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About me

I'm an avid outdoor recreational user that participates in just about all non-motorized activities. I cross country ski, backpack / hike, trail ride, mountain bike (the greatest hobby! :) and paddle kayaks and canoes. My wife and I have done these activities extensively throughout Michigan and after completing the Shore to Shore ride and then the Bay de Noc to Grand Island trail in back to back years we like to say we have ridden across both peninsulas, our horses dipping their hooves in three Great Lakes.

I have been on the Ionia Horse Trails Association board since 2019 and my main partner on the trails is a half Arab named Streak. I have used Trailforks for years and during Covid I started to learn how to add trails when they expanded the activities they represented beyond mountain biking.

History of Trailforks

<https://www.trailforks.com/about/timeline/>

Trailforks (TF) started in the Spring of 2010 as a way for mountain bikers to record a gps track of their rides. It expanded into a database of trails to ride and share with other riders and expanded to include 16 different activities. TF was acquired by Outside+ and moved to include a paid subscription model during Covid.

Overview of TF

- You will need either a free or paid account for both the website and the app. The free account offers a 14 day trial of the paid pro version.
- Most of the data is user generated but moderated by local admins.
- Anyone can submit a new trail or suggest corrections to an existing trail (this is why local, knowledgeable participation is important).
- Local admins or TF employees will approve or reject the change.
- Every trail will show what activities are allowed on the trail.
- When you record a ride you can choose to make it public or private.

A lot of what is described for the website map applies to the app map.

If you want to get into the details there is a ton of information on the website.

Free vs paid subscription

<https://help.trailforks.com/hc/en-us/articles/5430153546135-Free-vs-Paid-Trailforks-Pro-Membership>

FREE: 14 day free trial of TF pro then reverts to free

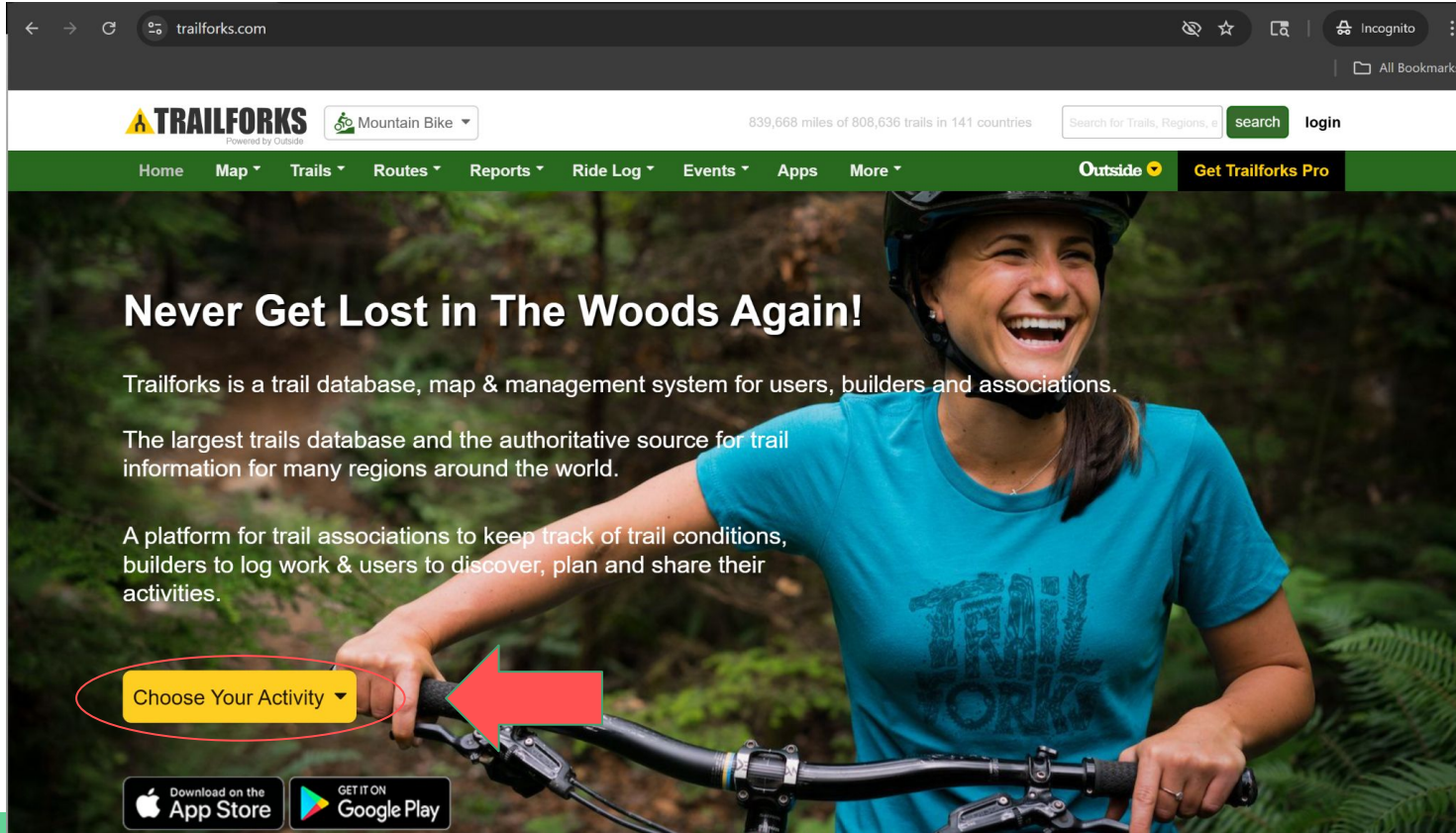
- Limited to one downloaded region on the app (generally a region is a state)
- You can still record your ride and view them later

PAID: \$53.99/year (3 year price is cheaper but no monthly subscription) - there are often discounts at the start of the year (I've seen a FB ad for 26% off for 2026 recently)

- Unlimited region downloads
- Expanded map layers, styles and basemaps including a 3D map
- More trail details on the app
- Includes a “route to” feature on the app

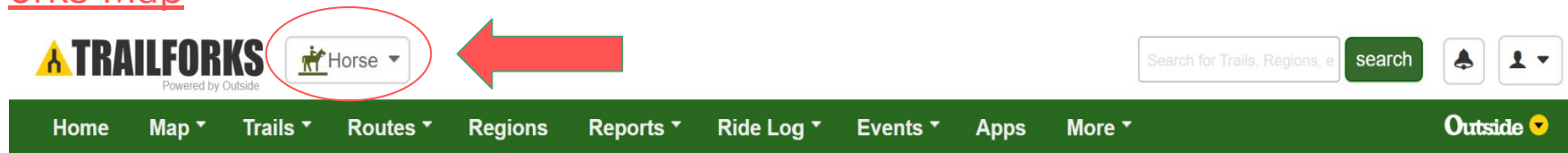
Trailforks.com

Click on the yellow link or scroll down and choose your activity. It will take you to a map and there will be a pop up tour.



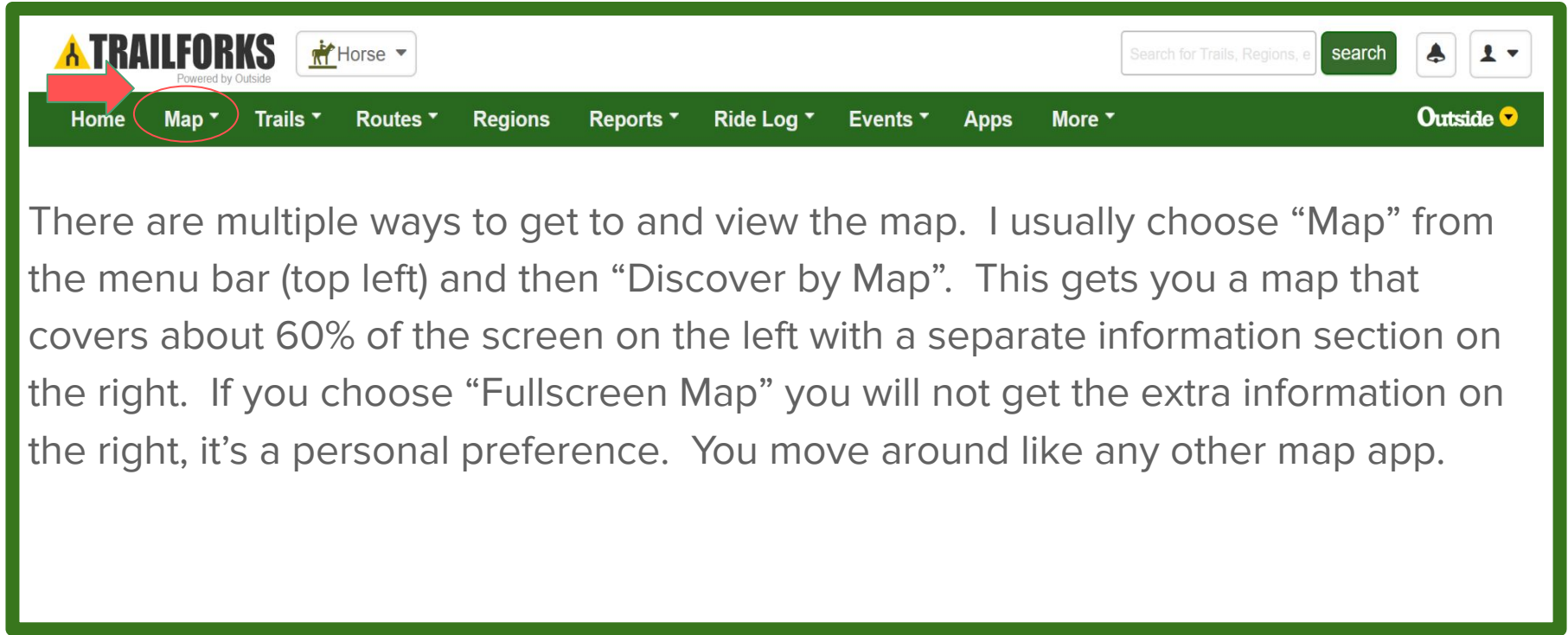
How to use the website

<https://help.trailforks.com/hc/en-us/articles/16602255252119-How-to-Use-the-Trailforks-Map>



The first thing to talk about is at the top left next to the TF logo is a drop down menu that lets you choose your activity. This will set what is displayed on the map by that activity.

Map exploring

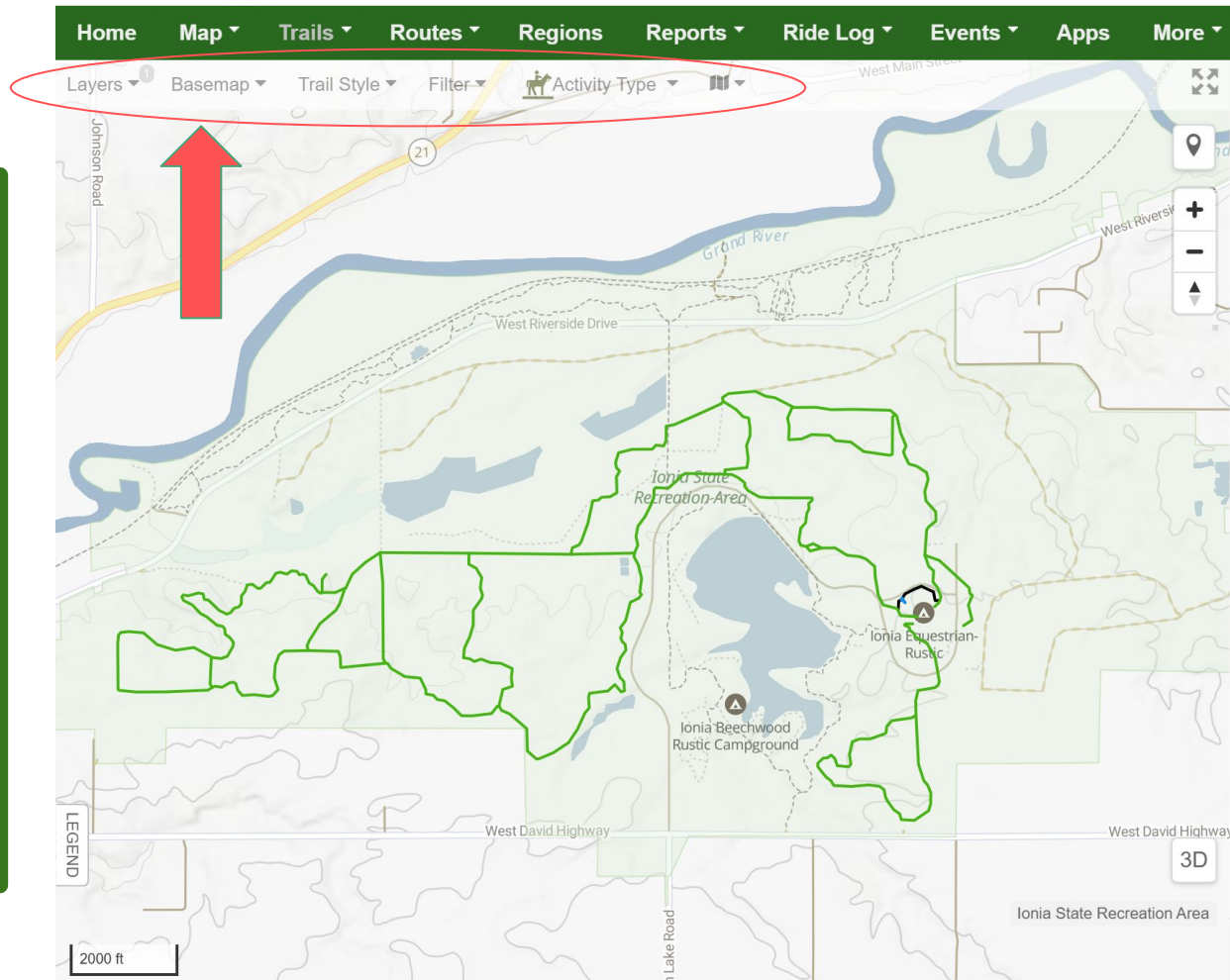


The screenshot shows the Trailforks website interface. At the top left is the Trailforks logo with the text "Powered by Outside". To its right is a dropdown menu showing a horse icon and the word "Horse". Further right is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for Trails, Regions, e" and a green "search" button. To the right of the search bar are icons for notifications and a user profile. Below these elements is a dark green navigation bar with white text links: "Home", "Map", "Trails", "Routes", "Regions", "Reports", "Ride Log", "Events", "Apps", and "More". The "Map" link is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the left. On the far right of the navigation bar is the "Outside" logo with a yellow location pin icon.

There are multiple ways to get to and view the map. I usually choose “Map” from the menu bar (top left) and then “Discover by Map”. This gets you a map that covers about 60% of the screen on the left with a separate information section on the right. If you choose “Fullscreen Map” you will not get the extra information on the right, it’s a personal preference. You move around like any other map app.

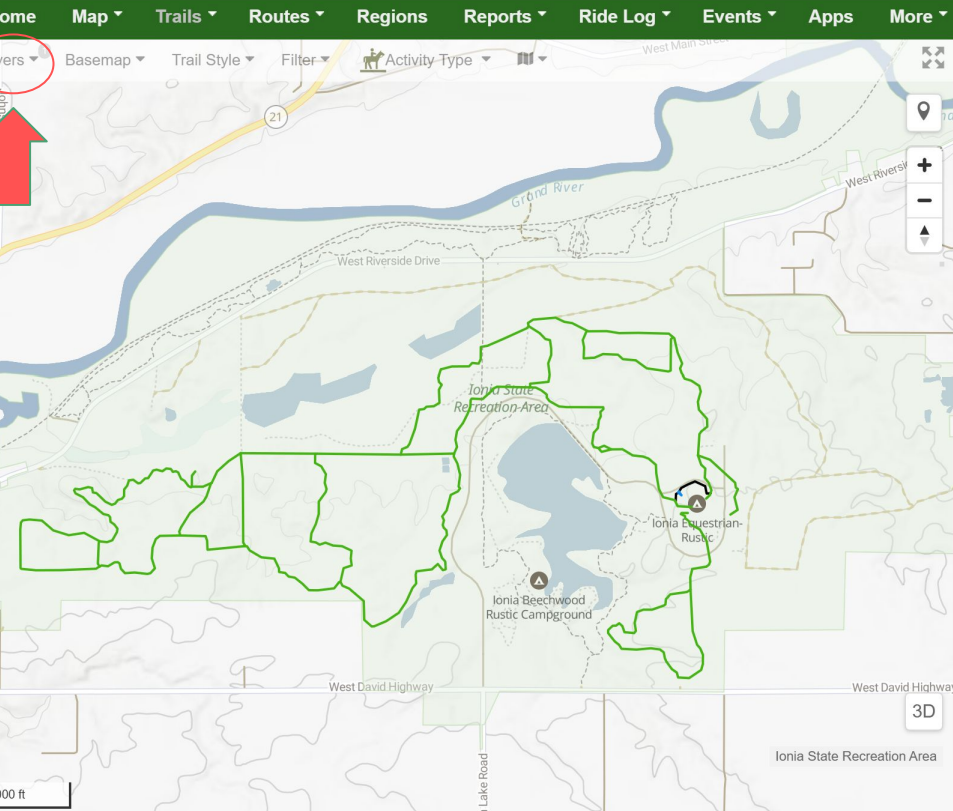
Map basics

Here is the map zoomed in on Ionia with the map toolbar highlighted at the top. You can see the activity type is set to Horse. The solid green lines are the Horse trails.



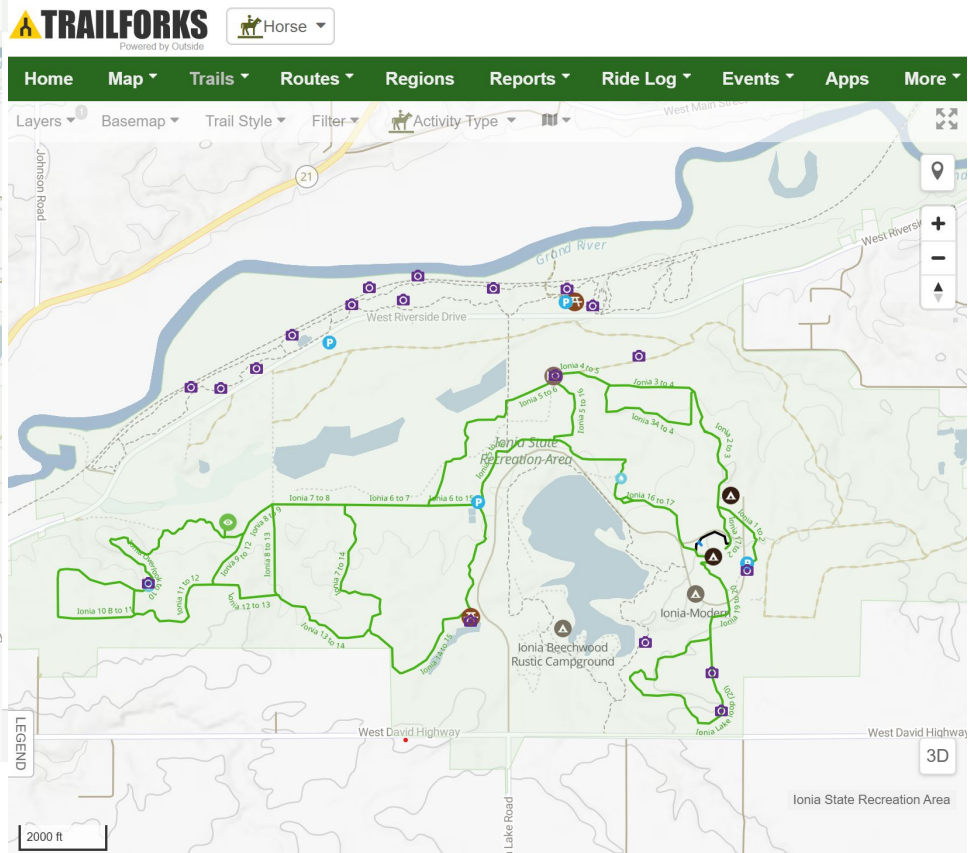
Maps toolbar

The map above is only displaying “trails” and “regions” from the “Layers” drop down on the left. Your options will vary if you are on a paid subscription or the free version. On the following page you can see the difference after I clicked the “POI” (Points of interest) and “Trail labels” boxes to add information to the map. I also clicked on “Photos” but that will depend on if users have added any photos.



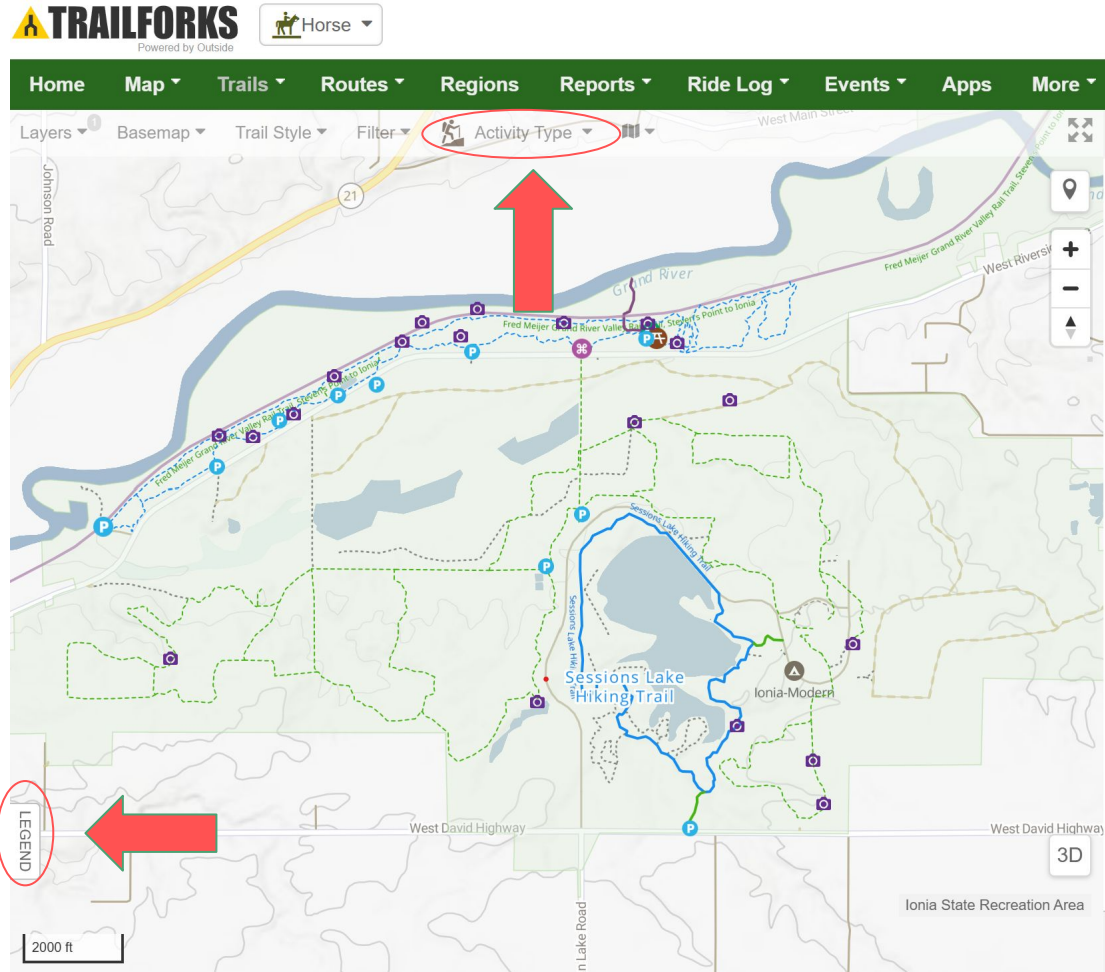
Trails and region layers only

POI, trail labels and photos layers added



Maps cont'd

This is the same map but it has the activity changed to hiking. You see how the horse trails are now dashed green lines as well as the bike trail near the top? That means hiking is acceptable but it is not the main purpose. The solid blue line around the lake denotes hiking is the main purpose of that trail. This is described in the legend which is highlighted in the bottom left.



Map legend

<https://www.trailforks.com/map/legend/> This is a summary of the legend.

If a trail is a solid colored line that means the activity type selected for the map is a primary activity for that trail. If it is a dashed colored line that means the trail allows the activity but it is not the intended use. If it is a greyed out dashed line then the trail does not support the selected activity.

The color denotes the difficulty of the trail: green is easy, blue is intermediate, black is advanced, red is extreme, purple is an access road or rail trail. There is no standard for horse trails like there is for skiing or biking trails so by my judgement and the terrain we have in MI I marked almost every trail as green. I marked the Shore to Shore trail as blue because of the length and potential navigation issues. I marked the Confidence Course at Ionia as black due to the obstacles on the trail.

Maps - links

You can see lots of icons and names associated with the trails. Every trail and icon is a link to more information. If it's a camera icon you can hover on it to get a preview of the picture or click on it to see it full size. This is clicking on the circled trail "Ionia 14 to 15".

The screenshot displays the Trailforks website interface. At the top, the Trailforks logo is visible, along with a 'Horse' filter icon. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Map, Trails, Routes, Regions, Reports, Ride Log, Events, Apps, and More. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for Layers, Basemap, Trail Style, Filter, and Activity Type. The main map shows the Ionia State Recreation Area with various trails. A trail profile overlay for 'Ionia 14 to 15' is displayed on the left side of the map. The profile includes a green line graph showing elevation changes over a distance of 1.20 miles. Below the graph, the trail details are listed: 1 mile distance, 30 ft climb, -106 ft descent, and an average time of 00:26:33. The trail is categorized as 'Horse', 'Hike', 'Trail Running', 'Snowshoe', and 'Nordic Ski'. The difficulty is 'Green', the SAC Scale is 'T1 - Hiking', the popularity is '75/100 top trail', the condition is 'Unknown', and the status is 'All Clear / Green'. There is a 'view trail' button and an 'edit' button. The map also shows various landmarks, including the Grand River, West Main Street, West Riverside Drive, West David Highway, Ionia Lake, and Ionia Beechwood Rustic Campground. A red circle highlights the trail 'Ionia 14 to 15' on the map.

Trailforks
Powered by Outside

Horse

Home Map Trails Routes Regions Reports Ride Log Events Apps More

Layers Basemap Trail Style Filter Activity Type

Ionia 14 to 15 close

Horse Hike Trail Running Snowshoe Nordic Ski

Wishlist

Difficulty: Green

SAC Scale: T1 - Hiking

Popularity: 75/100 top trail

Condition: Unknown

Status: All Clear / Green

0.00miles 0.40miles 0.80miles 1.20miles

1 mile 30 ft -106 ft 00:26:33

Distance Climb Descent Avg Time

view trail 1 photos 0 videos

edit

2000 ft

West Main Street

Grand River

West Riverside Drive

Ionia State Recreation Area

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Map - links

In the popup you can see all of the activities allowed.

Notice “Horse” is first and larger as that denotes the primary activity for the trail.

In the bottom half you can see an elevation profile, the distance and average time to complete the trail (per the primary user group).

Home Map Trails Routes Regions Reports Ride Log Events Apps More

Layers Basemap Trail Style Filter Activity Type

Ionia 14 to 15

close

Horse Hike Trail Running Snowshoe Nordic Ski

Wishlist

Difficulty: ● Green

SAC Scale: ■ T1 - Hiking

Popularity: 75/100 top trail

Condition: — Unknown

Status: ✓ All Clear / Green



Distance	Climb	Descent	Avg Time
1 mile	30 ft	-106 ft	00:26:33

view trail

edit

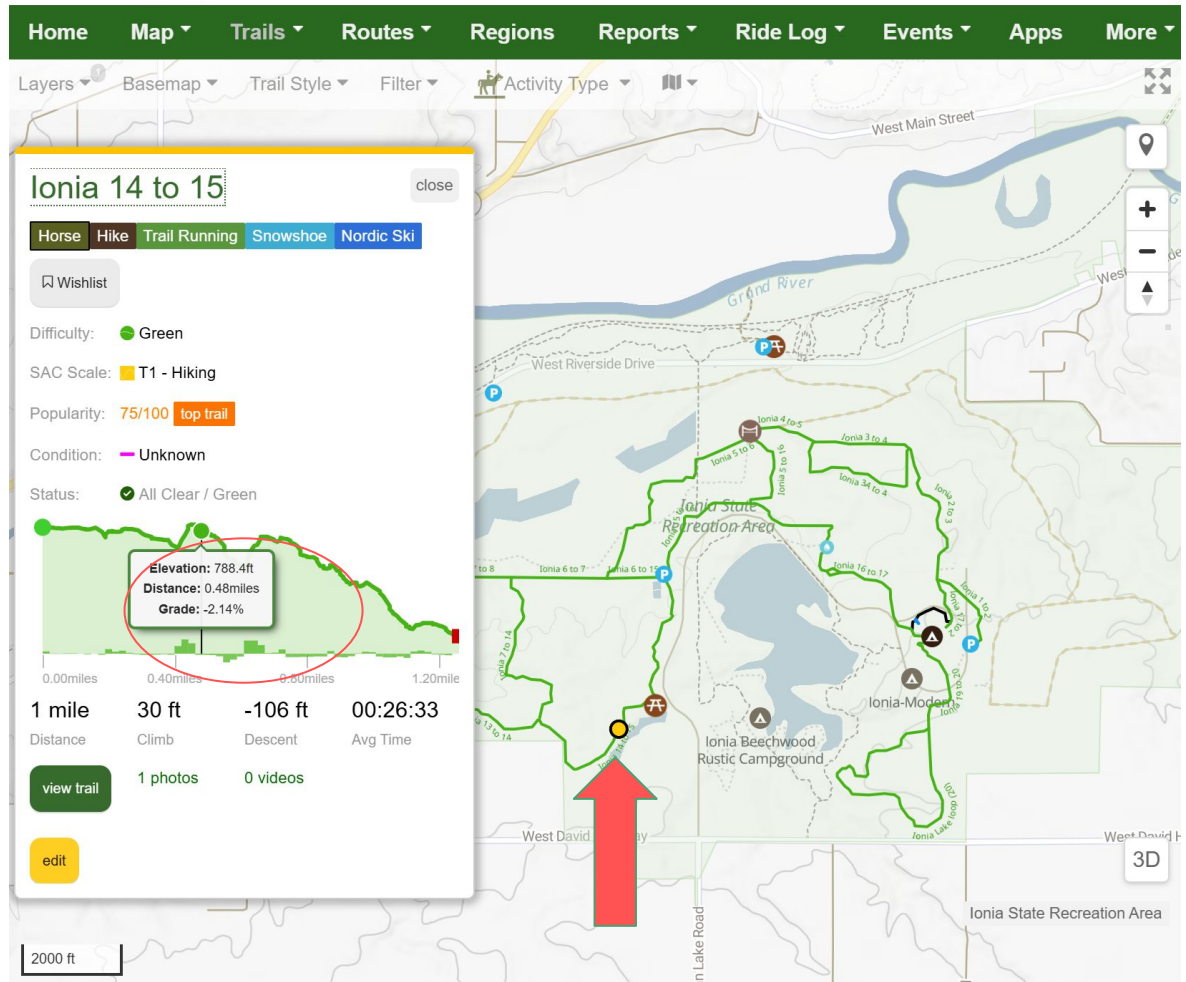
1 photos 0 videos

2000 ft

3D

Maps - links

If you move your mouse over the elevation graph it will give you the elevation at that spot on the trail as well as the distance from the start. It will display a yellow dot on the main map for the corresponding location. You can do the same thing in the app but only with the **paid pro version**.



Map - trail page

To get even more information on a trail you can click on either the trail name at the top or “view trail” in the green button at the bottom.

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Ionia 14 to 15 close

Horse Hike Trail Running Snowshoe Nordic Ski

Wishlist

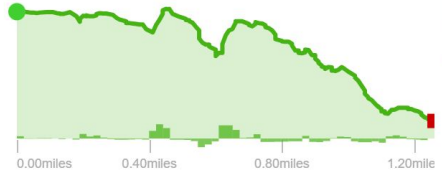
Difficulty: Green

SAC Scale: T1 - Hiking

Popularity: 75/100 top trail

Condition: Unknown

Status: All Clear / Green



1 mile 30 ft -106 ft 00:26:33
Distance Climb Descent Avg Time

view trail 1 photos 0 videos

edit

2000 ft

West Main Street
Grand River
West Riverside Drive
Ionia State Recreation Area
Ionia Lake Loop
Ionia Beechwood Rustic Campground
West David Highway
Ionia Lake Road
Ionia State Recreation Area

3D

<https://www.trailforks.com/trails/ionia-14-to-15/>

Every trail has a detailed page. Here you can find a description if there is one, any photos, videos or trail features associated with the page. The menu bar offers options to see other users ride logs, a leaderboard for fastest times or even take a 3D tour.

Ionia 14 to 15

/ horse trail

OverviewPhotos (1)Videos (0)Reports (0)Comments (0)Ride LogsLeaderboardStats3D TourAdd / Edit

1.3 milesDistance

30 ftClimb

-106 ftDescent

00:26:33Avg time

Status: ✓no votes yetCompletedCheck-inSaveView (12)

more stats

LayersBasemapStyle

3D

Ionia 14 to 15 Details

Activities:

Home

Trip

Trail Running

Cycling

Nordic Ski

Riding Area:

Ionia State Recreation Area

Ionia, Michigan

Difficulty Rating:

Green

Rate

Local Popularity:

75

Horseback [↑]

Global Ranking:

#425

In Horseback [+]

Hiking SAC Scale:

T1 Hiking

Trail Type:

Doubletrack

Direction:

Both Directions

Popular In Reverse

Trail Visibility:

Always easy to follow

Dogs Allowed:

Yes

[View More...](#)

Trail through mostly woods. Picnic spot with table and tie rails above pond.

Directions to Ionia 14-to-15 trailhead (42.936190, -85.145830)

Photos

31 Apr 29, 2020

Videos

no videos have been added for Ionia 14 to 15 yet, [add a video](#)

Technical Trail Features (TTF)

Picnic spot with tie post

Recent Activity on Trail

Past Week
 0 rides
6 Months
 10 rides
 8 miles avg distance
All
 59 rides
 Last: Oct 4, 2025

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

Ionia 14 to 15 Trail Reports

Links

Ionia Horse Trails Association

Reviews / Comments

Post a Comment

Submit

Nearby Trails

- Ionia 13 To 14 3,583 ft
- Ionia 7 To 8 4,590 ft
- Ionia 7 To 14 4,603 ft
- Ionia 5 To 6 4,964 ft
- Ionia 6 To 7 4,990 ft

Ionia State Recreati...

Local Weather

Saranac

8th Thu



52°F - 52°F
humidity: 71
sunset: 5:22 pm

9th Fri



36°F - 6

10th Sat



34°F - 41°F

11th Sun



25°F - 34°F

Videos

Technical Trail Features (TTF)

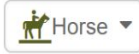
- Picnic spot with tie post

Recent Activity on Trail

Route planning

To switch up gears I will briefly discuss route planning. This will allow you to combine various trails to get an idea of distance or elevation change. You can also create a route away from existing trails, for example you could freehand a route on two tracks or forest roads. With a **paid pro subscription** once you save a route on the website it is available on your app. You can also share a route or create a public route.

Route planning

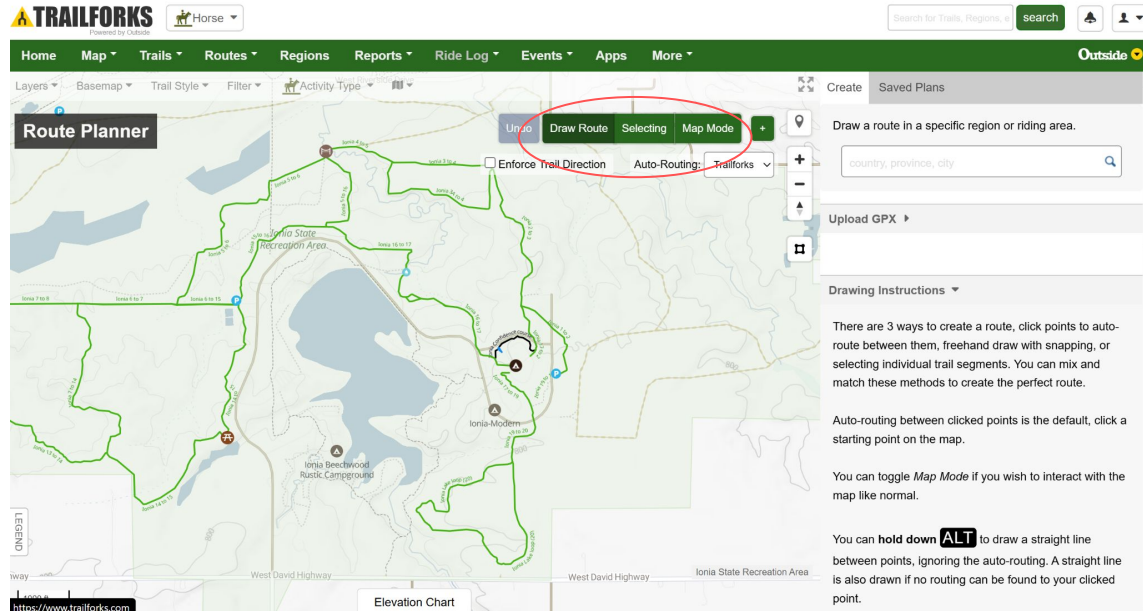
[Home](#)[Map ▾](#)[Trails ▾](#)[Routes ▾](#)[Regions](#)[Reports ▾](#)[Ride Log ▾](#)[Events ▾](#)[Apps](#)[More ▾](#)[Outside !\[\]\(80c6bed9eea3405d65d99e3946f11e9c_img.jpg\)](#)

https://www.trailforks.com/ridelog/planner/?activitytype=9&z=12.5&lat=42.94297&lon=-85.13464&content=trails,labels,poi,directory,polygon,eventpremium,waypoint,nst,routes_featured

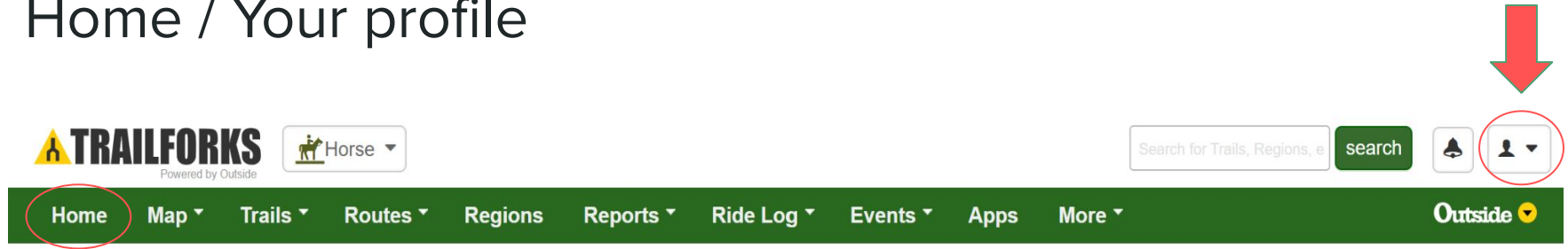
From the top menu bar select routes and then either “Route Planner” or “Create a Route”

Route planning cont'd

On the route planning map it gives you instructions in the lower right. You have options to hand draw a route freehand by selecting waypoints or you can use the map and click on the trails you want to include in your route.



Home / Your profile



The home menu (upper left) is more of a social feature. You can follow other users and see links to articles in Outside magazine.

For information specific to you click on the dropdown in the upper right with the head/shoulders drawing and choose “Profile”.

Your profile

Your profile will display your username / email and you can choose to upload a profile picture (mouse over the blank avatar and an edit button will appear). This page will show any pictures you have uploaded, the number of trails you have ridden, any points or badges (social stuff if you care to follow), recent activity, etc.

[Profile](#) [Dashboard](#) [Activity](#) [Completed](#) [Saved/Wishlist](#) [Ride Log](#) [Gear](#) [More ▾](#) [Settings](#)



truebleve ONLINE 

 truebleve@gmail.com copy

 Gender

 0 Followers | 0 Following

Member since Aug 7, 2019

 Trust score: 1913

Pro **TRAILFORKS**

IHTA

Trail Photos added by truebleve

[add photos](#)

20 📍 | Apr 12, 2025

19 📍 | May 27, 2023

16 📍 | May 27, 2023

[more photos »](#)

Contributions

1,156	trails
3	routes
17	reports
248	pois
36	regions
0	skillparks
510	ridelogs

Trails Completed

18	Access Trail or Doubletr...
14	Secondary Access Road 📍
6	Easiest 🟢
247	Easy 🟢
238	Intermediate 🟡
56	Very Difficult 🔴
3	Extremely Difficult 🔴

Points Earned

373	Add Trail Bulk (373 at 1 each)
110	Add Trail GPS (22 at 5 each)
213	Add Photo (71 at 3 each)
1,255	Add POI (251 at 5 each)
450	Add Region (45 at 10 each)
12,195	Add Trail (813 at 15 each)
4	Comment (2 at 2 each)
156	Mark Ridden (781 at 0.2 each)
153	Ride Log (510 at 0.3 each)
2,012	Update Content (1006 at 2 ...)

My Badges Awarded

34 badges & 35 points

 **Epic Ride 50k**
Ionia

 **Trail Explorer 100**
Michigan

 **100 Trails Contributed**

 **25 Trails Contributed**

 **No Off Season - 10 Days**

 **Big Ride 30k**
Ionia

 **Top 10 Trails**
Hastings

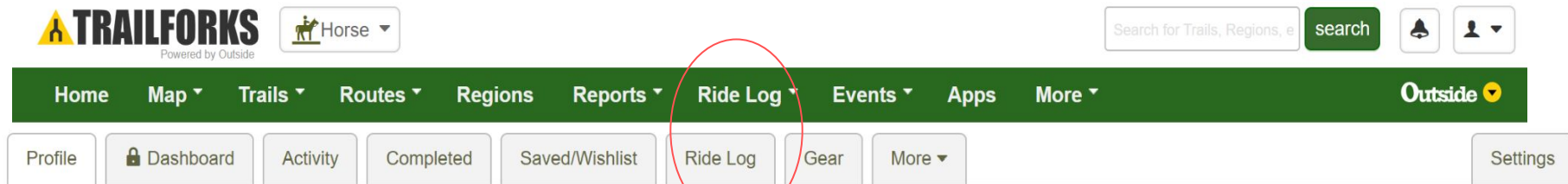
 **50 Trails Contributed**

 **10 Black Trails**
Manistee

 **10 Green Trails**
Ionia

Longest Streaks

Profile menu bar



“Activity” - see snapshots of your rides, can click on them to get more information.

“Completed” - alphabetical list of trails you have completed with date and activity

“Saved/Wishlist” - you can add trails to remind you to ride them in the future

“Ride Log” - This is the same as “My Ride Log” under the “Ride Log” menu drop down in the green menu bar at the top. This button shows you all of your recordings and allows you to filter by year or activity.

“Gear” - This is intended for tracking which bike you rode and maintenance but you can hack this to reflect different horses.

“Settings” at the far right allows you to choose your default settings like activity, timezone, units (metric/imperial) and privacy settings.

Gear hack

Choose your activity type. For year I put birth year. For brand I put the horse's breed. For model I put the horse's name. Add weight and photograph if you desire and any notes. After you click submit whenever you record a future ride you can choose bike/gear and select the horse from the list. You can also edit a track after the fact and add it.

Add Gear/Bike / gear/bike

Activity Type	Horse	▼
Year		
Brand		
Model		
Weight	0	lbs ▼
Primary Photo	Choose File No file chosen	
You can also upload more photos after.		
Notes		
Strava	Strava gear ID Enter your Strava gear ID# to display a link to Strava. learn how to find your strava gear ID#	
Misc	☒ Active ☒ List on profile	

Submit

Instructions

Add your bikes for use with Ridelogs, select which bike you rode on a ride. Your bikes can also be listed on your Trailforks profile to showoff your steeds!

If you're a Strava user you can enter your Strava gear ID.

Questions before moving to the app?

This is scratching the surface of what you can do on the website. Most things on the app will look very similar.

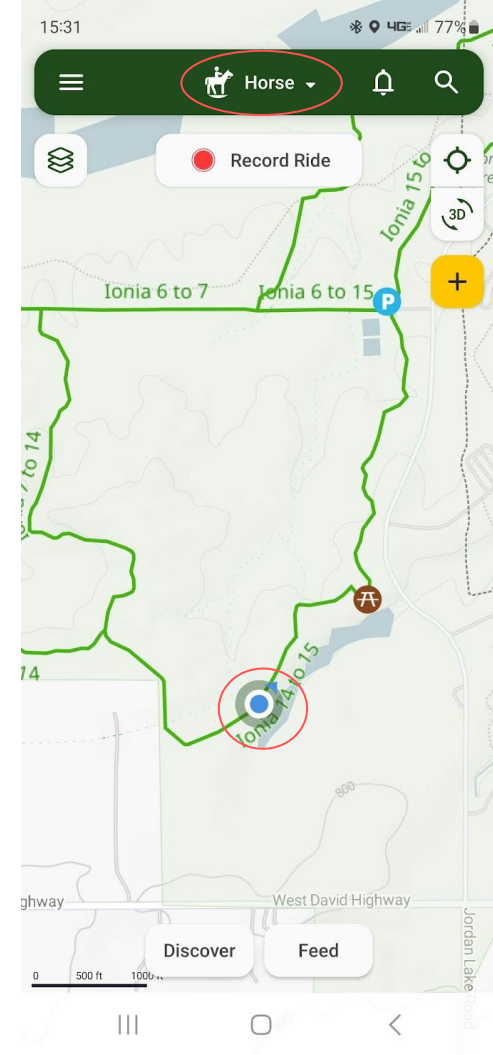
I use an Android phone so I can't tell you anything specific to iPhone's. It's my understanding it also works with the Apple Watch and some Garmin watches / computers.

Mobile app

When you download and open the app you will have to sign in with your username / email or create one if you haven't yet. It will probably go through a tour the first time you sign in similar to the website.

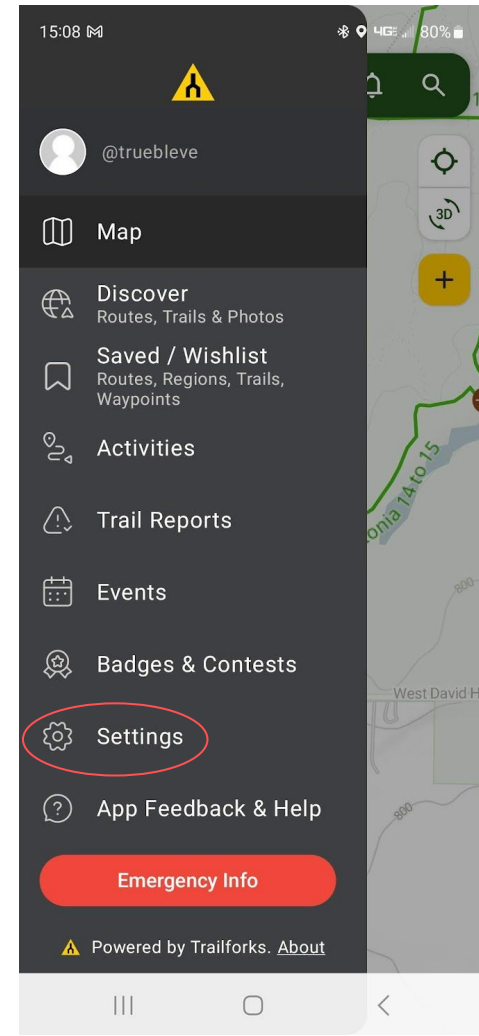
You will get a map displaying your location with a blue dot like many other apps but no trail information.

At the top middle is a drop down menu that will let you choose your activity, this will affect the way trails are displayed on the map - same as on the website.



Download regions

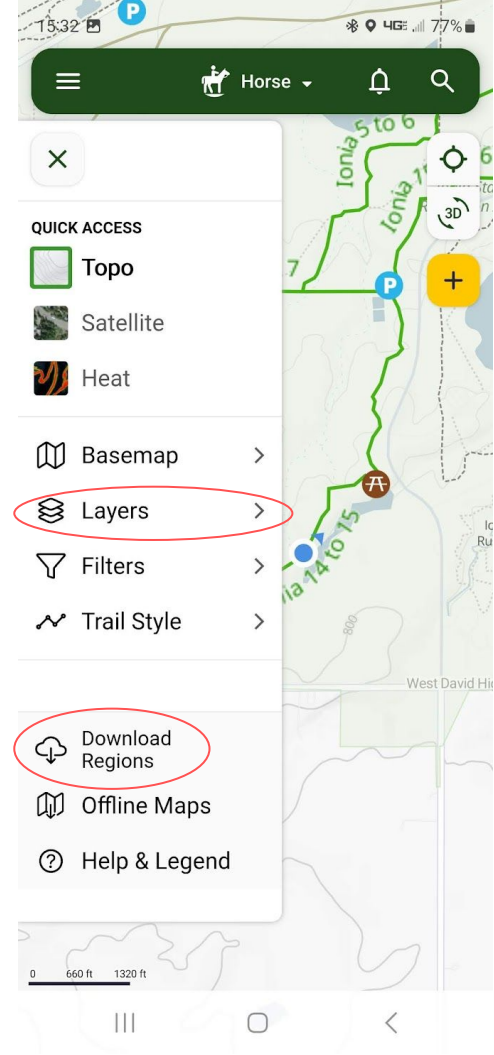
Hit the upper left menu icon (the three flat lines) and you get the displayed menu. The first thing you need to do is click on settings near the bottom. This will lead to a second menu where you need to choose the top option “Downloaded Regions”. When you click that it will take you to Manage Regions which will be blank. You need to click the green + in the lower right corner. It will let you manually search by name and give you “Nearby” regions. Choose Michigan and it will download Michigan. If you are on the free version you can only have one region. The pro paid version gives you unlimited regions.



Download regions alternative

The other option is to hit the map layers menu button (three stacked diamonds in the upper left in a white square below the top menu flat lines). Near the bottom is a link to Download Regions. Remember, once downloaded you have these offline so you don't need a signal to use the app.

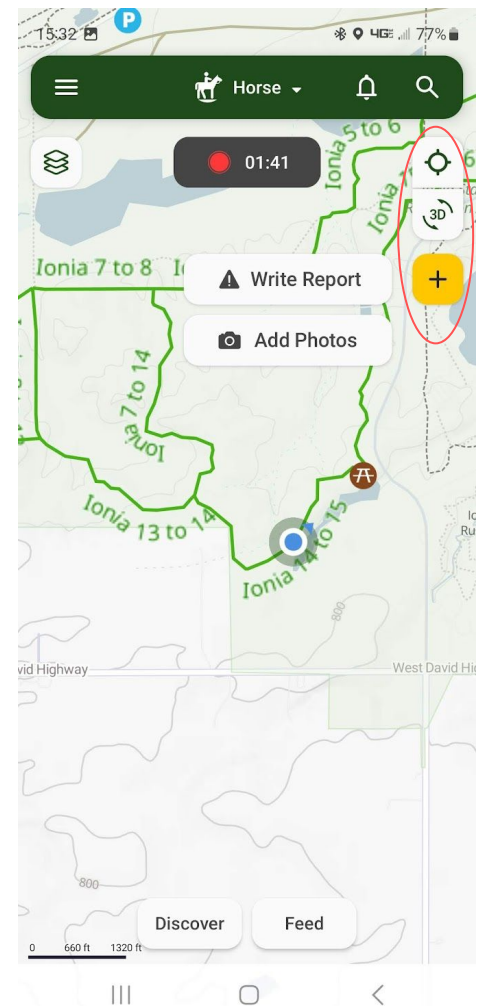
This menu also shows you can use other basemaps and layers, satellite being the most commonly used. Remember like the website to use the “Layers” then “Trailforks Layers” to choose “Regions”, “Trails”, “Trail Labels”, and “POIs” if they are not preselected.



App map cont'd

In the upper right there are three buttons. The top circle with four lines like a compass will center your location on the map. The 3D will give you a tilted topographical view, better suited for hillier terrain than most of MI. Clicking the yellow + gives you two options: “Write Report” and “Add Photos”.

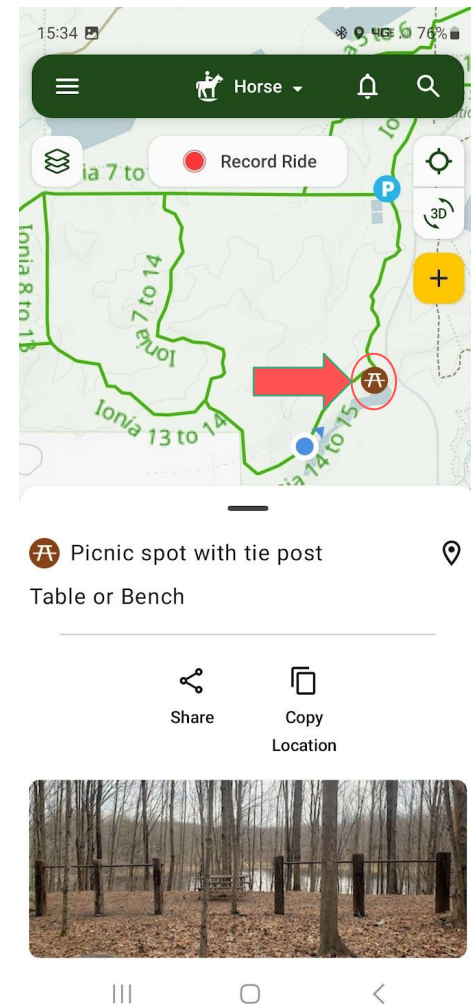
Add photos is just like it sounds, you can attach a photo to the trail you are on. Write report allows you give an update to other users about the trail, normally used to alert others to potential problems like a tree down but you can just say “conditions are great”.



App map cont'd

You can move about the map with one or two fingers. If you use two fingers you pinch to zoom, spread them to zoom out or twist to rotate the map. If you rotate a compass arrow will display under the yellow + showing north and if you tap it the map will rotate back to north being at the top of the screen.

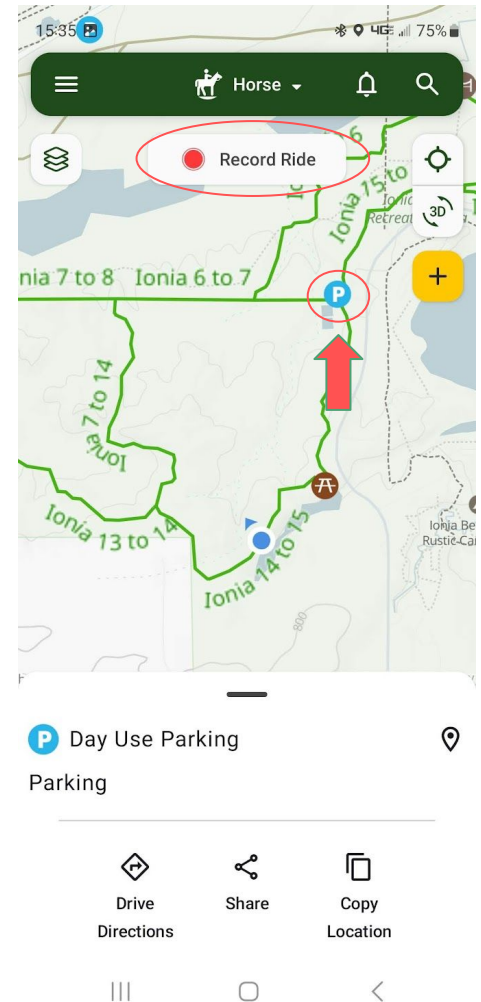
This screenshot shows the information displayed when you tap on an icon on the screen. This particular icon (picnic table) does have a picture associated with it, not all do.



Parking icons

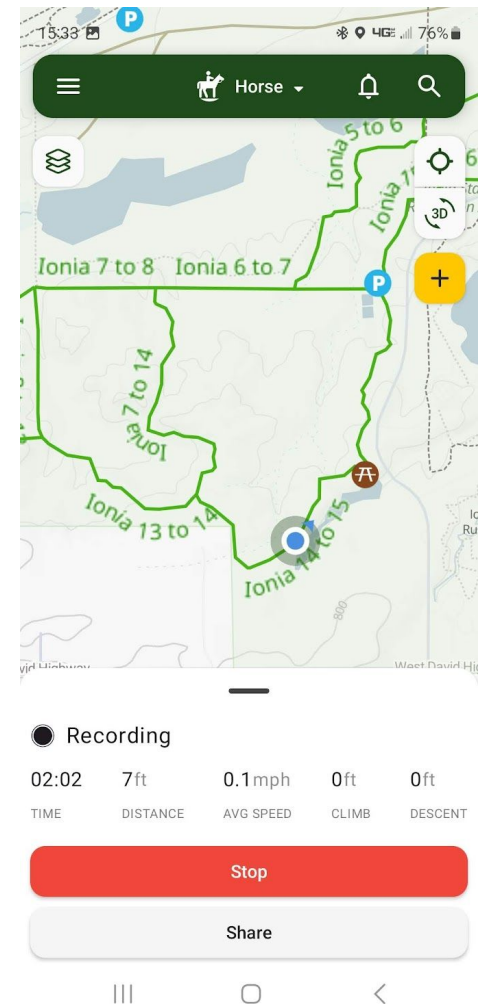
If you click on a P in a blue circle for a parking icon you get the following information at the bottom. **For paid app users** you notice there is a link to “Drive Directions” which will then link to Google maps (at least on Android, not sure if it’s different on iPhones).

Let’s hit “Record Ride” at the top, centered below the activity drop down menu.



Record Ride

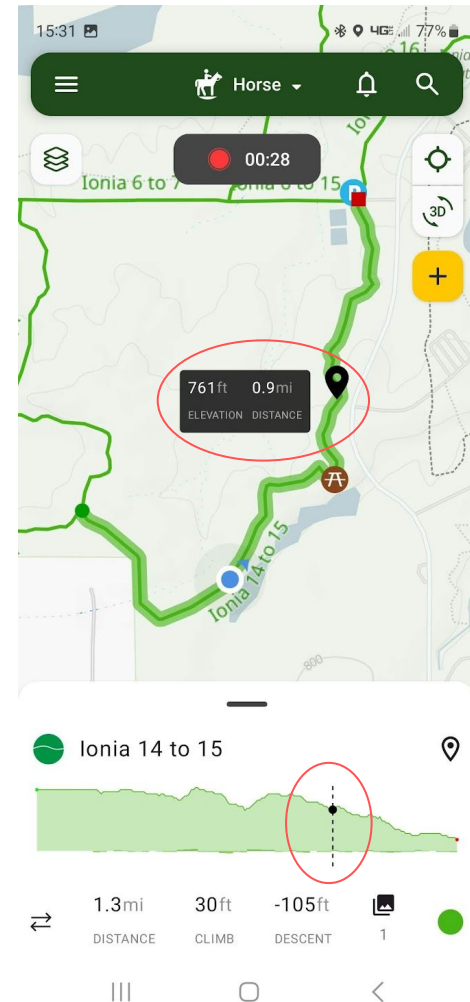
When you hit Record Ride you will get information at the bottom. It will show time recording, distance, speed and climb / descent. If you swipe that area down you will be back at the full screen map. To bring the information back just tap the same button as “Record Ride” only now it will show a timer for how long you have been recording with a red circle.



Using the map

When you tap on a trail on the map you the information at the bottom showing the length of the trail, climb / descent, if there are any photos, and an elevation profile (**only on the paid app**). A very handy feature on the paid app is you can run your finger along the elevation profile at the bottom and it will show where that is on the map with the distance from the beginning of the trail and the elevation.

You can tap that bottom part of the screen to bring up more information including any description, trail reports, activities allowed, etc. Tap the back arrow in the upper left to return to the map. You can click on any trail, you do not have to be recording or physically on the trail to get this information.

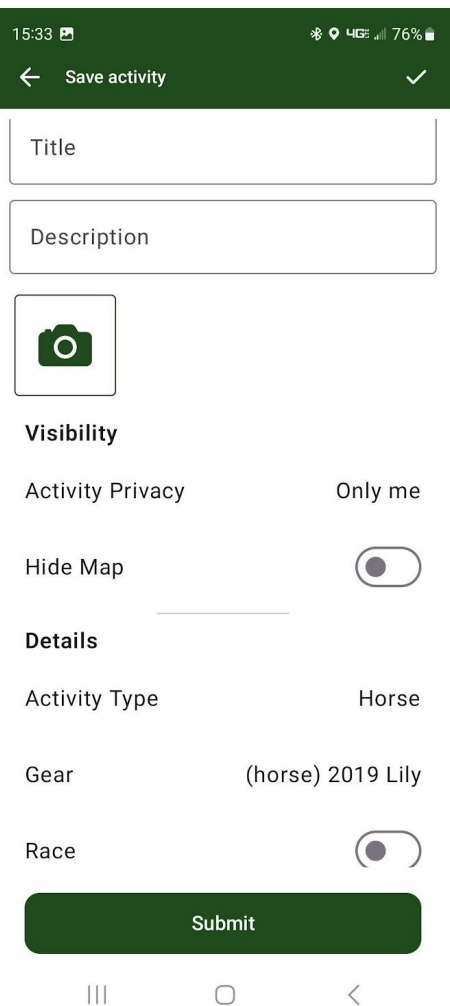
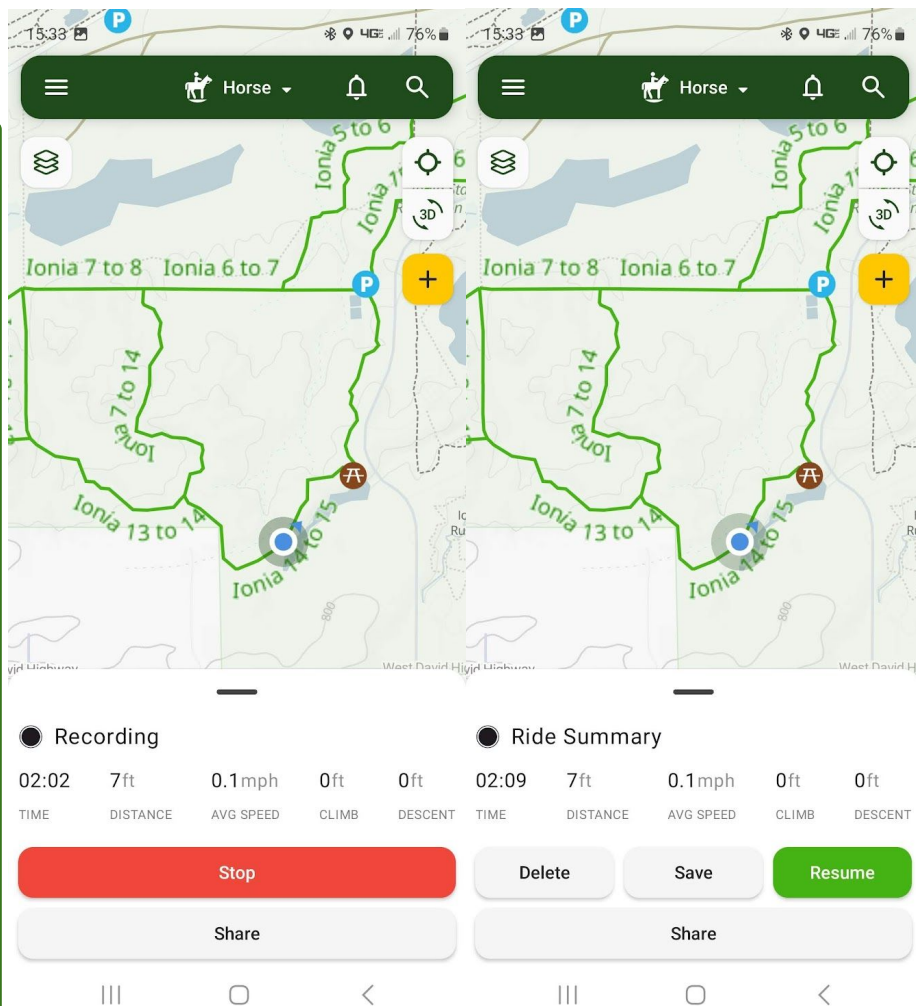


Saving a ride

With the Recording information displayed at the bottom you hit “Stop” and it gives you a “Ride Summary”

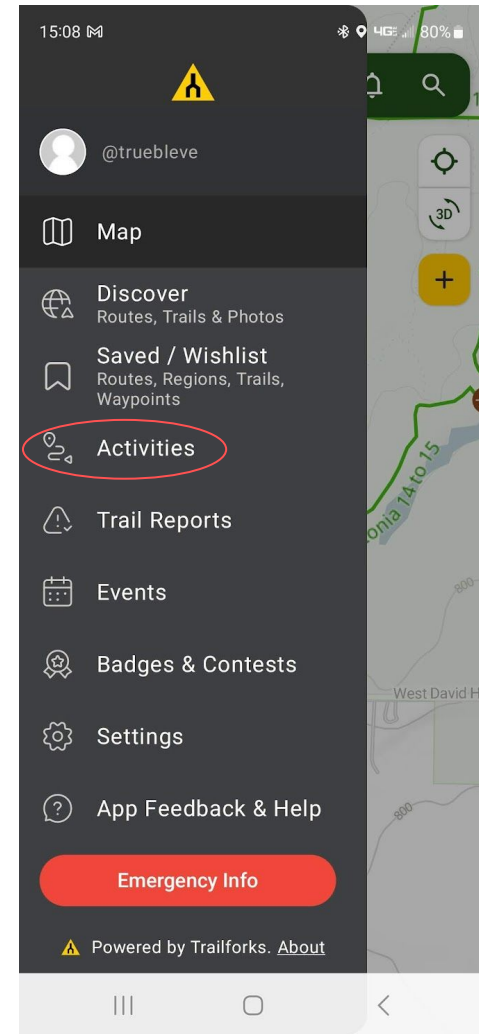
If you hit “Resume” it will start recording again, continuing the track.

If you hit “Save” you can name your ride and add a description. You can use the “Gear” hack to choose your horse if you have multiple horses. You can choose to make the ride public or private.



Ridelog (Activities)

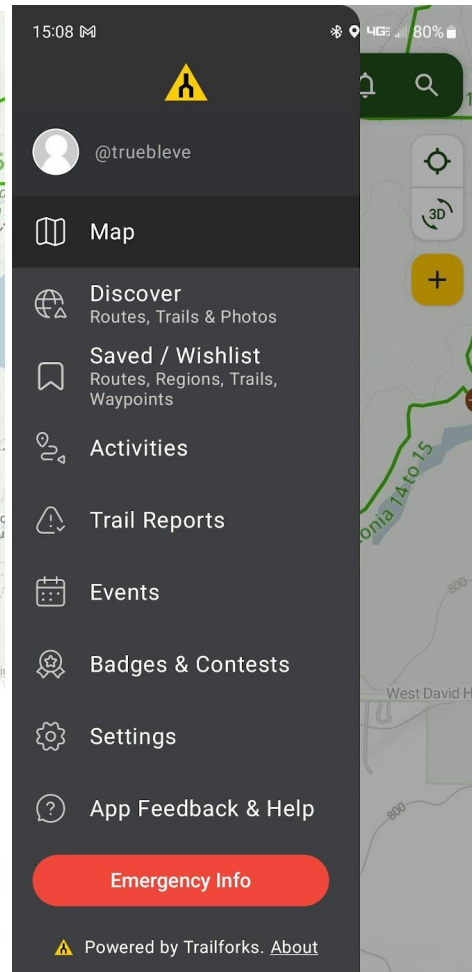
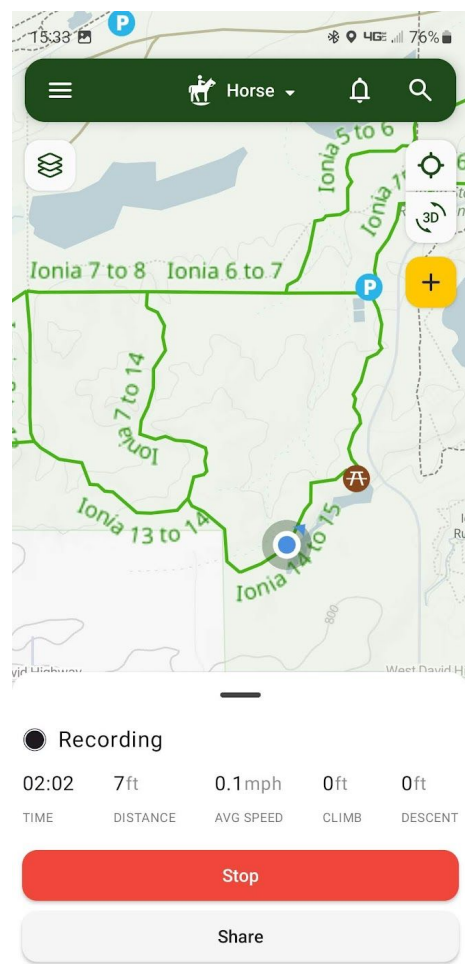
It usually takes some time for the ridelog to be uploaded to your “Activities” section. But this allows you to look back and redo a ride, or maybe avoid something you noted. If you’re competitive you can compare how fast you rode.



Sharing

I've never used this feature but if you click "Emergency Info" from the menu it will display your Lat / Long and have a button to call 911 from that screen. It also has a "Share Location" button on the screen.

While recording a ride **with a paid app** you can click the share button and you can text a link to a contact and it says "Location tracking enabled". You can stop tracking at anytime. They need the app as well to use this feature.



Wrap up

My personal standard for adding a trail is you must be able to link to a map from a land manager or governing association. This is why a place like Elba is not on TF because Genesee County does not have a map saying these are the legitimate trails. Similarly Big Oaks and the Bay de Noc to Grand Island trail systems have many flagged trails that have not been recognized by the DNR / USFS so I have not created them. Nothing stops you from riding any of these or better yet, creating a route and making it public so others can gain from local expertise.

Kensington Metropark is another example - I believe the equestrian trails are on TF but they do not include horses as an activity. Local expertise is needed to correct this.

Contact Info

If you have any questions I can be emailed at truebleve@gmail.com

On the TF website as **truebleve** - they have an email system - upper right corner on the webpage under the head/shoulders drop down menu - inbox;

Or in the app - upper left menu, then click on your username (@truebleve in my case), this brings up your profile and there's a letter icon in the top right to open your inbox. I hope this was not too overwhelming yet informative.

Respectfully,

Chris