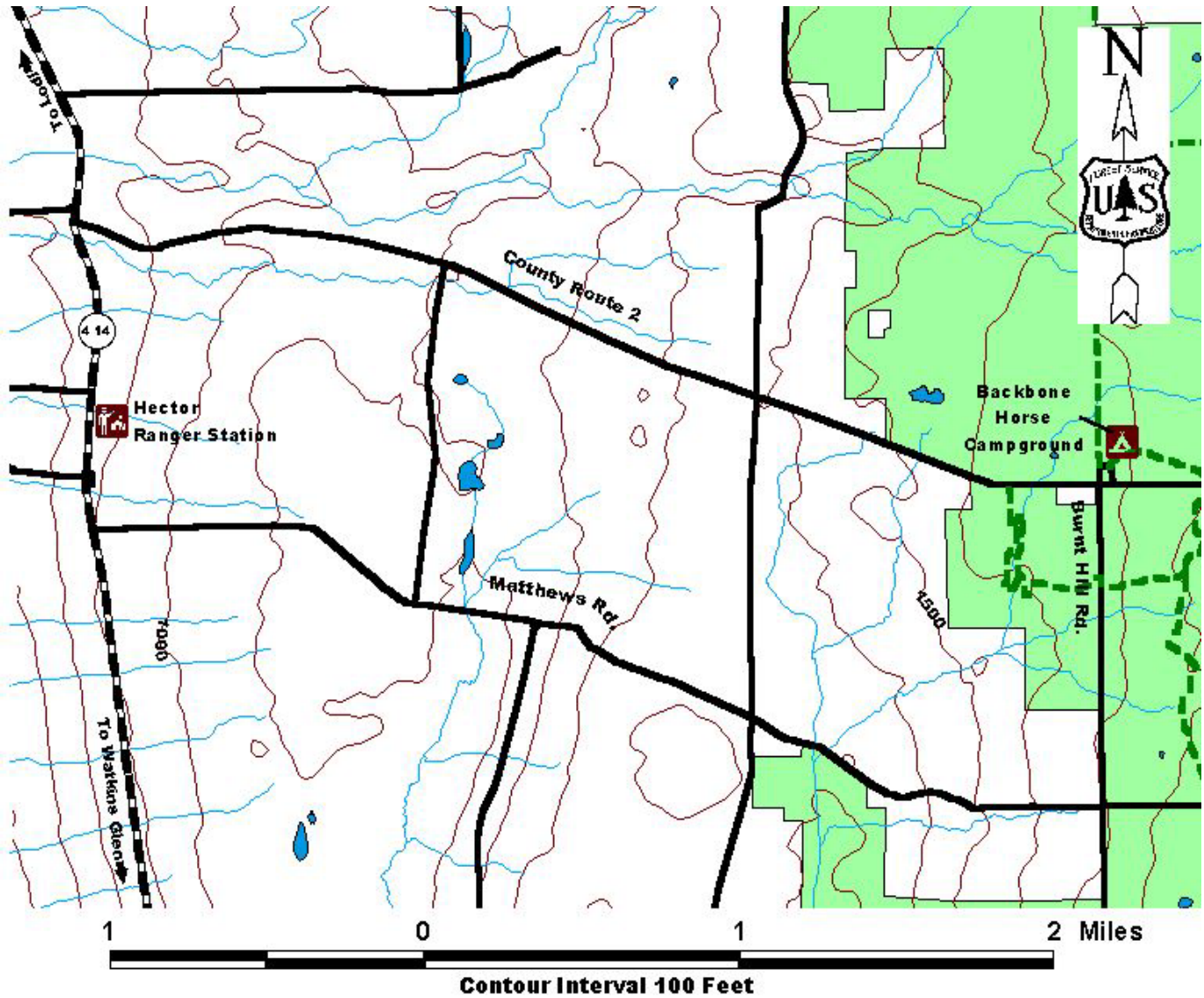
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<b>Food and Services:</b> Hector shops and fuel stations		
<b>For all Emergencies: 911</b>		
<b>Police:</b> (607) 535-6642 or 911	<b>Fire:</b> (607) 535-6642 or 911	<b>Rescue:</b> (607) 535-6642 or 911

Map:



For More Information:

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