



Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

Check out our website at www.cthorsecouncil.org

2023 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership and to all our new members. We are a non- profit volunteer legislative advocacy group representing all horse interests in CT.

We monitor all issues that have an impact on the horse industry. The Connecticut Horse Council is member supported by individuals and organizations representing every facet of the horse industry including owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed organizations, horsemen's associations, commercial suppliers and town horse councils. CHC represents equestrian interest with representation on the **Connecticut Greenways Council** and the **Connecticut Equine Advisory Council**. We provide information on Legislation, Road Safety, Trails, Zoning, Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness and produce educational brochures for the public. We are an affiliate of the **American Horse Council**, whose primary concern is to oversee federal legislation, including taxes, which affect the horse industry.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 26-30 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters.

We look forward to helping our communities in all aspects of horse life, education and care. Support your state organization, get up to date information on legislation, policies and more.

The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow! See pages 231-32 for an application. *If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.*

Hope to see you all at our CT Horse Council Booth at the Equine Affair! November 9-12, 2023. You can support us with your 2024 membership at our booth!

Your CHC Representation around the state...

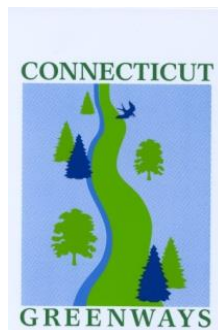
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CT Horse Council is Part of iGive



Want to help out the CT Horse Council? We are a part of [igive.com](https://www.igive.com). Just go to [igive.com](https://www.igive.com). Choose CT Horse Council as your cause. Use the iGive Button at over 1,700 online stores. CT Horse Council will get money – free! Please help whenever you can! Thanks in advance!

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CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Connecticut Equine Advisory Council was established on May 22, 2007 by **Public Act 07-42** to assist the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with issues related to the preservation of equine trails in the state.

Membership: The council consists of the president of the Connecticut Horse Council and five representatives from organizations that serve the horse industry within each congressional district statewide in addition to one member of the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the **Multi Use Trail Surface Study** and the **CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Trail User Study** can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> under "Links" and on our CHC website. These studies can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

The EAC will meet at the [Connecticut Forest & Park Association](#), 16 Meriden Road, in Rockfall, CT from 6:30-8 PM on the following Thursdays: March 24th, June 16th, **September 15th**, and December 15th. The public is welcomed. Zoom or Conference calls are available.

Please contact Diane Ciano for current updates or changes for 2023 meetings

CT Horse Council President – Diane Ciano 2023 (*Appointed 2009*)

1st Congressional District – Meg Sautter (*Appointed 2008*)

2nd Congressional District – Ruth Strontzer (*Appointed 2019*)

3rd Congressional District – Danielle Borelli (*Appointed 2020*)

4th Congressional District – Vevette Greenberg (*Appointed 2021*)

5th Congressional District – Denise Ciano (*waiting on appointment*)

DEEP Liaison – Kimberly Bradley

CT Forest & Park Association – (*waiting on appointment*)

*****Note: At our September meeting, we will have on our agenda the results of the SCORP Surveys and how the horse community can go forward with our goals – See page 8**

Your CHC Representation around the state...

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting in the coordination of state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in voluntarily planning and implementing a system of greenways; providing assistance to state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; advising DEEP on selection of CT Recreational Trails Program grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. Many Council members have had direct experience with trail and greenway development, and they can provide valuable insight into the development of successful local and regional projects.

Council Members

Lois Bruinooge - Executive Director, The Last Green Valley

Paula Burton - New England Mountain Biking Association

Stacey Stearns - CT Horse Council & Water Trails

Robert Dickinson - South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways; Bike Walk CT

R.Bruce Donald (Chair) - Tri-State Coordinator, East Coast Greenway

Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.

Gillian Carroll - Eversource Energy

William D. O'Neill - East Coast Greenways Alliance (former Chair)

Rista Malanca - (Vice Chair) Naugatuck River Greenway

Cathy Hagadorn - CT Audubon Society, Deer Pond Farm Director

Gwen Marrion - (Secretary) Bolton Trails Committee

Brian Wilson (DEEP Liaison) - Ex-Officio Member

Anna Bergeron, DOT Planning Division - Ex-Officio Member

What's a greenway?

A greenway is a corridor of open space that may protect natural resources, preserve scenic landscapes and historical resources or offer opportunities for recreation or nonmotorized transportation. A greenway may also connect existing protected areas and provide access to the outdoors; may be located along a defining natural feature, such as a waterway; along a man-made corridor, including an unused right-of-way, traditional trail routes or historic barge canals; or may be a greenspace along a highway or around a village.

Greenways in Connecticut cover thousands of acres throughout every county in the state and may include paved or unpaved trail systems, ridgelines, or linked parcels of open space. Many other communities around Connecticut have chosen, through greenway designation, to recognize the importance of river corridors for natural resource protection, recreational opportunities, and scenic values. The [CT Greenways Council webpage](#) contains details on how to propose designations, get assistance, and view a map of our State Greenways.



Your purchase of a Connecticut Greenways license plate will make a difference! These plates both raise the public awareness of the importance of our greenways AND provide funding for state and local efforts to preserve, restore and protect our greenways. Greenway systems offer an exciting opportunity to reestablish connections between the State's natural and cultural resource base and its people. It has been said that greenways connect the places we live to the places we love.

[Greenways License Plate Applications](#)

The CT Greenways Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meets at **9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday** of each month (*except August, and December*) virtually and/or at the offices of VHB, Inc. located at 100 Great Meadow Road Suite 200, in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Contact Kimberly Bradley, DEEP Trails and Greenways Coordinator, to be added to the meeting announcement distribution list at kimberly.bradley@ct.gov.

The Connecticut Horse Council is looking for someone to replace Stacey Stearns as an equestrian representative on The GREENWAYS Council.

If you would like more information on representing the equestrian community to be on this State Council please contact Diane Ciano 203.910.9919

2023 GREENWAYS AWARDS

The Reddington Rock Riding Club has been committed to doing trail maintenance and creation of trails in Shenipsit State Forest and beyond for many decades. The trail work is meant for everyone to enjoy but especially equestrians. RRRC members have donated hundreds of hours to maintaining the trails in the Northeastern corner of our state and through partnerships with land management entities such as the Northern CT Land Trust, the towns of Somers and Stafford, and CT DEEP, and will continue to do so for years to come.

The CT Greenways Council recognized this organization for their work at their annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 2, 2023 held at Hammonasset Beach State Park.



L to R: Brie Messier, Arlene Doherty, Susan Taricani, Monty Moses, Annie Moses, and Kimberly Bradley, CT Trails and Greenways Program Coordinator, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation / Division of State Parks and Public Outreach Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Plan (SCORP)



Several surveys were sent out to various user groups and individuals to target as many people as possible. The surveys provided the opportunity for individuals with various outdoor recreation interests to express their views and to help shape the future of outdoor recreation in our state *Thank you to all equestrians that participated in the Avid Outdoor Enthusiast Survey!*

CHC members Diane Ciano and Ann Moses were on the Advisory committee and represented the horse community in their comments to several of the surveys. Top needs of the horse community were trailer parking to access to our state parks & forests, more camping areas for equestrians, better maintained trails, signage, etc.

The goals of the SCORP:

Goal 1: Provide equitable & sustainable access to outdoor recreation in Connecticut.

Goal 2: Protect, conserve, and manage Connecticut's natural, cultural, and historical resources as they support outdoor recreation.

Goal 3: Enhance visitor experiences with clean, safe, well-maintained outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Goal 4: Foster awareness and relevancy of the benefits of participation in outdoor recreation, while promoting the significance of historical, cultural, and natural areas.

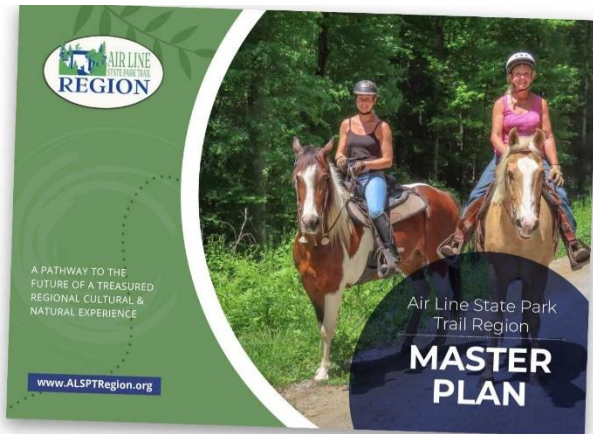
A few of the results of the surveys:

Out of 51 activities of outdoor recreation activities:

- Horseback riding came in 6th out of 5,210 responses at 4%
- Horse camping came in 17 out of 5,108 responses at 1.6%
- 2,031 responses to questions regarding if people's needs were not completely met in trail related issues:
 1. Limited/Lack of Access – generally or legally
 2. Trail Related Issues – need more, limited access, damaged, etc.
 3. Land Issues – need more for hunting, biking, and other activities
 4. Maintenance Issues – vandalism, poor upkeep, dirty facilities, etc.
 5. Limited/Lack of time

For more details of the results of the surveys, please contact Diane Ciano

The Air Line State Park Region Master Plan Availability and ALSPT Region Website - Funded by CT DEEP Rec Trails Grant



As the twelve towns and the CTDEEP look toward the future for the Air Line State Park Trail, the trail experience is inspired by its history as a railroad. The name of the rail line and the trail is derived from drawing a straight line through the air between Boston and New York City, hence Air Line Railroad or Air Line Trail. Similar to the effort to build out this multi-use trail, the rail line construction from the 1840s to the 1870s involved challenging terrain, bridges, voluminous cuts and fills to ensure a flat grade for a train's journey from Boston to New York City.



The Air Line State Park Trail is an ongoing linear infrastructure project that began when the State of Connecticut took ownership of it in 1969. As a multi-use rail trail and linear state park and as segments have been completed over time, the trail has been described in the various sections shown at right. Within each of these trail sections, trail bed conditions vary from passable for hikers or horseback riders, compacted stone dust for multiple uses included bicyclists with hybrid tires and bicyclists with aggressive tread tires for mountain biking. There are sections near the more urbanized center of Windham that are paved and the newest addition in East Hampton will be a boardwalk carrying trail users over a significant gap in the trail, a drainage area designated as

wetlands by the Army Corps of Engineers. There are incomplete sections extending from the current terminus in Portland to the Arrigoni bridge and a section between Pomfret and Thompson travelling through Putnam's commercial center, which is another more urbanized section of the trail.

The **Air Line State Park Region Master Plan** can be found both on the CTC&D website [AirLine State Park Trail - Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development \(ctrco.org\)](http://AirLineStateParkTrail-ConnecticutResourceConservationandDevelopment(ctrco.org)) and the www.ALSPTRegion.org website

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Join in on the fun with the CT Trail Rides Association. Their annual Pasta Fund raiser is a great way to meet the members and visit their camp. This organization has lots of members only rides scheduled throughout the year! Check out their Facebook post.



CONNECTICUT TRAIL RIDES ASSOC.

ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER FUND RAISER



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 5:30 PM
CTRA Camp Boardman, 81 Eli Bunker Road, Goshen CT

- Hosted by: Meg Sautter, Vevette Greenerg, Denise Ciano, and Chris Mard
It is requested that you RSVP by Saturday, August 26, 2023

Menu—Pasta, sausage, meatballs, bread and salad
 They need a head count to purchase enough food for the event.

RSVP To: Chris Mard at 203-215-1836 or email her at: hayburner09@gmail.com
 Desserts donations are requested. If you are able to bring one please leave the information with Chris when you RSVP.

Members and Guests are welcome!

COST

Adults \$15.00 - Kids 6 to 12 Yrs. \$10.00 - Kids 5 yrs. and under FREE
 Make checks payable to CTRA - Pay at the door or mail to:
 CTRA Treasurer, Ruth Strontzer, 117 Filley Rd, Haddam, CT 06438

There will be a 50/50 RAFFLE!

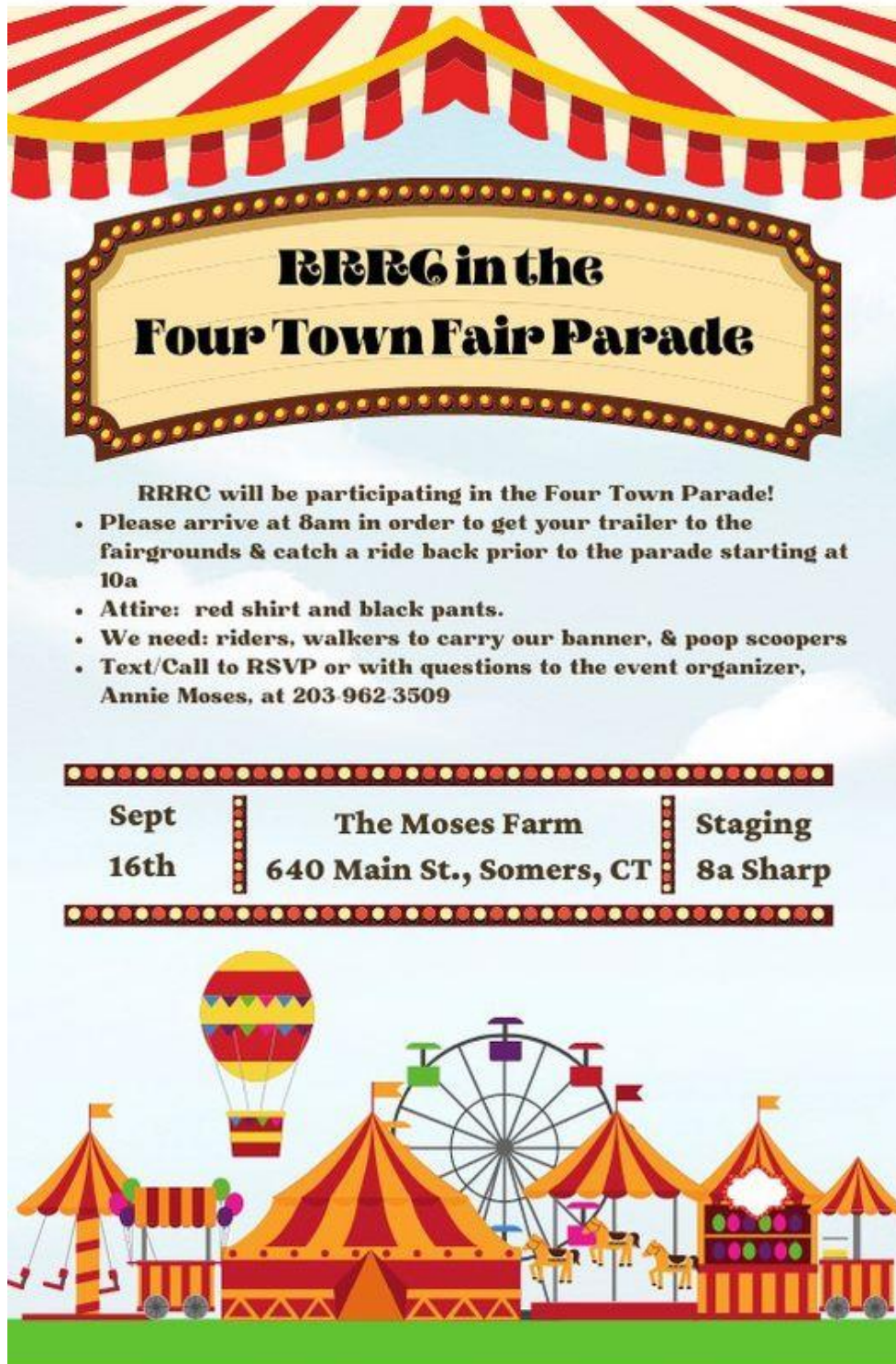
NOTE— A General Membership Meeting will follow the Supper at 7:00 PM.



This is a fund raiser to help defray some of the cost of the Annual Meeting and Fall Banquet held in November. If you have not made the Pasta Supper in the past please mark it on the calendar. It's an enjoyable time, with some great food and good company.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Reddington Rock Riding Club has great events taking place this fall. Join them on the Four Town Fair Parade! A fun Day is scheduled for 9/30, Spaghetti Fundraiser on 10/ 21 and A community Event Halloween Walk through camp on 10/28. Visit their Facebook page for more!!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023



Ride for OPEN SPACE

September 16, 2023
www.wyndhamlandtrust.org/ride-for-open-space/

Registration is now open through September 13th
 Download the registration form or register on line

Register early to reserve your spot for a beautiful day riding through the Wyndham Land Trust preserves. Land that can be enjoyed by all, in perpetuity. One hundred percent of the registration fee goes directly to the Wyndham Land Trust to further their mission to preserve open space in Windham County.

QUESTIONS:

Email Penny Foisey, pfoisey@gmail.com

TO REGISTER:

Mail completed forms, including proof of Coggins & Rabies with a check payable to The Wyndham Land Trust, to:

Sue Jackson
 Ride Secretary
 92 Orchard Hill Road
 Pomfret Center, CT 06259

- A \$75 registration fee is due per registration and includes lunch provided by The Rolling Tomato.
- The Ride for Open Space location: 65 Cabbage Hill Rd, Woodstock, CT.
- The Ride is held rain or shine. Ride Day Earliest arrival is 8:00 am.
- Riders start the course between 8:30 am and 10:30 am.
- Riders must provide current equine Coggins and Rabies documentation.
- Helmets (ASTM/SEI approved) are mandatory for all riders.
- Heels are mandatory for all riders.
- Riders 17 years of age and under must ride with an adult.
- Lunch is served Noon to 2 pm.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 AT 10 AM

Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club (LCRVHC)

Progressive Ride 351 Chittenden Hill Road, Westbrook. CT

Member only ride with stops at 3 barns with entertainment and surprises. (The hosts are keeping mum). 6 to 8 mile walk/trot ride. Coffee and light breakfast items will be available prior to the ride. Bring a tailgate lunch for after the ride. RSVP to LCRVHC.ORG@GMAIL.COM or Liz Kennedy by 9-13-23 so our hosts can get a headcount.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 9 AM

Jump Repair & Trail Maintenance



Event by [Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club](#), [Melissa Evarts](#) and [Elizabeth Dmytryck Kennedy](#)

131 Pritchett Drive, Westbrook, CT 06498

Public - Anyone on or off Facebook The Bridle Path Conservancy and Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club are in need of volunteers and tractors to help repair 2 jumps used for our Hunter Pace and adding a track path with rocks on the bottom and process on top.

Volunteers should have gloves, bug repellent, landscape rakes and shovels.

RSVP to LCRVHC.ORG@GMAIL.COM or Peg Lupone at 860-227-4464

Bad weather date to be determined.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th 2023

The Granby Horse Council



This organization holds rides, parade and drill team practices. They also support education and charitable causes in the community.

The Granby Horse Council meetings and programs are open to the public. Membership is not required to attend. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of the educational and/or entertaining programs which precede or follow each meeting. Meetings are held the third Wed. of each month at various locations. Check out their Facebook pages and website for more information: <http://granbyhorsecouncilct.com>.

They will be at Angel Horses Inc. on Granby Open Farm Day - September 16, 2023 - to share how they promote the value of horses to individuals and the community. Their exhibit will provide examples of programs about equine care and disciplines. They will also be happy to talk about and answer any of your questions about their activities, such as the parade team, trail rides, and de-spooking sessions! For more information on Granby Open Farm Day, visit granbyag.org.

GRANBY OPEN FARM DAY WITH... GRANBY'S AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Granby Horse Council








-STATIONED AT ANGEL HORSES INC.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH (Rain date - 17th)

Berlin Fair Carriage Driving Demonstrations 10:30 - 1:30

The Connecticut Valley Driving Club will have demos on everything "driving" from grooming and harnessing to showing differences between various breeds and vehicles to include cones and obstacle driving

Email 3winds@comcast.net for more info.



CONNECTICUT VALLEY DRIVING CLUB

The Connecticut Valley Driving Club, Inc. (CVDC) is formed to promote the enjoyment of all aspects of carriage and sleigh driving by providing historical context, offering educational and sporting opportunities, and encouraging safety.

October 14 - Blessing of the Mounts - Hammonasset State Beach with Lower CT River Valley Horsemen's Club

Sunday, October 8th, 2023



Fall Festival Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 8, 2023



Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest

Starts from 98 Stevenstown Road, Deep River, CT

Entry forms & info at www.lcrvhc.org

Additional info: lcrvhc.org@gmail.com or 203-915-3622

Please have complete entry and fee to manager
by October 5. It is so much easier on our volunteers.

Sunday, October 15th, 2023 - Pomfret Horse & Trail Association



Fall Foliage Ride

Sunday, October 15, 2023
TYRONE FARM
Pomfret, Connecticut

*Experience the beauty of the fall foliage
in the Quiet Corner of Connecticut!*

REGISTRATION FEES

Adults	\$65
Members	\$55
Juniors	\$20

Cost includes lunch

- Ride held Rain or Shine!
- Limited to **100** riders
- Registration opens at 8 am
- Ride out from 8:30 to 11 am
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Registration fees are not refundable
- Registration deadline: **Tuesday, October 10**

PLEASE NOTE:

In order to register and be added to the list of riders, you must submit payment and proof of **CURRENT** Coggins and rabies **BEFORE** the registration deadline of October 10. You may use *PayPal* when you register online or mail us a *check*. Thank you for helping us make the registration process seamless and easier on everyone!



For ride information email
Margie Huoppi at mhuoppi@att.net
or visit
pomfrehorseandtrail.com

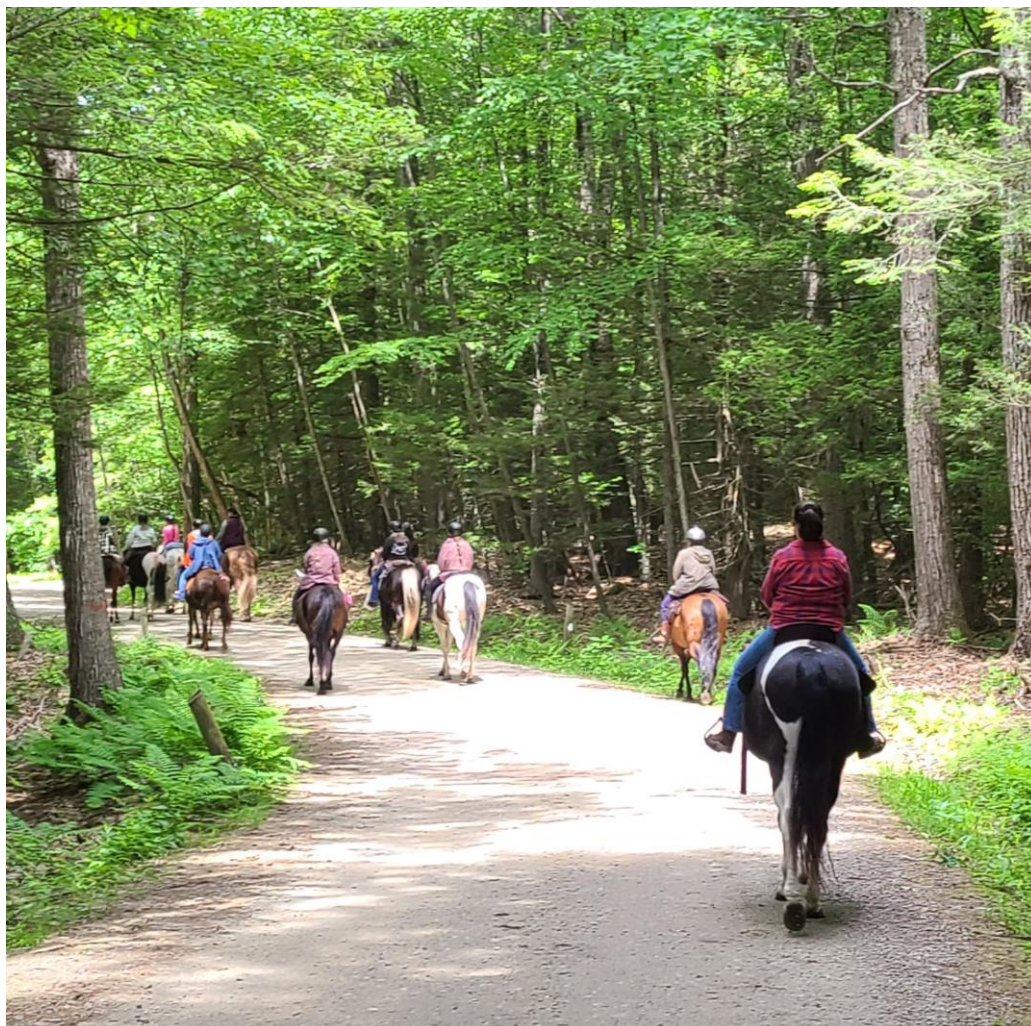


POMFRET HORSE & TRAIL ASSOCIATION

EVENTS GONE BY

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY EVENTS

The Reddington Rock riding club held a Pancake Breakfast to start the day, Blessing of the mounts and a trial ride





The Bridle Path Conservancy hosted a Trails Day Event at Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest.

The trail maintenance event consisted of replacing rotten planks at 2 pedestrian bridges (built by BPC & Lower CT River Valley Horsemen's Club), replacing/updating trail markers, clipping/trimming trails.

They also had a formal dedication of the multi-use bridge built by the groups and volunteers last year.



The Lower CT River Valley Horsemen's Club Celebrated 60 Years in July !

The Connecticut Trail Rides Association hosted a National Trails Day ride in Natchaug State Forest on Sunday, June 4th led by Vevette Greenberg. Camping was available for the weekend at the Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp.

No Child Left Inside

Meg Sautter attended the No Child Left Inside at the Stratton Brook Park in Simsbury hosted by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)



Horse Owner's Corner- Timely Tips – Disaster Preparedness for Horse Owners

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, UConn Equine Extension Specialist and CHC Education Chair

When it comes to disasters, a lot of us think about wildfires. However, we also picture catastrophic flooding. Flooding is actually the most common type of natural disaster. About 40% of all natural disasters worldwide involve flooding. According to National Flood Insurance, in a 30-year mortgage, a home has a 26% chance of being damaged by flood vs. a 9% chance of being damaged by fire. Flooding is a year-round threat. River flooding is the most common type of flood in the United States. Flash flooding is the leading cause of weather-related deaths per year, causing approximately 200 human deaths per year and an unknown number of horse-related deaths or injuries. The leading cause of death in large animals during Hurricane Andrew in 1992 included animals killed in collapsed barns, electrocution, kidney failure secondary to dehydration and animals hit and killed on roadways or tangled in barbed wire after escaping from their pasture. Hurricanes, and tornadoes as well as snowmelt and thunderstorms can contribute to flooding.

Disaster preparedness involves reflecting on hazards that threaten your family's safety and that of your animals and developing a plan on how to prepare for these hazards. There are 4 phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Mitigation is preventing future emergencies or minimizing their effects. Preparedness is preparing to handle an emergency. Response is responding safely to an emergency. Recovery is recovering from an emergency.

The foundation of emergency management is personal responsibilities. That is the familiarity with the potential for disaster in your community and the creation of your own emergency plan to care for your animals. The next step is local government responsibilities which include emergency response planning, response, and assessment to protect your community. You can think here of the text messages you get notifying you of the hazards present in your community such as a severe thunderstorm or your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). State government responsibilities include protection from statewide disasters, provision of financial assistance to underfunded communities, and review of local emergency plans. You can think here of the Statewide Animal Response Teams (SART). Federal government responsibilities are at the top of the pyramid and include protection from and declaration of national disasters, provision of financial assistance if needed and coordination of disasters through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Flooding results when heavy or continuous rainfall exceeds the absorptive capacity of soil and the flow capacity of rivers, streams, and coastal areas causing the watercourse to overflow its banks onto adjacent lands. There are two types of floods – slow rising floods and fast rising floods. Slow rising floods move down a river or stream and can be predicted to reach a certain height. Fast rising floods are flash floods that usually result due to extreme heavy rain, melting snow, dam failure or levy failure and occur suddenly.

Things to consider in the short term are:

- U You may not have much time to react, so you need to have a plan in place.
- U You should have a disaster kit on hand in case of emergency.
- U You should know how you will evacuate your horse, and have a trailer ready or one you can borrow if needed.
- U You should have a way to identify your horse in case you get separated.

Here is what you should have in your disaster kit:

- U Feed – at least a week's supply in airtight, waterproof container, rotate feed every 3 months
- U Extra feeding bucket for each horse
- U One week of water for each horse, can use 50-gallon barrels, store in a cool, dark location

- U Extra water bucket for each horse
- U One week's supply of shavings/straw
- U Extra pitchfork
- U Extra wheelbarrow/muck bucket
- U First aid kit
- U Grooming supplies including shampoo, sweat scraper, etc.
- U Antibacterial soap
- U Antibiotic ointment
- U Sterile gauze sponges & pads
- U 2 to 4 disposable diapers or wrapped sanitary napkins
- U Bandages – Ace, 2 ½" gauze bandage roll, leg bandages
- U Adhesive tape – 1" and 2" rolls
- U 2-4 quilted or padded wraps
- U Household scissors and/or knife
- U Tweezers
- U Ice bags or chemical ice pack
- U Rubbing alcohol
- U Veterinary or human rectal thermometer
- U Lubricant
- U Stethoscope

As mentioned, you should also have ways to identify your horse. Consider these options.

Use a livestock crayon to write your name, phone number and address on the horse. Use clippers to shave your name, address, phone number into the horse's coat. Braid an identification tag with your name, address and phone number into your horse's mane. Have at least 10 recent photos of your horse including some with you in it – keep them in sealable plastic baggies in your disaster kit with other important documents, medications and insurance papers. Keep a copy of the Bill of Sale for your horse or other documentation that can prove ownership with your disaster supplies. Have your horse microchipped. Have your horse branded. Have your horse tattooed.

There are also some long-term considerations. You need to know what you will do if you cannot return to your home/property. You need to have a place that you can stay for a while until you can return to your home/property. You should have a way of identifying your animals in case you need to set them free (worst case scenario) or reclaim them from a shelter. You should write on a piece of paper the name, address, phone number of your regular veterinarian, and keep it with your other important documents for your horse since you may not have access to a cell phone or charger. Locate a mobile equine veterinarian you can use in event of a disaster if you don't already have one in case your horse is too injured to be moved for treatment. Write out a release form authorizing another party to give medical treatment for your injured or sick horse, and keep it on file with your regular vet and an alternate vet. Give a copy to your neighbor or who will take of your horse if you are away.

By being prepared for a disaster, you will keep your horse and yourself safe and hopefully save money as well on any bills that may arise from serious issues. I hope that you have fun with your horse this summer. Stay safe! Please call (860) 486-4471 or email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if you have any questions. Also, check out my web site

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/extensionIndex.php> for more information on upcoming horse specialist events and other information. Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

Sources and Resources

1. National Flood Insurance. Nationwide Flood Facts: Learn About Flooding in Every Region. <https://nationalfloodinsurance.org/flood-facts/> Accessed 6/2/23.
2. Disaster Planning for Horse Farms. <https://aaep.org/horsehealth/disaster-planning-horse-farms>
3. Federal Emergency Management Agency <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/index.shtm>
4. FEMA Independent Study Courses <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

Upcoming Meetings:

Do you know that there are only 11 horse organizations left in Connecticut? We once prided ourselves as having the largest number of horses in the country per capital!

Equestrians are leaving the state, the youth has not come up to take over our aging volunteers – times have changed

We need to come together as a community more than ever

We invite a representative from each organization below to discuss the ways we can outreach into the horse community as well as the non-horse people.

Recently there was a dog attack on a horse at Machimoodus! There have been many others throughout the years. Will there come a time that DEEP and other land management entities decide not to have horses on the same trail?

What can the equestrian community do as a community service to promote multiple use trail, provide education to other trail users and what can we do to protect our horses when a dog attack happens.

You invited to our upcoming meetings where this will be discussed and how we can go forward in educating the non-horse public as well as DEEP and our Animal Control officers.

CT Horse Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 2nd - 7:30 pm

Eversource building - 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT

CT Equine Advisory Meeting: Thursday, September 21st – 6:00pm

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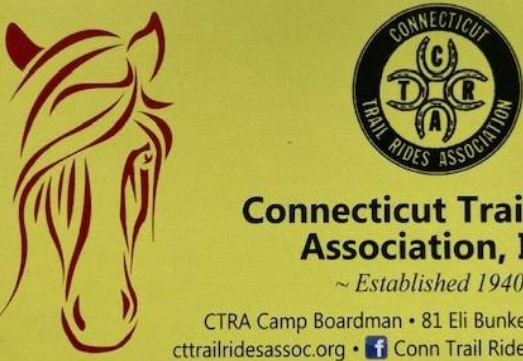
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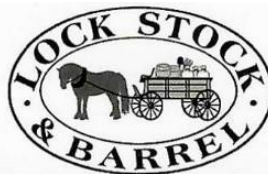
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