

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT
Special Events Division

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Town of Davie Horse Release Program

The bond between horses and their human owners is strong. Horse owners in hurricane prone areas have a large responsibility to be sure that their animals are provided for in the event a hurricane threatens their area. As in many areas of our lives, planning well in advance pays off. It's best to have a plan in place to help protect and ensure the safety of your animals well before hurricane season begins on June 1.

In a Category 1 or Category 2 storm, horses will be safer in a strong, secure barn or stable.

In a Category 3 or Category 4 storm, they may be safer outside with adequate space and safe environment.

Hurricane warnings indicate that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are *expected* somewhere within the specified area. Hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph), the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds to allow for important preparation.

Once a hurricane warning has been issued, a horse storage site will open for horses pre-registered and approved for the Town of Davie Horse Release Program. The storage site will reopen to retrieve your horses when the winds have subsided to a minimum of 40 mph, or when it is deemed safe by emergency personnel. Town staff will contact you as soon as we are able to reopen and arrange the safe release of your horse.

Broward County has enacted the "Large Animal Disaster Plan" which identifies all post hurricane needs for horses. The Large Animal Disaster Plan addresses such as horse injuries, facilities to hold horses post storm, and guidelines for horse recovery. For more information visit their website at <http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtoZ/Pages/LargeAnimalsBeforeEvent.aspx> or contact the Broward Emergency Management Division at (954) 831-3900.

You are encouraged to visit the site for yourself before completing your registration form to determine whether you feel it is safer than your current situation. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Francis at (954)797-1153 or anna_francis@davie-fl.gov. In order to reserve a space for your horse, please complete the following forms and send back via email or USPS mail.

Horse Release Program Information

Payment Procedure

Due to the unanticipated COVID-19 Pandemic, Horse Release Program registration fees have been currently suspended. Please send in your completed information to reserve your space.

~~A registration fee of \$20.00 (January 1st to May 31st) and \$40.00 (June 1st to November 30th) per horse will be required and must be included with your registration form.~~

Identification

Positive identification for each horse must be confirmed before removing your animal(s) from the site:

1. Spray paint your telephone number, including area code, on the side of your animal(s) with a contrasting shade of acrylic paint; or
2. Braid luggage tags into the mane and/or tail of your horse(s) with your name, address, telephone number. Be sure the information is written in waterproof ink, and take steps to waterproof the tags themselves; or
3. Fetlock or mare bands with the appropriate information in waterproof ink; or
4. Include your Equine's micro-chip Identification number on your application.

Registration

Registration is required prior to bringing your horse to the site. On-site registration is not permitted.

1. Complete and sign Registration Form and General Release Agreement.
2. Proof of Davie residency including photo ID and current utility bill.
3. All horses must have an official report of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test (EIA or Coggins test) dated within 12 months of the blood sample being taken.
 - a) Foals under 6 months of age, accompanied by their dam who has proof of an official, negative EIA test are exempted from test requirements.
6. Horse profile information including the following:
 - a) Horse photo
 - b) Horse name
 - c) Owner name
 - d) Address
 - e) Emergency contact numbers

Stallions will not be permitted. The Town will provide feed and water, please do not bring hay or feed.

Transportation to and from the site is the responsibility of owner. Horse trailers are not permitted to stay at the park. Please make sure all medicines have been administered prior to release. Re-entry will not be permitted once horse released until storm has concluded.



DAVIE HORSE RELEASE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Owner Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Alternate Contact 1 _____ Alternate Phone _____

Alternate Contact 2 _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email Address _____

HORSE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION *(Attach profile photo of each horse)*

Horse Name	Breed	Color	Sex	Age	Micro-Chip #	Addl. Information

GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT

Let it be known that “Owners of Premises” is the Town of Davie and “Lessee of Premises” is the Town caretaker or agent, shall hereinafter be referred to as “Owner and Lessee”. Let it also be known that the property located at **4005 Hiatus Road, Davie, Florida 33330, also known as “Robbins Preserve”** shall hereinafter be referred to as “The Site”. It is further known that hurricane horse storage registrants shall hereinafter be referred to as “owner of livestock”.

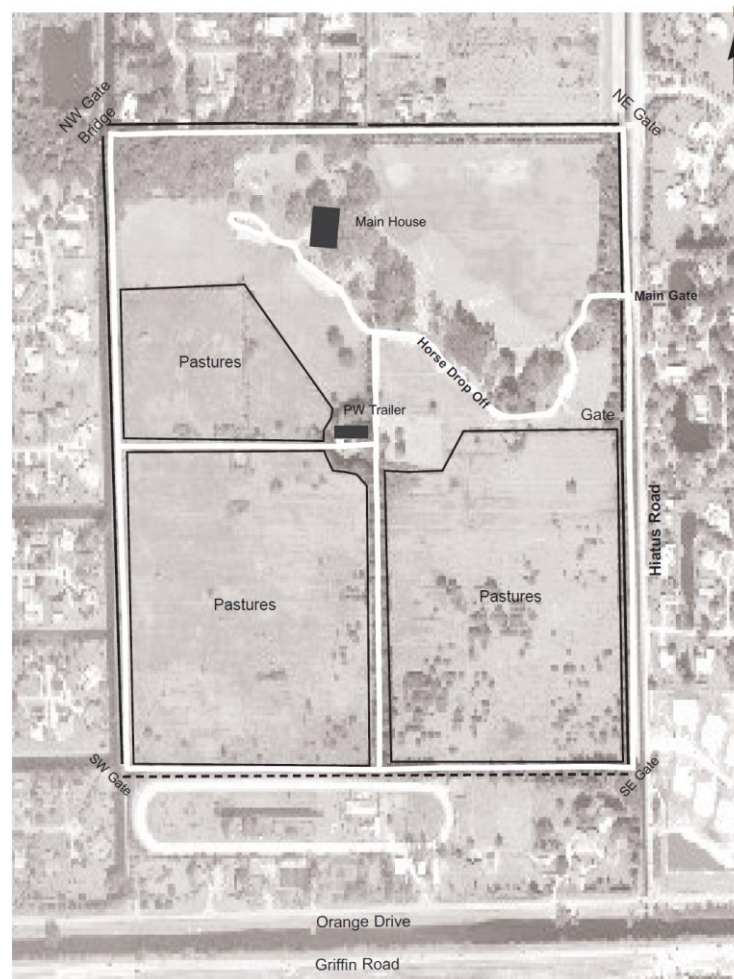
This agreement shall serve to hold harmless Owner and Lessee from any and all actions resulting from injury or loss to any person choosing to release livestock at the site. It is also known that the site is being offered in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act and any parties in connection with the site, Owner and Lessee, shall not be responsible for any loss. It is further agreed that by the release of livestock, the owner of said livestock understands and agrees that Owner and Lessee does not imply or state in any way that the site is deemed safe.

“The owner of livestock shall fully release the Town of Davie, its officers, employees, or agents from any and all liability or potential claims related to any losses, damages, or injuries that owners of livestock may incur due to the storage of livestock at the horse storage site or in relation to any services provided pursuant the temporary housing of the livestock, this includes but is not limited to injury, death, or disappearance to any livestock. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Town of Davie or act to grant to any party any rights herein.”

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND EFFECT.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Robbins Preserve Map & Directions



4005 Hiatus Road, Davie, FL 33330

From I-595 or Orange Drive,
Exit at Hiatus Road,
Take Hiatus Road until you see signs for “Hurricane Horse Release”,
The park entrance will be on the west side of Hiatus Road,
Enter the park to check-in and release your horse.

Contact Information

Anna Francis, Event Specialist, 954-829-6922, anna_francis@davie-fl.gov

Simone James, Special Events Coordinator, 954-218-1320, sjames@davie-fl.gov

Please leave a message if necessary and your call will be returned as soon as possible.