

# Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area

*Loomis Basin, southern Placer County, California*

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Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area is part of Placer County Parks. There is ample space for horse trailers, and the equestrian staging area is available free-of-charge. Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area provides key access for the Pioneer Express Trail within Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. From the center of Loomis Basin, a number of bridle paths converge at Sterling Pointe, and the Pioneer Express Trail connects to Granite Bay (to the south) and Rattlesnake Bar (to the north). In addition to equestrians, Sterling Pointe is also for hikers, Scout troops, and families with an interest in natural sciences (botany, mammals, and bird-watching). For public safety reasons, mountain bicycles and motorcycles are *not* allowed in either the county park or the adjacent Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

## Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area



### Location Information

From Auburn-Folsom Road in south Placer County, drive eastward on Lomida Lane for 0.8 miles, following brown county signs with white letters. Look for these street signs:



In the first mile, Lomida Lane ascends into a residential neighborhood of expensive homes. After 0.8 miles on Lomida Lane, *turn left* onto Sterling Point Court at the intersection with Lake Forest Drive with these signposts:



Turn left at this intersection and proceed for 0.4-miles on Sterling Point Court. Look for these detailed equestrian signposts.

The total distance is 1.2 miles from Auburn-Folsom Road to the equestrian staging area.

Continue to this bend in the street, then swing right when you see this signage:

The entrance gate is typically open 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.



### Entrance Gate

The entrance gate to Sterling Pointe is generally open and unlocked during county park hours (8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, daily). As a member of Loomis Basin Horseman's Association, you can obtain a brass key to the padlock for a \$5.00 deposit. (Non-members: \$10.00) This way, a prepared rider with a loaded horse-trailer and truck cannot be inadvertently locked-out ..... or locked-in. LBHA members plan ahead and have a key; and thereby avoid predicaments of returning in the evening later than planned — due to equestrian delays on the trail.

### Informational Signage at Sterling Pointe

There are excellent signs explaining all the rules. No mountain bicycles or motorcycles are allowed. The upper (paved) parking lot is generally used by hikers and handicapped parking. One portable out-house is located at the upper parking lot, with two steel hitching rails located under the oak trees. There is no water available in the upper (paved) parking lot.

Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area provides an access point into the Pioneer Express Trail, approximately near Milepost 42.6. The picnic tables and hitching posts at Long Bar are near Milepost 43. The Peregrine Trail (named because it “wanders”) is also a connector trail to the historic Pioneer Express Trail. There are several picnic tables that have been constructed as an “Eagle Scout” project on the east side of Sterling Pointe.

## Equestrian Staging Area

The entrance road descends eastward to the lower parking lot with a gravel surface. There is ample parking space for horse trailers and equestrian staging. Signs notify everyone that dogs must be leashed at all times, guns are not allowed, and any potential vandals are warned that Sterling Pointe is under surveillance.



**At left:** the horse watering trough with engraved names of 17 persons and equine-related businesses that generously contributed money for the development of Sterling Point Equestrian Staging Area.

**At center:** a special dog-watering trough and a human drinking fountain.

**At right:** mounting blocks and steps, plus an information kiosk for equestrians.

## Street Address and Latitude & Longitude for GPS

Although there is no mail-box, the actual street address might be useful for GPS mapping instruments that are being increasingly used for satellite navigation in trucks and sedans, and carried by horsemen in our saddlebags:

### **Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area, 9688 Sterling Pointe Court, Loomis**

For **latitude and longitude** coordinates (at the entrance gate to Sterling Pointe), use these approximate values:

38° 48' 7" North Latitude      -121° 6' 41" West Longitude

The horse staging facilities at Sterling Pointe are not to be confused on your GPS module with the Sterling Pointe Park which is a suburban park located in the same neighborhood about a mile away on Lake Forest Drive. This attractive Placer County park has mowed lawns, a baseball playing field, picnic-table facilities, restrooms, a playground for small children, and a paved parking lot. The suburban park is *not* suitable for horses which should remain only at the equestrian staging area. Extended families or large groups of horsemen might consider having little kids and grandparents or non-riders play at the park with nice picnic facilities, while adult riders use the equestrian assembly area.

Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area is part of Placer County, Department of Facilities; Parks and Grounds Division, Auburn. ☎ 916-886-4901    <http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/Facility/Parks>