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50 Years - Pieces from the Past

This is part of the article that Ed Whalley wrote. *From the May/June 1986 Bugle*

MDC Acquires Ware River Watershed:
Trails & Recreational Use of Quabbin &
Ware River Disclosed.

The draft proposals ran to over 20 pages, the bulk of which centered on the Quabbin itself, so I brought up the matter of a perimeter trail around the watershed since the 115 sq. mile holding effectively thwarts the development of any real statewide trail system. The probe produced the horrified response that such a trail would be well over 100 miles long. My reply was that this was the problem precisely and that such a trail would make "one hell of a rotary" for a real statewide system. The MDC suffers from all the classic symptoms of the old PCM&M syndrome (Planning, Construction, Maintenance & Management), and this is reflected in the report itself—the work of eight individuals, each with a proprietary interest. Our big job is to convince them that we don't want to cross through the property, just somehow get around it. I don't care if I even see the reservoir. As far as I am concerned, they could even fence off the trail from the rest of the reservation and give us 16 feet next to Routes 9, 202, 122, 32A and 2 which seem to be the effective boundaries. This would leave the managers in complete control of all that they seem to hold dear and it would give us a start on connect-

ing trails to many DEM holdings north of Rte. 2.

Between the DOT & MDC the means of creating such a "Perimeter Path" should pose no great difficulty.

I am gonna wind this up by relating the perimeter trail concept to the official guidelines laid down by the report to assess the appropriateness of any proposal for recreational activities. There are ten such guidelines:

1. A perimeter trail would have zero impact on water quality.
2. It would not impact on wildlife, other natural resources, cultural, scientific or scenic values on the reservation any more than the existing perimeter road-net.
3. It would in no way affect the "semi-wilderness" character and quietude of the reservation, and, in fact, might even enhance them.
4. I consider trail use a passive form of recreation not requiring a great deal of "management & control" particularly if fenced off from the reservation proper.
5. Why worry if there are "alternative sites" that might be used if the trail is fenced?
6. There would be no "public safety" con-

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- siderations for the MDC to worry about.
7. The potential effects on abutters and local towns should be positive both in terms of diffusing possible problems and in providing slight economic opportunities.
 8. The Trail would be an excellent candidate for National Recreational Trail status and would enhance statewide trail opportunities.
 9. Fluctuating water levels would not affect the trail in the least.
 10. The public benefits stemming from trails development are not only substantial but urgently needed in the face of compressive development. See the last SCORP report.



Lea MacInnis Memorial Ride 1985. Angie & Bill Knott mounted. Sharon Laferriere on the ground.

Volunteers Needed

LIVELARK ACRES RIDE May 21st

We are looking for people to help with the following: parking, road crossers, registration table, and desserts for this ride in Thompson, CT. If you can help please contact Becky at bstra@charter.net or 508-476-3960.

UNICORN RIDE June 4th

This ride will be out of Myles Standish State Forest in Carver, MA. Volunteers needed for parking, registration table, timer, and scoring. If you can help please contact Becky at bstra@charter.net or 508-476-3960.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY June 11th

Looking to get volunteers on the book for this ride. It's a huge ride and it will need a lot of volunteers. Looking for people to help with marking the route, parking, registration table, raffle ticket sales, pictures/video, clean up, and taking down the trail markers. This event is in Douglas, MA. If you can help please contact Becky at bstra@charter.net or 508-476-3960.

Correction

I left Valerie Clark's name off the Trails Committee in the last *Bugle*, so rest assured, she is still on the committee! My mistake and I can tell you it probably won't be my last!

Upcoming Trail Work Days

May 6th Trail Work Day

Hodges Village Dam, Oxford, MA

Parking location: End of Rocky Hill Road, Oxford.

Time: check in 8:30. Working 9am to 1pm

Objective: cutting and brushing back trails and moving debris off the trail into the woods.

Please wear appropriate clothing like long pants, heavy duty sturdy work boots and wear work gloves. Ticks are already out this year, so use your tick spray.

Water will be available and lunch will be provided for our volunteers.

If you can join us on this work day, please register via our website (www.bstra.org) or on PointApp.org. Or you can contact Becky at bstra@charter.net so BSTRa has a head count and can plan accordingly.

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Livelark Acres Pleasure Ride Thompson CT



Check in time: 10am Ride out: 10:30am

Length: 5 miles +/- , repeat for 10 miles +/- NEHT affiliated.

Location: Baker Road, Thompson, CT. From route 193S (coming from Massachusetts), take the sharp, hairpin left downhill onto East Thompson road, heading toward the Speedway. After about 1/2 mile, take the first paved right onto Alm Road. If you pass the Speedway, you've gone too far. Follow Alm Road to the end. Take a left onto Baker Road. There will be a BSTRa sign to direct you to the left turn into the field. For GPS use: 165 Baker Road Thompson, CT. That will get you close. Watch for signs!

If you're coming from the Douglas end of East Thompson Road, please swing wide when you are taking that left onto Alm Road so you don't have any issues with your trailer.

Registration fees: \$ 15 for BSTRa members, \$20 for non-members. Juniors (17 and under) ride and eat free.

BSTRa will provide drinks and desserts. Riders bring their own lunch.

*Ride Sponsored by
Kiefer Trailers*

For more information please contact Valerie at 508-864-8432 or Valerie.clark@snet.net
Make checks payable to BSTRa & mail to Becky Kalagher, 24 Glen Street, Douglas, MA 01516

Livelark Acres Pleasure Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
Coggins # and Date (with in a year)		
Are you a BSTRa Member?		

BSTRA Bits & Pieces



Membership Incentive Drawing: For those that don't know it, Cabot Cheese offers gift certificates each quarter for new members, renewing members, and

if someone joins that you referred-your name gets entered in the drawing too. With statistical analysis, we are doing 6 in the first quarter and 3 for the last four quarters.

Congratulations to the following winners in the first quarter: Barbara Crook, Deb Cary, Melissa/Ed/Giselle Hunter Ensor, Anna Maria Paul, Celeste Santos-Rivera (on her referral entry), and Jennifer and Harley Senn.

Ware River Watershed Public Access Plan

The WRWAC public meeting scheduled for April 20 has been postponed until May 18, 7:00 pm in the Rutland Public Library.

They have said DCR would not have updates to the draft of the Ware River Watershed public access plan ready for April 20. The updates are supposed to be a result of public comments received by Feb 28.

Castle Hill Northbridge Update

The Conservation Commission's April 5th meeting had further discussion on the conservation restriction.

This is what they decided on for horseback riding: Horseback riding will be allowed on the old Castle Hill Road that still has some pavement and extends into the 100-acre lot. There already is extensive invasive species along this section of the road. Trailering and offloading of horses is prohibited and no horses are allowed on other trails.

Someone from the first meeting brought up invasive species being spread from horse manure and who was going to clean it up. Very disappointing that they started with just adding the main road. If you are parked at 100-acre lot riding to Castle Hill it will just be an out and back proposition. Other trails could have been allowed and if there were issues, then scale it back. They put the cart before the horse on this one.

LeGrand Reynolds Horseman's Area

Great volunteer effort from at least a dozen friends stopping in for an informal clean up on April 8th at LeGrand Reynolds horseman's area. Bay State Trail Riders Association, Moswansicut Riding & Driving Club, L&G (Ladies & Gents), and Cross State Trail Ride Inc. were represented. We moved a lot of fallen limbs, lopped and hand sawed away at hanging trees and larger trees that were hard to move. The place already looks much improved! Well pump was totally tangled before we cleared it. Thanks to Jane Williams Rutledge, Joan Park-Ryan, Irene & Chris Watson, Becky Kalagher, Ed Nobrega, Jessica Giroux Morse and kids. Diane Sullivan Gryncewicz on a job well done. *By Phil Rutledge*



Before, if you look hard you can see pump.



After. Of course we are standing in front of the pump, but it's there and accessible

JUNE 4, 2023

Location: Location: Cranberry Rd.,
Myles Standish State Forest, Carver
MA

Time: Check in 9:00

Price: \$25 BSTRA members, \$30 Non-
members, \$15 Lunch only, Juniors 17
and under ride and eat free.

Mileage: 8+/- miles NEHT affiliat-
ed

Teams: up to three people.

What are you doing: People must take
pictures of numbered plaques 1-8 in
order to prove you did the 8 miles.
Also there will be some hidden Uni-
corn objects, that if found, could take
some time off of your final time.



UNICORN “RACE” RIDE

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Directions: Rt. 495 South. Take Exit 2 Carver, go left at end of ramp. Stay straight until a right on Cranberry Road. Turn right onto Cranberry Road. Take your left at detour sign just before park ranger station. Take your next left at Equestrian Parking sign (dirt road), cross over bike path (paved) and take next left.

For more information contact Carolyn at bigt_weeks@msn.com or 508-839-1902. Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to Carolyn Weeks, 110 Main Street, S. Grafton MA 01560

Unicorn “Race” Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider’s Name		
Horse’s Name		
Rider’s Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
Coggins # and Date (within a year)		
Are you a BSTRA Member?		
Optional Donation to Trail Account		

Park Serve Day & Celebrating Trails Day April 22 Sponsored by DuraBull Trailers

BSTRA held a trail workday on DCR's Douglas State Forest trails. We tackled "Chicken Wing" Trail that needed brushing back and some tree trimming. That trail is .3 of a mile long.

We had 16 people joining together to improve this trail and a cool cloudy day, the absolute best for working! We had Becky running the brush cutter and Cheryl running the battery-operated hedge trimmers, both very effective in cutting back the brush.

The rest of the crew was armed with hand saws, pruners, long handled loppers, and a pole saw to target the rest of the trail work. We put in a total of 46.42 hours. Using the Independent Sector value rate for volunteer work in MA (\$36.38) our volunteer work has a value of \$1,688.75 and lunch was \$160.97.

Thank you Angie for your great idea when ordering lunch, have them put that person's name on the order and thank you Valerie for chauffeuring my tired butt to

pick up lunch!

A huge shout out to the following that made a positive impact on our trail system: Darlene Falcone, Chris Di-Masi, Cheryl Fitzpatrick, Angie & Bill Knott, Becky Kalagher, Neil & Shirley Standring, Sue Perkins, Jessica & Janet Wornham, Sue Sanders, Valerie Clark, Barbara McCumber, Kelly Berthiaume, and Diane Sullivan. **BK**





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Submit completed form and collections by 11 am at the NTD Registration Table
or mail to Mary Wood, 40 Fairway Road, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664 to be received by June 8.

Name	Address	Contribution
		\$
TOTAL COLLECTED		\$

Businesses donating \$100 or more receive business sponsor benefits such as a free listing in business directory with a link to their website and free advertising dependent upon amount of contribution – please refer to and complete Sponsorship Form on reverse.

NTD RIDE JUNE 11, 2023 BUSINESS SPONSORS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Some things you should know regarding business sponsors are:

- * All donations are tax-deductible because BSTR is a section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and 100% of ALL donations are used for local trail programs.
- * BSTR has a sponsor rewards program to say thank you for donations of \$50 or more. It gives those sponsors various benefits.
- * Business sponsors donating \$99 or less are listed in our newsletter and NTD handout.
- * Business sponsors donating \$100 or more get one free business card sized ad in our newsletter in addition to being listed in Business Sponsor Directory on our website.
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Good News!

Dear Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.,

Thank you for your interest in the Two for the Trails Grant Program. This year we received 236 applications with requests totaling \$5.3 million! We are excited to inform you that you have been selected as a recipient of our Two for the Trails grant program for the amount of \$10,000.00 for your project "New Trail - Gates Lane". *(editor's note: this is for our BSTR A property project)* We thank you for your consideration and time in applying, and we look forward to helping make your project, improvements, and community impact come to life!

Our mission at Athletic Brewing is to positively impact the health and happiness of our customers, while greatly impacting their communities and environment for the better. Our Two for the Trails program is a cornerstone of that mission statement, and it was an element of our business plan from the beginning. Our Co-Founder, Bill, felt strongly that not only is access to the outdoors pivotal for health and mindfulness, but he was also cognizant that we only get one chance at this planet - and Athletic would do its part to maintain and improve it with every step we take as a business.

Athletic Brewing has donated 2% of all sales to our Two for the Trails program and we are excited to continue our pledge to positively impact our community by recently becoming B Corp certified. In 2022 we donated \$1.3M, and we hope this year to donate even more! We are committed to making the outdoors accessible and sustainable for all. Funds from this year support projects that range from urban playgrounds, to trail building and maintenance in the most remote programs, to waterway cleanups and environmental advocacy campaigns world-wide - we are excited to help wherever our communities need us.

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50th Anniversary Event.

Anyone that has any old BSTR A paraphernalia, we would love to borrow it to display at our Aug. 27th event. Do you know anyone that used to be a member of BSTR A ages ago? Ask them to get in touch with us, they might have some old pictures or certificates we would love to see and make copies of.

Park Serve Day Upton State Forest April 30 ***Sponsored by DuraBull Trailers***

How many people like to do trail work on a wet misty morning? Apparently 23.

Our annual Park Serve Day at Upton State Forest with the Friends of the Upton State Forest was rescheduled from the 23rd because of rain. We opted for a later start time of 10am to miss some morning showers.

We broke into two crews. One crew stayed at the headquarters building to rake and clean up the grounds. My crew headed to bridge #2, the 23' rebuilt bridge last fall.

Our goal was to install the geo-textile material, install the curb railing and spread the pea stone. Ray Longvall (new supervisor for Upton State Forest) brought the lumber for the curb railings, wheelbarrow, and battery operated skill saw.

Once we got the material laid out and secured, Bill Knot and Ray set to work on installing the curb railings. While they were doing that Denise Leonard & Deb Deschenes headed one way on the trail to do some trimming and Valeri Clark and myself headed the other way.

I happened to look into the woods and see this tire. Now, it's like we can't leave it there because we now know it's there. Head over to check it out. Obviously been there for quite a while. Try moving it, barely budes. Now it's a challenge. Have to dig out half of it and pull all the roots out of the inside that are anchoring it.

OK, making progress, I can move it some. Time to see if I can lift it up, Valerie gives me a hand. Yea, we get it up-right.

Now I roll it out onto the trail and start rolling it back to the "staging" area. Valerie says "gee I didn't think we walked this far down the trail". My thought exactly.

We finally get close to the trucks and lean it up against a tree. Figured the whole group can help get this loaded up after we are done.

Did I mention that this was a semi-truck tire that looking on line weighs on average at least 110 lbs!!

Back to the bridge. Curb railings are all done. Time to spread the pea stone. That didn't take long, raked it out and took the "job well done"

pictures.

Now we had to load that tire. We figured if we got it up on the wheelbarrow, we could then get it up into the truck bed. Two step process which worked pretty slick.

I hope that Ray didn't mind our boisterous attitude and the fun we had!

Oh, did I mention that we had to push Bill Knott's car out? We weren't 100% sure where to pull off on the side of Westboro Road to access the bridge. When we pulled off at the first spot (wasn't the right one) Bill's right front tire kind of sunk and he was stuck. The four girls to the rescue, pushed that car right out no problem.

Once we were all packed up we headed back to headquarters for lunch. Many thanks for the Friends of Upton State Forest for providing lunch and drinks. We also had a special cake commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Many thanks to all the volunteers. We had a mix of Friends of the Upton State Forest members, BSTRA members, and Upton Hoof Beats 4-H members.

These fine volunteers are Bill & Angie Knott, Russ Arnold, Becky Kalagher, Joyce Sandvik, Suzanne Nicholas, Bill Taylor, Deb Deschenes, Valerie Clark, Susan Barrows, Sara & Justin & Elizabeth & Julia Roussy, Ellen Arnold, Julie & Dylan & Ayla McCoskery, Karla & Suzie Barrows, Christina & Aeva Snyder, and Denise Leonard. All totaled we put in 46 hours. Using the Independent Sector value rate for volunteer work in MA (\$36.38) our volunteer work has a value of \$1,673.48

Thanks to Ray Longvall and Leah for joining us today. too. **BK**





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Additional pictures from Upton Park
Serve Day

Maenzo Memorial Ride Sponsored by David Maenzo

We changed the check in time for this ride back to 9am due to forecast of rain in the afternoon. Lucky us that we just had cloudy skies and it didn't start sprinkling until just about everyone was gone.

It must have been all the positive and happy energy that everyone had. First ride of the season, people we haven't seen since last year, and a great lunch coming up. New horses to meet and so much to catch up on. The place was positively glowing with laughter ringing out all over the place.

We had 48 riders join us on a 5.5 mile ride enjoying the DCR's Douglas State Forest. Darlene Falcone's friend was visiting from Florida and ended up riding with us on Ziggy. She couldn't get over all the people and fun we were having.

Jim & Kelly Shaw did a super job with lunch. Hamburgers (regular, turkey and vegetarian), hot dogs, and chips. Volunteers brought some really delicious desserts with plenty for seconds and thirds.



After lunch we drew door prizes, nine of them in fact. All the door prizes were donated by David Maenzo and

he certainly made nine people very happy. There were 4 blue bird houses and 6 bottles of all natural tick & insect repellent called I'm N.O.T. Gonna Get Ticked.

Our lucky door prize winners were Karen Parlin, Lynn Paresky, Sue Sanders, Deb Deschenes, Melissa Beagle, Kelly Berthiaume, Annamaria Paul, Angie Knott, Scarlet Gervais and Mallory Brosniham.



The last round of thanks go to all our volunteers that made this ride possible.

Marking the trails: Kamryn St Germain & Becky Kalagher

Parking: Bud Anderson, Chris DiMasi, & Sharron Cochran

Registration and food set up: Donna Michelson, Kelly Shaw, Rose Zariczny, and Deb Deschenes

Grill Master: Jim Shaw

Julie Downer helped where needed

Taking down markers: Ed Nobrega and Mary Wood

Parking lot clean up: Denise Leonard, Becky Kalagher, and Karen Parlin

Pictures: David Maenzo

How very blessed we were for such a wonderful day. **BK**

More ride pictures on the right!

Welcome New Members

Ann Marie Allaire, Blackstone MA
Corrine & Bob Frenier, Attleboro MA
Teresa Bullis, Cummington MA



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June 11, 2023

31st NTD Anniversary

Parking:

19 Southeast Main St.
Douglas, MA
Riding Douglas State Forest

Check in 9:30

Barbeque Lunch at noon

Awards & raffle follow

NEHT affiliated 8 miles

Registration Fees:

BSTRA members \$35

Non-members \$40

Juniors 17 and under free

Lunch only \$20

Pre-registration deadline

to get lunch: **JUNE 4th.**

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2. Ride and collect donations: help with this NTD fundraiser by collecting donations on your "NTD Sponsor Papers" (download at www.bstra.org under National Trails Day). With \$100 or more in contributions you can elect to have your registration fee refunded.
3. Collect donations without riding. Fill out form below if attending and check off collecting sponsors only. Go to www.bstra.org - National Trails Day for details.

BIG PRIZE PACKAGES awarded to five participants bringing in the highest amount of donations with their NTD Sponsor Papers. You do not need to ride to participate. (11am turn in time deadline day of the ride)

REGISTRATION: Please make check payable to BSTRA and mail with this form to: Becky Kalagher, 24 Glen St., Douglas MA 01516

Participant's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
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What are the BSTRA Year End Awards?

Continued from last month.

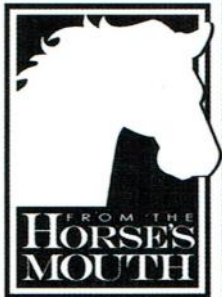
Lea MacInnis Memorial

The Lea MacInnis Memorial was established in 1985 and perpetuated by her parents, Doris and Angus Wilson. Lea was an active member of BSTRA until May of 1984. Lea suffered from aplastic anemia, a serious blood disorder, and as a child was not expected to survive her sixteenth birthday. All who knew Lea admired her obvious zest for life and her determined approach to tasks she considered worthwhile. The highest scoring BSTRA member at the annual Lea MacInnis Ride receives an award at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Banquet.

Volunteer Award Program

All members can participate in this program. There are many ways to volunteer: trail rides, trail work days (on any land that is open to public use), writing articles or attending meetings on behalf of equine interests, manning a booth for BSTRA. Volunteer work sheets are printed in The Bugle in the spring or are available from President Becky Kalagher or our web site. Each hour worked as a volunteer is worth 75 cents towards rewards determined by the awards committee. Adults must volunteer a minimum of four hours per year to qualify for year end awards.

And that wraps up our year end awards!



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A \$1 million Excess Personal Liability Insurance policy is an optional member benefit. Become an individual or family member of BSTRA and choose this valuable protection. Insurance Agent is Equisure. For details, please visit our website at www.bstra.org or email rzariczny@verizon.net

VOLUNTEER AWARD PROGRAM

In addition to BSTRA's Volunteerism Program, record your volunteer hours for BSTRA within 7 days at <https://rewardsvolunteer.coop> for chances to win rewards in cash or prizes for your volunteer contributions. Or you can use the direct link on our website to enter your volunteer hours. This secondary volunteer reward program is offered by Cabot Creamery.

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“The Adventures of BB, the Wonder Pony” is an illustrated, first chapter children’s book that will be enjoyed by readers of all ages. My Connemara Pony “BB” tells his life story in his own pony voice. BB talks about life as a foal, learning to be ridden, going to a variety of shows and having adventures with his big brother Cody. The illustrations are by a 12-year-old artist – really cute, on every few pages. You can contact me at sue.perry@charter.net to purchase a book, \$5.00 each plus shipping. You can also order the book on-line from Amazon at \$7.99.

Stall with attached individual turnout available in Thompson, CT. Small backyard farm with access to miles and miles of trails. Borders the CT State forest, providing linkage to both the MA and RI State trail systems. Prefer a co-op boarder but other levels of care can be arranged. Low price, varies depending on level of care chosen. Very important that the horse and human(s) be extremely low key and compatible with the others who share this space. Please contact Valerie Clark at 508 864-8432 or valerie.clark@snet.net. I

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Saddle for Sale: Australian Stock Company Saddle Sheepskin “Bareback” Saddle – sells new for \$1800 plus shipping. Despite the name “bareback”, this is really a tree less saddle. Colin Dangaard developed it and it evolved from a real bareback “pad” to a saddle. See it at <https://www.australiansaddleco.com/> This saddle can be used on any shape horse. The top is made with 1.25" Merino sheepskin, the underside is real wool felt. It's built with flex plates on either side of the spine to prevent pressure points. The rigging is very secure, western "D" with a tackaberry cinching system. The poleys (knee pads that are the Australian unique feature for keeping riders on a horses back) are solid leather. Comes with English leathers and Aussie safety stirrups. Weight 12 lbs!!! This saddle is in great shape and has been lightly used because the owner is a true bareback rider! Size is 15" aka for a smallish person. Sell for \$950. Contact Bob at 508-561-7281 or robert.hatch41@gmail.com

BSTRA board meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month. If you wish to attend one of our meetings, drop us an email and we will send you the meeting link.

Business Classifieds

Short Term/Vacation Boarding: Walking High Farm has two run in sheds with separate fencing available for your short term needs. Going on vacation? We can take care of your horse, or both if you have two of them. Please call Becky for details at 508-476-3960 or bstra@charter.net

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Date (raindate)	Event/Location/Sponsor	Contact	Phone #	email address
May 6	Trail Work Day, Oxford MA <i>Event Sponsored by JF Cove Insurance Agency</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 21*	Livelark Acres Ride, Thompson CT <i>Ride Sponsored by Kiefer Trailers</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 27-29	Memorial Day Campout, Carver MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
June 4*	Unicorn ride, Carver MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Equid Doc Veterinary Services</i>	Carolyn	508-320-0591	bigt_weeks@msn.com
June 11*	National Trails Day, Douglas MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Whitehorse Truck & Trailer Service & Sales</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
June 25*	Poker Run, Mendon MA <i>Ride Sponsored by McIntyre Materials & Paresky Flitt & Company</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
July 1-4	4th of July Campout, Douglas MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
July 15	Goddard Brunch Ride, E. Greenwich RI <i>Ride Sponsored by Bob Clark's Dog Training & Savers Bank</i>	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
July 23*	Cabbage Hill Pleasure Ride, Woodstock CT <i>Ride Sponsored by Hope Botanicals & Crothers Tire</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Aug. 6*	Galloping Gourmet Ride, Royalston MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Bill & Angie Knott</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Aug. 27	50th Anniversary Ride, <i>Ride Sponsored by Swerling Milton Winnick & Koopman Lumber</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Sept. 10*	Western Trivia Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Milford Federal Bank/</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Sept. 17	Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace, Douglas <i>Ride Sponsored by Dean Bank &</i>	Sharron	413-668-7606	hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net
Oct. 22	Lea MacInnis Ride, Thompson CT			
Oct. 29*	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Unibank</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	jskanion@charter.net
Nov. 5*	Turkey Trot, Carver MA <i>Ride Sponsored by New England Drywall & From the Horses Mouth</i>	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
Nov. 12*	Thompson Raceway Ride, Thompson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net

***NEHT affiliated rides**

1. Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 10 am and trail work days at 9 am
2. In case of questionable weather, call before leaving home. You will NOT be called if the event is cancelled.
3. Most rides require advance registration and payment to receive lunch.
4. Riders 17 years old and under, accompanied by a guardian, ride **free** (includes lunch if pre-registered). (May be exceptions on some rides)
5. Alcohol is prohibited on State property. No smoking allowed while riding.
6. A current Coggins within a year of the ride date is required.
7. Please leave the trails and parking areas better than you found them and be considerate of others!
Clean up your hay & manure at all rides!
8. Year end awards require a member in good standing to have a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time completed. Divisions: Pleasure, Competitive, Accumulative. Age as of January 1st: Junior (17 and under), Adult (18-64), Senior (65 or older).
For more Information, visit our website at www.bstra.org
9. PayPal payments for rides will no longer be transferred to another ride. Refunds will be made.

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- by volunteering for trail work days []
- by sponsoring a trail ride (\$) []
- by hosting/running a trail ride []
- with other projects that might be needed []
- by serving on the Board of Directors []
- with _____

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