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Five-Star Horse Campground Rankings Released Heart of Dixie Trail Ride Returns to the Top

Heart of Dixie Trail Ride, LLC. returns to the top of HorseTrailDirectory.com's Five-Star rankings of horse campgrounds, receiving the most Five-Star votes in 2016. According to John Thurow, developer of the website, this is the fourth time Heart of Dixie has taken top honors in the nine years that the rankings have been published. Coming in a close second in 2016 was True West Campground, Stables & Mercantile at The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Jamestown, TN. Rounding out the top five were Mammoth Cave Horse Camp, Mammoth Cave, KY, Elkins Creek Horsecamp & Tack Shop, Ironton, OH and Midwest Trail Ride, Norman, IN.

Asked what the key to success is for these campgrounds Thurow referred to reviews campers' have written where you quickly see that these top rated campgrounds go out of their way to make their campers feel welcome beginning with a hassle free check-in and help getting settled in. Of course the facilities must be clean, grass mowed, and stalls ready with clean bedding for their horses. All of this combined with some great trail riding creates the motivation for trail riders to take the time to write about their experiences. As one trail rider wrote about her experience at Heart of Dixie: "Food was delicious, trails were well groomed and well marked, facilities were clean and well maintained. Hosts were fabulous, very welcoming and generous! All around wonderful experience!!"

HorseTrailDirectory.com has more than 1,200 trail and campground locations in its database and over 9,000 reviews on 800 locations. Most locations are in North America but there are also listings in countries around the globe, including Argentina, Spain, Hungary, Russia and New Zealand. Each listing is described in a brief narrative, accompanied by information about the location, such as number of trail miles, trail difficulty, number of campsites, and directions to the location. After visiting a location, riders can comment on their experiences by posting reviews.

For a complete listing of 2015 Five-Star campgrounds and trails, visit <http://www.horsetrailandirectory.com/fivestars>.

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