

Shawnee National Forest

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## SHAWNEE NATIONAL TRAILS ARE OPEN

**Harrisburg, IL, March 12, 2009** - Trails in the Lusk Creek, Bay Creek and Garden of the God Wildernesses will re-open for equestrian use April 1, when the annual seasonal closure order expires. At that time, all equestrian trails on the Forest will be available for use. However, many Forest trails still remain wet. Please use caution on Forest trails and do not ride horses on wet trails.

For further information regarding specific trails on the east side of the Forest contact the Hidden Springs Ranger District at (618) 658-2111. For further information regarding specific trails on the west side of the Forest contact the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District at (618) 833-8576.

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