

ATRA trail riding site description

Destination Name: Hummingbird/Ram Falls

Latitude:

Longitude:

Distance from Edmonton: 325 km (225km Edmonton to Rocky Mountain House)

Road type and condition: paved 40 km from Rocky
good gravel 50 km
rough road 10 km

Driving directions and any other comments on road to this destination:

Take Secondary 752 (60km, 40 paved/20 gravel), south west of Rocky Mountain House to the Forestry Trunk Road 734, turn right (west) at that T-intersection (41km to camp). After crossing the South Ram River (CAUTION STEEP HILL) the road turns west for a mile or so then goes north. Look for the Hummingbird sign on the west side. Follow the road west to the staging area. Continue on the road past the information signs in the first parking lot. The road climbs a short hill then makes a sharp u turn across a small creek then continues west. The new loop camping area has an entrance, to the left (south), just before the west road takes a bend. The new loop camping area parallels the creek but it is a little further north of the old camping area ATRA has used in the past, and has nice level gravel sites that should accommodate the big horse trailer/camper combos. They are in very close proximity. You still use the same bathroom for either camping location. (Campground gravel entrance is 41km after the T-intersection). Cell phones do not work in this area. If you go further down the road, it takes a sharp right, and on the immediate left there is a camping area close to water with a rather steep entrance (might not be suitable for some rigs) and if you keep going on the road, on the right, there are 2 more camping areas with pit toilets, suitable for horses, well leveled and some gravel and fire pits added, but a further walk for water for the horses.

Nearest fuel to destination: 100km gas/diesel Rocky Mountain House

Reservations are: not taken

Cost (\$/day) : n/a

Trails suitable for: day rides / overnight rides

Trail number and variety suitable for visit lasting: week

Facilities for horses: some hitching rails, high lining, tying to trailers, no corrals or stalls

Shoes for horses are: recommended

Facilities for people: gravel campsites / pit toilets / no services camping / river nearby

Other notes or comments on facilities for horses or people

Can be busy if you try to get in on a weekend. After July 1, quads are allowed in. Some trails are mapped but can be difficult to find some of the good rides if you don't know the area. Make sure to stop on the way out or back, or head over one evening to check out Ram Falls.

Just before the switchback/U turn in the road, there is an outfitter (JH Trail Rides 403-722-2419) that does day trail rides for anyone wishing to come camping without horses and still ride. Call ahead to book. They also have maps of the area available.

Destination contact name:

Don't take the forestry trunk road in from farther south than Rocky Mountain House, as you will have a steep switch back section that will not accommodate passing on coming trailers in certain spots. If coming from the south it will be safer and faster to go up to Rocky Mountain House and take the road in that way.