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50 Years - Pieces from the Past

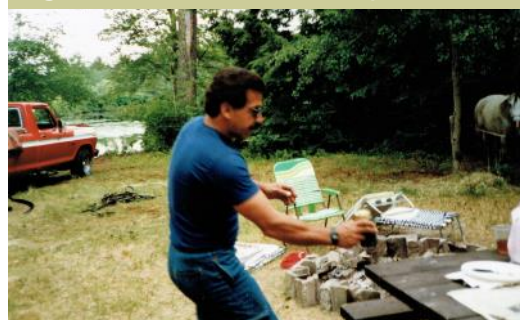
Jan./Feb. Issue 1989 Concerning the printed maps that show activities allowed at each state forest or park.

The February issue of the Northeast Equine Journal contained an article of concern to all horsemen & horsewomen. In it, the section "Notes from Around the Region", is stated the problem we face in MA of being shut out of state parks, forests, and reserves. The revised plan results in the loss of 50,000 acres of recreational land previously for horsemen. This is despite the fact that the total amount of state land is parks is increasing. Now, only 56 areas allow horseback riding, down for 70 when the previous key was printed. The parks affected are: Catamount S.F., Clarksburg S. F., Conway S. F, Hawksnest, S. P., Holland Pond Recreation Area, Holyoke Range S. F., Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro S. F., Monroe S. F, Mt. Greylock S. F., Northfield S. F., Otis S. F., Peru S. F., Petersham, S. F., Rutland S. P., Sandisfield, S. F., Shawme-Crowell S. F., South River S. F., Squannacook River, Tully Lake Recreation Area, Wachusett Mt. State Reserve, and Walden Pond State Reserve. By Deb Gevry

Follow up from March 1989 by Ed Whalley

I did my homework by checking out the keys listed on the backs of the State For-

Tiger Rivera Wallis Street Campout 1989



est & State Park maps printed by DEM, comparing the 86-87 map keys against those for 88-89. My comparison showed that 19 out of the 21 listed as "lost" to horsemen did show the new keys dropping horse activity at the sites listed. Monroe S.F. & Holyoke Range S.F., cited as lost, were not carried on the earlier key as having horse trails. And Ashland S.P., previously a blank as far as horses are concerned, now was keyed for horse activity. The box score looked like this. 56 out of 148 in 88-89, and 68 out of 148 in 86-87 for a net loss of 12 in about a year. The picture presented by these keyed maps is enough to cause any horsemen concern. And I was prepared to get to the bottom of it. What we walked into (*Trails Advisory Committee Meeting*) was an old-time, 60's style protest in full swing. There was a

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horde of female horsemen all exercising their larynxes at the same time, just like on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show. All of the men I saw were watching in silent awe with a sort of glazed look on their faces, and the gals never let up. I was too smart to get involved in any free style oratorio. Finally the gals ran down and headed out into the hall, and those guys who had come with them silently trooped out behind them. But all this was not until the few DEM people present, notably Germaine Valley, agreed to circulate a memo reminding SF personnel that keys were not definitive guides to approved activities. (They better not be; Paul Remington and I who are responsible for most of the trails in Franklin SF, between us, still can't figure out how come fishing is listed as a keyed activity for that site.)

The issue might not be dead. I asked for a copy of the memo a month ago and I haven't got one yet. Don't know why. Anyhow, some of us have been plugging for a set of uniform policies for SF's and SP's. As a practical matter, most of us riding alone or with a couple of friends just ride into a SF and remain as unobtrusive as possible and, usually no one questions us. But an organized ride calls for official permission and we ask for it in writing. We simply don't go by the "keys," and we run rides in lots of places not "keyed" for horses. It all seems to be up to the man in charge. None the less, when ever that land manager makes an arbitrary decision, it is essentially unfair.

Volunteers Needed

Cabbage Hill Pleasure Ride July 23rd

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 parking, registration table, raffle ticket sales, pictures/video, and clean up. This event is in Woodstock CT. If you can help please contact Becky at bstra@charter.net or 508-476-3960.

Galloping Gourmet Ride August 6th

Looking for the following volunteers: parking and registration table/setting out food. This event is in Royalston MA. If you can help please contact Becky at bstra@charter.net or 508-476-3960

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July 2023

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\$20 BSTRA members, \$25 Non-members
(Under 18 rides free and if pre-registered eats free)

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Take very next exit and turn right onto **Rte 401** (Division St.)

Stay straight until you arrive at traffic lights in center of town, then turn right onto **Main St.** (Rte 1).

Get into left lane for left turn at next light. At fork, bear left onto Ives Road.

Watch for left turn into entrance for Equestrian Center.

Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand St., Woonsocket, RI 02895

Entry Information Goddard Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
BSTRA member Yes or No		
Optional Trails Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (within 1 year)		

National Trails Day sponsored by Whitehorse Truck & Trailer

It was a success! Mary Woods short speech touched upon her vision of trails and what inspires her. She is inspired to get the younger generation involved with trail riding - they are our future. What we did today, raising funds for trail projects now is a great benefit for all horseback riders. Now we need to add the future riders to the mix to become the next wave of trail champions and stewards to carry the torch forward!

A huge thanks to Liz O'Neil who let us use her property for our homebase. All the riders (66) got to enjoy an eight mile route that was in full mountain laurel bloom which looked like boulders of blossoms this year. Riders also enjoyed an outer loop trail by Ricky's Trail that we have never used before, something a little new in the mix!

After the ride we all settled in to enjoy a super great lunch. The main lunch was provided by Hog Wash BBQ that included pulled pork, pulled chicken, coleslaw, corn bread, mac & cheese, and beans. Kathy Rich supplied salad, some pizza, and desserts. Pair that up with plenty of drinks including some non-alcoholic beer donated by Athletic Brewery and we had a feast.

Many thanks to Ryan Rudy of Whitehorse Truck & Trailer for being our sponsor of this event, helping out and lining up Hog Wash BBQ for us. He definitely went the extra mile.

The following people are the ones that worked hard to pull this together: Mary Wood, Rebekah Nydam, Diane Sullivan, Becky Kalagher, Karen Parlin, Kelly & Jim Shaw, Donna Michelson, Rose Zariczny, Kathy Rich, Sharron Cochran, Sue Quirk, Suzanne Nichols, Chris DiMasi, Phil & Jane Rutledge, David Maenzo, Kathy Richards, and Deb Deschenes.

After lunch we recognized those that brought in sponsorships. Lynn Paresky (\$7,525), Donna Johnson (\$3,100), Becky Kalagher (\$2,850), Maria Allard (\$1,200), Edward Nobrega (\$1283.44), Karen Parlin (\$1,025), Sue Quirk (\$655), Diane Sullivan (\$600), Rebekah Nydam (\$250), Rose Zariczny (\$250), Phil & Jane Rutledge (\$250), Matilda & Scarlet Gervais (\$250), and

Sherry Perry (\$100). That is over \$19,000 raised for trail projects!



There is another component to this besides raising money, a lot of companies opt to donate products which we use for the raffle table, prize winners, and food and drinks for the event. Getting those product donations should also be recognized. Karen Parlin (\$6,789.77), Mary Wood (\$1,690.13), Rebekah Nydam (\$891.56), Diane Sullivan (\$875), Maria Allard (\$790), Becky Kalagher (\$679), Valerie Clark (\$280), and Joyce Sandvik (\$250).

And what everyone was waiting for, the raffle table. We had over \$4,800 in donations for the table. Pretty impressive!

I know there were quite a few people that were very happy with their winnings.

And that is a wrap for this year's event. Months of preparation, a great crew to pull it off and trail riders that showed up to support trails. Thank you all! **BK**



NTD write up by Sue Perry

If Sue attends one of our rides, she sends me a nice little write up. I asked if I could share them in the newsletter and she gave me permission.

The route was 8 miles long, walking where there were roots and rocks, and trotting where there was softer sand. On the previous BSTRA, our trail obstacle challenge was "Niagra Falls." This time, the challenging part was several tumble-down stone walls. We rode the horses up to the walls on loose reins and let the boys clamber over as they wanted to. They were totally unphased and negotiated the obstacles without error.

Speaking of errors, we riders made a course error. At one point along the way, the trail ended at a paved road. We turned left, following hoofprints along the side of the road. Yet, we quickly realized that we did not see any pink streamer trail makers. So we turned around, only to see a group of five riders behind us, following in our errant footsteps. We all agreed that we must have missed a turn back in the woods. The seven of us retraced our steps in a nose-to-tail dude ranch string. Cody was #6, and little BB was #7 in line. After a couple of minutes, we saw the pink markers – high on a tree – for the turn that we had initially missed.

We traversed a few miles on small, woodsy trails and came out on the Trunkline Trail again. From there, we trotted our way back to the start area (see video). The total ride took us 2 hours and 9 minutes. It would have been just under two hours if we hadn't gone off course.

Luckily at a BSTRA ride, you don't get eliminated for going off course, nor do you get any time faults.

After we sponged off the horses and got them into the trailer, we joined the other riders (total 66) for lunch and a raffle. This National Trails Day ride is a big fund-raising event for BSTRA. With the money they raise, they do trail work projects. They buy supplies, such as lumber for bridges and gravel to fill in muddy spots. BSTRA volunteers provide all the manual labor; the money helps rent power equipment when needed. Recently BSTRA also purchased 17 acres of land in Douglas to connect two areas of conservation land. They will build a connecting trail on the new property. Today, the sponsorships and raffle raised nearly \$20,000 for the club!

I donated a Wonder Pony book to the tables of raffle prizes, and Linda and I each bought some raffle tickets. Either we didn't buy enough tickets (being drawn out of a large muck tub rather than a cookie jar!), or we didn't have enough luck, because we didn't win any prizes. Oh well, we had a wonderfully fun ride – which was the point of the adventure.

~ Sue, Linda, BB, and Cody



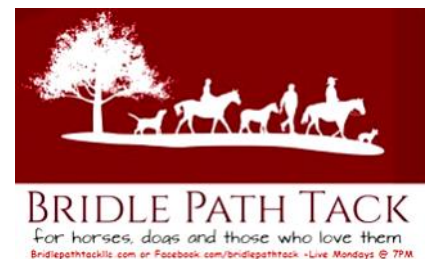
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CABBAGE HILL PLEASURE RIDE

July 23rd Woodstock CT

Location: For GPS use 65 Cabbage Hill Road, Woodstock CT. Only field on the right. Follow signs and swing wide to turn into field.

Check in: starts at 9am. Ride out when you are ready. Last ride out at 10:30.

NEHT affiliated 7 miles

Registration Fees:

BSTRA members \$35

Non-members \$40

Juniors 17 and under free (if pre-registered lunch will be included free)

Lunch only \$20

Pre-registration deadline to get lunch: **July 19th.**

Post entries welcome but no lunch provided.

Raffle after lunch

Please join us on this fundraiser ride. 95% of the land that we will be riding on is protected by the land trust. We will be splitting the proceeds with Wyndham Land Trust to benefit the work and land protection that they do.

Is this a win for us and them? YES. They allow horseback riding on their property and we have several of our members that are also members of Wyndham Land Trust to help with this partnership.

The Wyndham Land Trust is working hard to protect land in the Quiet Corner of Northeast Connecticut.

The land trust was incorporated in April 1975, and the first parcel was protected in 1977. Today, the WLT is protecting over 5500 acres in north eastern Connecticut.

Partnerships are a great thing for horseback riders!

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

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?		

Poker Run sponsored by McIntyre Materials & Paresky Flitt & Company

I guess lady luck was on our side as the never ending prediction of thunder showers/rain held off for the ride. Can't say the same for the humidity! Even though this was pretty much a walk ride, the horses (and riders) were still pretty wet by the time we all got back.

We had 31 riders enjoying the woods in Mendon and Blackstone. The trails in this area are rough. We can't improve trails on Fish & Wildlife property and lots of ATV/dirt bikes over the years that have seriously impacted the trails. So we just take our time on the trails and enjoy the flowers & wildlife. Every single one of those 31 horses successfully navigated some technical terrain - those are great trail horses-be proud of that!

That technical terrain cost me a shoe. Luckily I had an easyboot with me. In less time than it takes to change a tire, we were back on our way.

After sponging the horses down and turning our cards in, we settled in for lunch while our team recorded the hands.

Many thanks to Suzanne Nicholas, Joyce Sandvik, Sue Quirk and Deb Deschenes for manning the registration table, recording hands, and helping with food and clean up. Thanks to Karen Parlin & Becky Kalagher for marking the trails, and Becky for taking down the markers. Becky also gets thanks for over 5 hours of trail work that was put in before the ride.

Here are our Poker Run winners:

Senior Division

1st: Becky Kalagher
2nd: Phil Rutledge
3rd: Mary Wood
4th: Sharron Cochran
5th: Annamaria Paul
6th: MaryEllen Coyne

Adult Division

1st: Darlene Falcone
2nd: Beth Higgins
3rd: Emma Milford
4th: Crysanda Aloia
5th: Kelly Berthiaume
6th: Carolyn Weeks

Junior Division

1st: Gianna Duarte
2nd: Justin Weeks

Best hand of the day went to Beck Kalagher with 3 8's!

We also drew our Tucker Saddlebags winner. Karen Parlin was the lucky winner. We will have a picture for the next issue as she wasn't at the ride.

See you next year! **BK**



Poker Run write by Sue Perry

(editor's note: Sue's dad passed away the morning of the ride.)

"So Dad, I could not call you on the phone last night, but I am sure you are listening now. Here are the details of my BSTRA Poker Run trail ride in Mendon yesterday with Emma. We had a really good time."

The ride was on new-to-me conservation land in Mendon, the town just to the south of Upton. Most of the ride was in the woods, so we weren't too hot even though it was a hot day. We were only in the direct sun when we rode under the high-tension power lines. The route was "walk only" for 7.5 miles of the most technically challenging trail ride that I have ever taken BB (Emma) and Cody (me) on. We had steep hills, up and down, some with rocks, mud, deep puddles, running brooks with rocky footing, roots, tumbled-down stone walls.....A couple of times each horse paused in front of the next challenge, but each time the rider on top put her legs on, softened the reins forward and spoke encouragingly to her mount. And every time, the horse said, "OK, if you really think we can do this", and on we all went.

We got one playing card sealed in an envelope when we checked in. Along the trail, there three "card pick-up" stations – a plastic milk carton with a hole cut out of the front, nailed up on a tree at the edge of the trail. In the carton was a Ziploc bag with more cards sealed in envelopes. BB was a little skittish the first time that Emma reached UP to remove the bag and get out envelopes for both of us; and a tiny bit nervous when she replaced

the bag for the following competitors. We each put our envelopes in our fanny packs.

The route had lots of loops and several sections where there was 2-way traffic (riders starting out met riders heading home). We were a bit confused in a couple of locations, but did not get as lost as one other pair that we met up with had done. We did manage to find milk cartons 3 and 4, successfully picking up our envelopes with mystery playing cards. BB was 100% nonchalant about the card pickup routine by the last carton!

We each got envelope 5 when we finished the trail ride. My mystery cards were useless for winning poker – a queen and four different number cards, all different suits. I did not get a ribbon for the day. Emma did not fare much better as she only got one pair.

But we had great fun and were SO proud of how well the horses tackled the technical trail route du jour. At one point near the end, I said to Emma, "We are riding along in companionable silence after more than 2.5 hours on the trail together." And then I had to tell her the whole story behind that expression.

Emma replied, "It is just so relaxing, walking along in the woods like this." And it was. But with the humidity and 80-plus temperature, the horses were drenched in sweat by the end of the ride. We opted to take them home straight away for cold hosing off behind the barn rather than the less effective sponge baths tied to the back of the trailer.

We were happy, Dad. I hope that you are happy now, too.

Love and Thanks - Sue



50th Anniversary T-Shirts

Our order of these commemorative t-shirts are now here! The colors are light blue, stonewash green, and stonewash blue.

Sizes: small to 2XL

Price: \$15

Available on rides and at 24 Glen St, Douglas for pick up.

Huge thanks to Joanne Podles for creating the design!

Galloping Gourmet Pleasure Ride Birch Hill Dam – August 6, 2023



Come enjoy the trails in Winchendon & Royalston on property owned by DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation), DFW (Division of Fisheries & Wildlife), and ACE (Army Corps of Engineers). There is a permanently marked 10 mile loop on beautiful cart roads throughout the park. This ride is just the excuse to grab a friend and enjoy a nice ride.

Afterwards you will enjoy a one of a kind gourmet lunch while socializing with the other riders!



GPS to get there: use 27 River Road, Royalston MA. Go all the way to the end, it will turn to dirt and stay right. At the end go through gate and park in the field.

Time: 9:30 check in

NEHT affiliated 6/10/20 miles.

Registration Fees:

\$25 for BSTRA members

\$30 for non-members

Juniors 17 and under ride free, if pre-registered they eat free too

Pre-registration deadline to receive lunch: Aug. 2nd

Post entries welcome - no lunch included.

Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to Becky Kalagher, 24 Glen St., Douglas MA 01516
For more information please contact Becky at 508-476-3960 or bstra@charter.net

Entry Info. Galloping Gourmet Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
BSTRA member Yes or No		
Optional Trails Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (within a year)		

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However, not all of the changes are easy to identify, which is why the AHC is kicking off what could be one of the biggest studies in its more than 50 years with the 2023 National Economic Impact Study which opened April 3 and will run through September 29.

The purpose of the census is to demonstrate the value

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According to AHC, while this is first, and foremost, a national study, there are several states/communities that have commissioned breakout reports including California, Florida, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Texas for state studies, along with Marion County, Florida and Long Island, New York for community studies.

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