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## Five-Star Horse Campground Rankings Released Mammoth Cave Horse Camp Tops List

Mammoth Cave Horse Camp, Mammoth Cave, KY, has been judged the "best horse campground in 2015," according to John Thurow, proprietor of HorseTrailDirectory.com. Thurow said that Mammoth Cave Horse Camp had won the award by receiving the most Five-Star ratings on HorseTrailDirectory.com. Frequently among the top five, Mammoth Cave Horse Camp took top honors for the first time with this win. Coming in a close second was True West Campground, Stables & Mercantile, Jamestown, TN, which had won this award the previous two years. Rounding out the top five were Midwest Trail Ride, Norman, IN; Heart of Dixie Trail Ride, Troy, AL; and Elkins Creek Horsecamp & Tack Shop, Ironton, OH.

Thurow explained that the winning campground must earn the most Five-Star ratings from trail riders who post their ratings on HorseTrailDirectory.com during the year. In 2015, trail riders wrote 500 reviews on 109 campgrounds, with 70 receiving at least one Five-Star rating. In addition, Mammoth Cave Horse Camp is located adjacent to Mammoth Cave National Park and visiting the Cave offers up an additional attraction.

Guests Mark and Terri Folz were enthusiastic about their visit. Writing in their review, "The hosts went out of their way to accommodate us in every way. The staff is wonderful." Kevin Davis, owner of Mammoth Cave Horse Camp, explained his winning philosophy. "In addition to providing the finest facilities possible, I want to treat everyone in camp as if they were guests in my house," he said. "I am fortunate to have wonderful staff that shares this philosophy. I am aware that there are a lot of great places to ride and camp. The only way that I know to set us apart from the rest is the way that we treat our guests."

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 <u>http://www.horsetraildirectory.com/fivestars</u>.

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