

# Information for Participants and Auditors



## Hoof Trimming for Horse Owners 101 *a one-day workshop*

**Saturday April 16, 2011 9:00am-4pm**  
**MorningStar Farm Gurley, AL**

### How to get there:

Workshop Location: MorningStar Farm  
823 Cherry Tree Rd  
Gurley, AL 35748

### From Huntsville:

Take Governor's Drive/Hwy 431 east over Monte Sano and down into Hampton Cove  
Turn L at Sutton Rd (Publix shopping center)  
Turn R on Old 431 (first R after the golf course)  
Turn L on Cherry Tree Rd (first L)  
Go about 1.5 miles, Morning Star Farm is on the L  
Turn L into the paved driveway just before the white vinyl fence.  
If the road takes a broad turn around to the right, you've gone too far!

Please see also attached map, or use the Googlemap at <http://tinyurl.com/4kav6mv> for directions and a route from your location.

### What to wear and bring:

Wear work pants or jeans and sturdy shoes. The hands-on hoof trimming session will involve sharp tools and dirty, smelly hoofs, so your clothes and shoes may get dirty or torn. No shorts or sandals, please – closed-toe shoes required for safety.

Bring a folding chair, notebook, pen, camera. Other classroom materials will be provided. Take all the photos and video you like!

Coffee, iced tea, and water will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for auditors and participants, or fast-food choices are only a few miles away in Hampton Cove. A refrigerator is located in the barn lounge for your convenience if you wish to bring your own lunch, snacks, and sodas. If you'd like to bring food to share, snacks that don't need refrigeration and that might double as dessert (fruit, muffins, cookies, brownies, bagels, granola bars, breakfast bars) are always appreciated!

### For participation in the hands-on trimming session:

Close-fitting work gloves and a hoof rasp with handle are required. Bring a hoof stand if you have one. Work gloves, professional quality hoof rasps, and rasp handles will be available for purchase at the workshop. A list of recommended tools, gear, and suppliers is included in the workshop information packet, available at [www.hoofsmart.com](http://www.hoofsmart.com).

## What we will cover during the classroom and demo sessions:

Basic procedure and techniques for trimming the hoof wall using a hoof rasp and hoof stand, including:

Hoof anatomy inside and out	Backing up the toe
How often to trim	Scooping the quarters
Splits, cracks, and flares	Beveling or rolling the hoof wall
Safety	Checking your work
Tool tips and techniques	

The material covered in this workshop is intended to provide participants with the knowledge and experience to confidently perform a basic barefoot trim on healthy, regularly-maintained hoofs. With continued practice and occasional guidance from a professional, hands-on participants should be on their way to becoming self-sufficient in the hoof care department.

## What we won't cover during the classroom and demo sessions (but we may have time to talk about one-on-one during the hands-on session):

Trimming diseased or problem hoofs – contraction, navicular syndrome, founder, long toe with underrun heels, underdeveloped digital cushion  
Trimming bars, sole, and frog  
Trimming with hoof nippers, hoof knives, and angle grinders

## How to get the most out of the workshop:

Take notes and ask questions! The more you put into the learning experience, the more you'll take away from it. Plus, you never know when someone who speaks up with a question or observation might get a fun little prize for bravery!

Be prepared to go home and practice on your own as soon as you can, while everything is fresh in your mind.

Take time before and after the workshop to study the videos, articles, photos, and drawings about hoof trimming and hoof health, available for free on the following websites:

Marjorie Smith's articles on [www.barefoothoof.com](http://www.barefoothoof.com)  
Paige Poss' articles on [www.ironfreehoof.com](http://www.ironfreehoof.com)  
Pete Ramey's articles on [www.hoofrehab.com](http://www.hoofrehab.com)  
Gene Ovnicek's articles on [www.hopeforsoundness.com](http://www.hopeforsoundness.com)  
Hoofjack videos on [www.hoofjack.com](http://www.hoofjack.com)

Watch these recommended hoof trimming how-to videos:

Pete Ramey's 'Under the Horse' DVD set [www.hoofrehab.com](http://www.hoofrehab.com)  
Gene Ovnicek's 'Natural Balance Hoof Trimming' DVD [www.hopeforsoundness.com](http://www.hopeforsoundness.com)  
Phil Morarre's 'Abrasive Trim Clinic' DVD [www.softouchnaturalhorsecare.com](http://www.softouchnaturalhorsecare.com)  
Many of these videos are available to rent at a reasonable cost through [www.giddyupflix.com](http://www.giddyupflix.com).

Study the hoof care books listed in this article: <http://wp.me/pQCvn-2l>

## **If you plan to bring your horse (or mule or donkey):**

Please let us know in advance that you are planning to bring your horse, so we can prepare to comfortably accommodate him (or her).

Current negative Coggins for each visiting horse must be submitted by mail with workshop registration forms or presented for inspection before unloading horse from trailer – no exceptions.

Plan to arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your horse settled in a stall. Let us help direct you to trailer parking and turnaround.

Stalls are available for day use at no extra charge. Your horse must stay in the stall assigned to him throughout the day. No turnout or playing on line – no exceptions.

Please bring your own water bucket and hay from home.

Please clean stall before leaving for the day, using the provided manure forks and wheelbarrow.

No stallions, ungelded colts, mares with foals at side, or fractious or unhandled horses.

## **This and that:**

No visiting dogs, please. The barn cats in residence appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Workshop participants and auditors must observe posted barn rules of MorningStar Farm, including not passing through any closed gates.

Coffee, ice tea, and water will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for auditors and participants, or fast-food choices are only a few miles away in Hampton Cove. A refrigerator is located in the barn lounge for your convenience if you wish to bring your own lunch, snacks, and sodas.

The bathroom is located across the hall from the barn lounge area.

## **Inclement weather:**

All activities will be under cover inside the barn and lounge area at MorningStar Farm - the workshop will take place rain or shine.

## **Can I really learn to do this?**

Hoof trimming isn't rocket science. Performing a basic trim on healthy, well-maintained hoofs is within the capabilities of virtually everyone with a desire to learn, the proper tools, some horse-handling skills, and a cooperative equine partner.

Some physical stamina and strength is helpful, but many a determined trimmer has used innovative tools and techniques to overcome physical barriers such as arthritis, back problems, and limited mobility.

A motivated owner can often provide higher quality hoof care than a professional who only sees the horse every 4-6 weeks. An owner can tweak and fine-tune a horse's hoofs through day-to-day observation, attention to detail, and knowledge of every quirk under saddle and over varying terrain.

There's quite a difference between having the satisfying ability to tidy up the hoofs of one or two personal horses any time you please, and the demands of having to safely deal with many horses with a range of temperaments, performance and rehabilitation goals, and current and future problems to consider. You can learn the basics in a day, and then spend the rest of your life broadening your experience, deepening your understanding of anatomy and biomechanics, mastering new tools and techniques, and keeping up-to-date with advances in research and diagnostic tools. Welcome to the journey!

# Workshop Location - MorningStar Farm

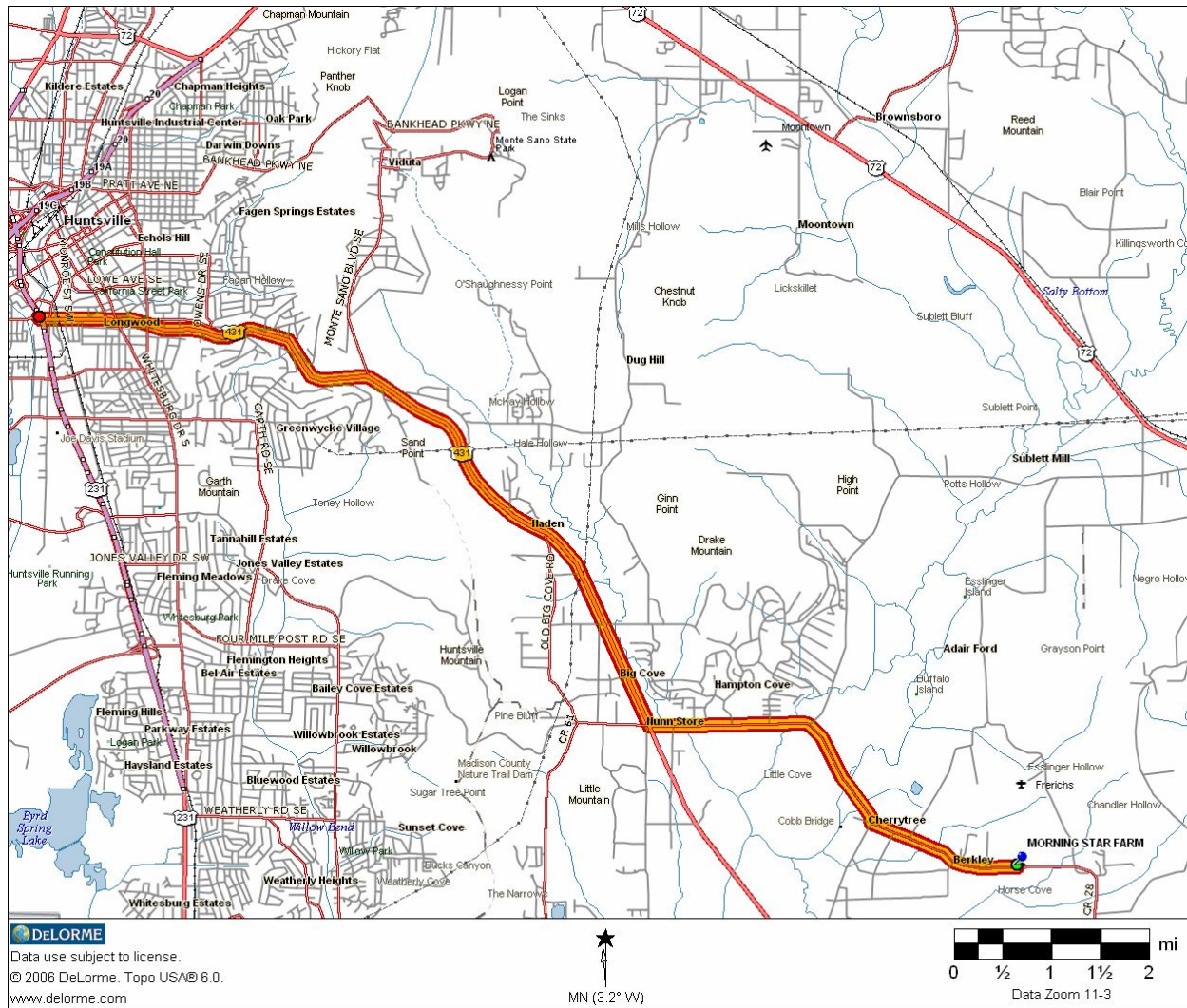


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# Recommended Hoof Trimming Tools



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Please note: the list below is for your convenience. The only tools required for participation in the workshop are a hoof rasp and rasp handle. You may bring those items with you, and they will also be available for purchase at the workshop.

## Supplier Webpages

[www.nctoolco.com](http://www.nctoolco.com)  
[www.star-ridge.com](http://www.star-ridge.com)  
[www.jeffersequine.com](http://www.jeffersequine.com)  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

Item	Manufacturer	Description	Price	Supplier
Hoof Stand	Equine Innovations	Standard Hoofjack hoof stand	\$185.00	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>
Hoof Rasp	Heller	Legend 14"	\$22.50	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>
Hoof Rasp	Wood-Miller	Super Sharp 14"	\$15.95	<a href="http://www.jeffersequine.com">www.jeffersequine.com</a>
Rasp Handle	Nordic Forge	Twist-on Rasp Handle	\$3.95	<a href="http://www.jeffersequine.com">www.jeffersequine.com</a>
Farriers Apron	C&M	Cordura Apron with suede patches and safety breakaway snaps	\$112.00	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>
Hoof Knives	Friedr. Dick Company	Gripmaster style, left and right handed	\$31.95	<a href="http://www.star-ridge.com">www.star-ridge.com</a>
Sharpening Steel	Istor	4" sharpening steel	\$14.95	<a href="http://www.star-ridge.com">www.star-ridge.com</a>
Crook Sharpener	Friedr. Dick Company	Pocket crook sharpener	\$11.95	<a href="http://www.star-ridge.com">www.star-ridge.com</a>
Hoof Nippers	GE	15" Hoof Nippers	\$201.00	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>
Mini Half Round Nippers	Oriental Touch	Bonsai Knob Cutters (set of two)	\$29.99	<a href="http://www.amazon.com">www.amazon.com</a>
Crease Nail Puller	Lopez	Crease Nail Puller	\$86.00	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>

<b>Item</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Supplier</b>
Magnet	--	3" round magnet (extra magnet for Hoofjack)	\$7.50	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>
Nipper Spring	W-Brand	Nipper Spring	\$9.99	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>
Rasp Grip	Thera-Flex	Hand Saver Rasp Covers	\$5.65	<a href="http://www.nctoolco.com">www.nctoolco.com</a>