

Dru Barner Horse Camp

Georgetown Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest

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Introduction:

One of the best equestrian campgrounds in El Dorado County is Dru Barner Horse Camp. It is named in honor of the famous Tevis equestrian Drucilla Barner who left her estate to build this horse campground for endurance riders and wilderness equestrians.

Georgetown Divide Equestrian Trails Foundation helped to build this camp with volunteer labor, and they continue to maintain it (by clearing brush), and improve it (by adding pipe corrals). Please volunteer for maintenance work, financially support them, and visit their GDETF website at: <http://www.gdetf.com/>

On the first weekend of July each year, Dru Barner Horse Camp is the site of the 50-mile Gold Country Equestrian Ride, a popular ride that is managed by Pamela Bailie (her website is): <http://www.gcer.org/gold-country-ride/> and sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference. <https://aerc.org/>

Dru Barner is also used by the Mother Lode Unit of the Backcountry Horsemen of California for a mule-packing clinic on the last weekend in April. <http://www.bchcmlu.org/home.html>

Because of the extensive network of trails, this popular horse camp is also used by many equestrian groups, and day-riders who want to condition their horses for the Tevis Cup.

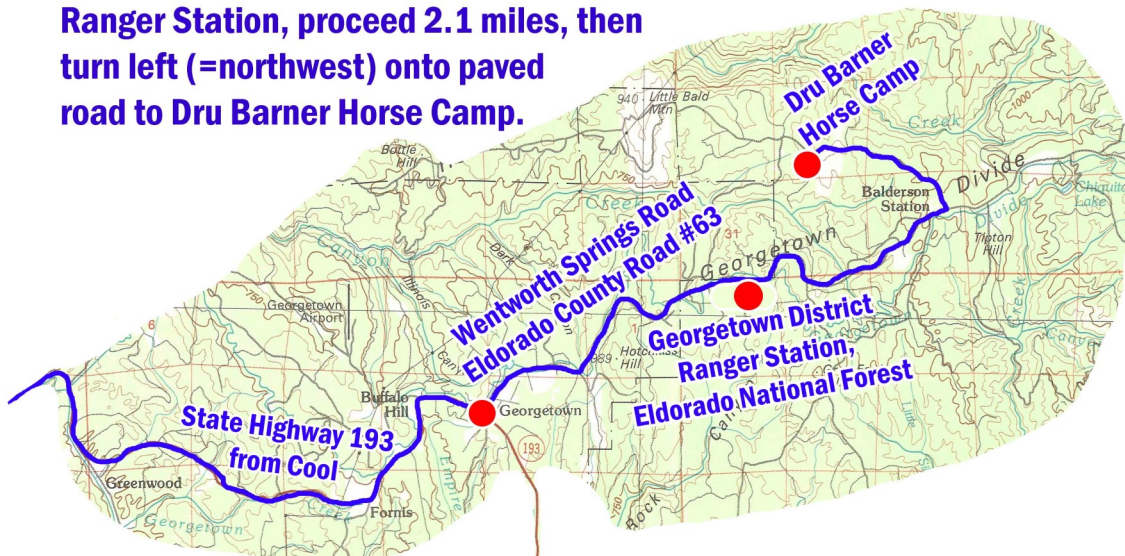
Driving Directions:

From the village of Cool on Highway 49, proceed 12 miles eastward on California State Highway 193 to Georgetown, then turn left (= northeast) onto Wentworth Springs Road (also numbered as El Dorado County Road #63). Pass the Georgetown District Ranger Station (on the right), and proceed 2.1 miles to U.S.F.S. Road #13N58, which is the driveway access to Dru Barner Horse Camp. The turn-off is properly signed (*as shown below*).

USFS Fees and Logistics: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev7_018833.pdf

There is a \$8 fee per night for camping, and a \$3 fee for day-use. So bring the proper amount of currency in small bills with you, and pay at the entrance kiosk. There are a total of 48 numbered campsites, plus several un-numbered overflow campsites on the north side. Bring your own human drinking water; there is sufficient water for horses at six water faucets. The southern toilet has a sink and flush toilet, the two others are pit toilets.

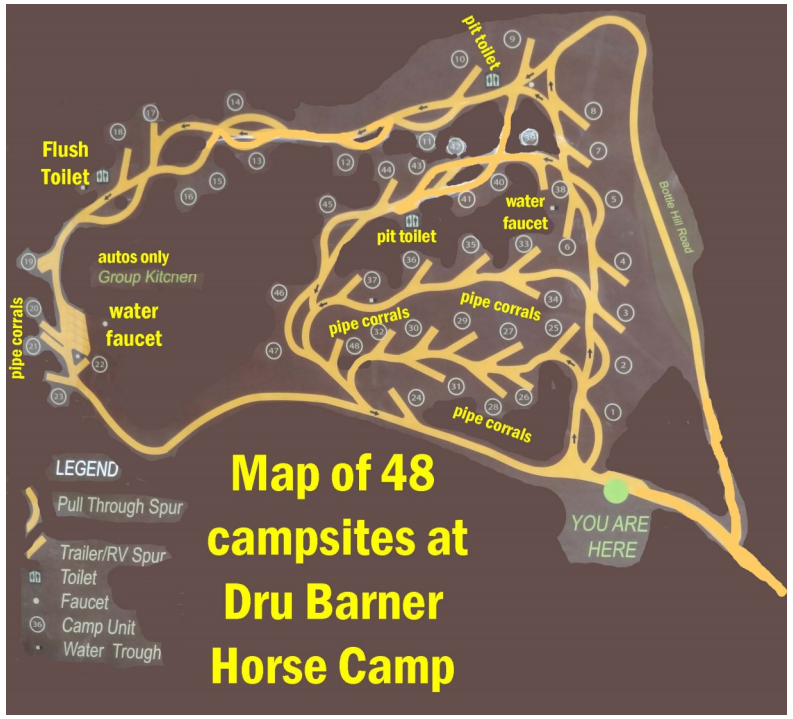
At Georgetown, turn left (=north) onto Wentworth Springs Road. Passing by Georgetown District Ranger Station, proceed 2.1 miles, then turn left (=northwest) onto paved road to Dru Barner Horse Camp.



Highway Index Map to Dru Barner Horse Camp



**Dru Barner Horse Camping fees:
\$8.00 per night or \$3.00 for day-use**





Campsite #23 serves as headquarters during the Gold Country AERC 50-mile Endurance Ride



Dru Barner campsites #26 and #28 share a covered pipe corral



For fire-safety purposes, the USFS has thinned the forest around Dru Barner Horse Camp.



Backcountry Horsemen at Dru Barner Horse Camp



Backcountry Horsemen of California enjoying singing around the campfire at Dru Barner Horse Campground



Backcountry Mules Picketed on a High-Line



Pipe Corral #36



Northwestern pit toilet and bear-proof trash and recycling bins.



Food lockers keep out bears, raccoons, and squirrels at Dru Barner Horse Campground



Flush Toilet and Sink for Wash-Up in Southern Outhouse at Dru Barner Horse Camp