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National Trails Day Sponsored by Whitehorse Truck & Trailer

You find a great place to hold the event, people dedicate endless hours to pull it together and mother nature decides to rain on your parade. But then you have a very dedicated group of riders that have no issues of playing in the rain. Super thanks to all the riders and volunteers that did join us sporting all their rain gear!



To our amazing participants:

Riders: Thank you for your unwavering support in fundraising for trail projects. Your commitment truly makes a difference.

Sponsors: We appreciate your investment in the present and future of equestrian trails. Your support keeps our mission alive.

Volunteers: Your considerable time and effort were crucial in pulling off this event. Thank you for your hard work! This includes Mary Wood, Renee Zajon, Dallas & David Keeney, Joyce Sandvik, Suzanne Nicholas, Kelly & Jim Shaw, Rose Zariczny, Barb Krimminger, Sharron Cochran, Angie & Bill Knott, Karen Parlin, Becky Kalagher, Laurie Smigelski, Valerie Clark, Edward & Celeste Nobrega, Sue Quirk, Deb Deschenes and Rebekah Nydam.

Thanks to MCL Custom Caterers from Jefferson MA for the great lunch and with hot food! Who would have thought in June you would be wanting hot food and wearing turtle necks and sweatshirts!

A special thanks goes out to Laurie Smigelski for all the work that you put in to make this ride such a success. Clearing trails, mowing the field paths twice and

walking with me (over 4 hours!) to mark the trails. It was absolutely a wonderful area to ride and much appreciated by everyone in attendance. We had a short loop and a long loop.

Our dedicated volunteers that gathered sponsors for the ride did a wonderful job this year. This includes cash donations along with product donations.

Our highest sponsor contributions this year came from Lynn Paresky. She consistently sets a high standard, and this year she exceeded it by collecting \$8,100. Her commitment to our mission of preserving and maintaining trails is truly commendable.

Following in Lynn’s footsteps are Becky Kalagher \$5,161.58, Karen Parlin \$4733.74, Rebekah Nydam \$2832.74, Mary Wood \$1,039.10, Donna Johnson \$750, Edward Nobrega \$538.88, Rose Zariczny \$514, Sharron Cochran \$500, Sue Quirk \$439, Joyce Sandvik \$250, Renee Zajon \$200, Valerie Clark \$150, and Maria Heskes-Allard \$100.

A special shout out to our ride sponsor Ryan Rudy for donating a good number of gift certificates to the raffle table along with some t-shirts and sweat shirts along with sponsoring this event.



Ed & Bella

Edward Nobrega said it best when he sent this along after the event!

My mind was blown by what a beautiful venue Hazel Grove (Groton MA)was for NTD! My daughter Celeste and I ranked the beauty and adventure of this ride as one of our best ever! While we don't control the weather, the top fundraisers pulled in more than last year, the lunch was terrific, and the raffle was superb.

Like Mary, I'm also ecstatic about all the stuff I took home. Best of all, I went home with fond memories of

being with you all and enjoying another precious day riding horses with my daughter. We were delighted to have ridden out late and enjoyed the better half of the day at Hazel Grove.

Until next year. If anyone wants to be part of the National Trails Day team or join the Fundraising Committee, we would be happy to have you. Just give us a call or send an email! **BK**

Sue Perry's National Trails Day write up.

Today's adventure with the Wonder Pony and his side kick Code Man was the National Trails Day Fundraising Trail Ride with the Bay State Trail Riders Association. It was held at a new venue for the club – the Hazel Grove horse park in Groton MA. It was formerly just called the Groton Fairgrounds; I competed there in the 1990's with Magic in the Nashoba Valley hunter show and Groton Pony Club Two-Phase.

As predicted, the rain arrived just as Emma and I loaded up the horses in Upton at 8:45 this morning. The rain was intermittent during the one-hour drive, becoming more steady as we arrived at the park. We unloaded, finished tacking up (my horses ship groomed and saddled if the journey is an hour or less) and mounted up wearing sweatshirts under our rain coats, just like everyone else.

The trails were REALLY pretty, despite the rain. The billions of rain drops falling on the Nashua River next to the trail were pretty, too, with the foliage on the trees providing some shelter from the rain for us. The trails tended to have roots rather than rocks, like Upton and Douglas, but there were also some smooth-footed areas where we could let the horses trot along. The trail "challenges" were several really deep muddy spots, wooden bridge crossings and step-over fallen trees. BB and Cody were stars, as usual.

Given the rainy conditions, we skipped the optional 3-mile loop in the middle of the ride, completing the rest of the course in one hour and 47 minutes, wet almost all the way through but laughing at it all. Becky, we both really liked the venue and will re-

turn to BSTRA rides held there in the future if we have the dates available.

This ride is a big fundraising one for BSTRA, with money being put toward trail improvement projects. BSTRA provides the volunteer labor and the money purchases materials (lumber for bridges, gravel for muddy areas) and power equipment rentals to do such projects. Some members solicit sponsorship dollars, some pay the extra-large ride registration fee, some donate raffle table items (I gave two autographed Wonder Pony books) and some purchase raffle tickets. Some do all! Emma was raffle #18 and she won four times – got to choose any item still left on the raffle tables. She took a Home Depot gift certificate, a saddle pad, a bag of horse treats and "gave" the last ticket to me to choose something for my horses – a riding-weight fly mask. My number 17 was drawn twice; I chose a blaze-orange neck wrap for BB (Cody already has one that Muz made for Magic years ago) and a rope halter/lead rope combo which I will use as a water-proof bath halter when the current one wears out. BSTRA raised about \$15,200 from all of this!! The sun came out for our drive back to Upton.





Saturday, July 20th 8:30am

Goddard Memorial State Park Pleasure Ride

July 2024

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(Under 18 rides free and if pre-registered eats free)

Directions: RI Rte **295** South
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|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 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 | | |
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| Coggins # and date (within 1 year) | | |

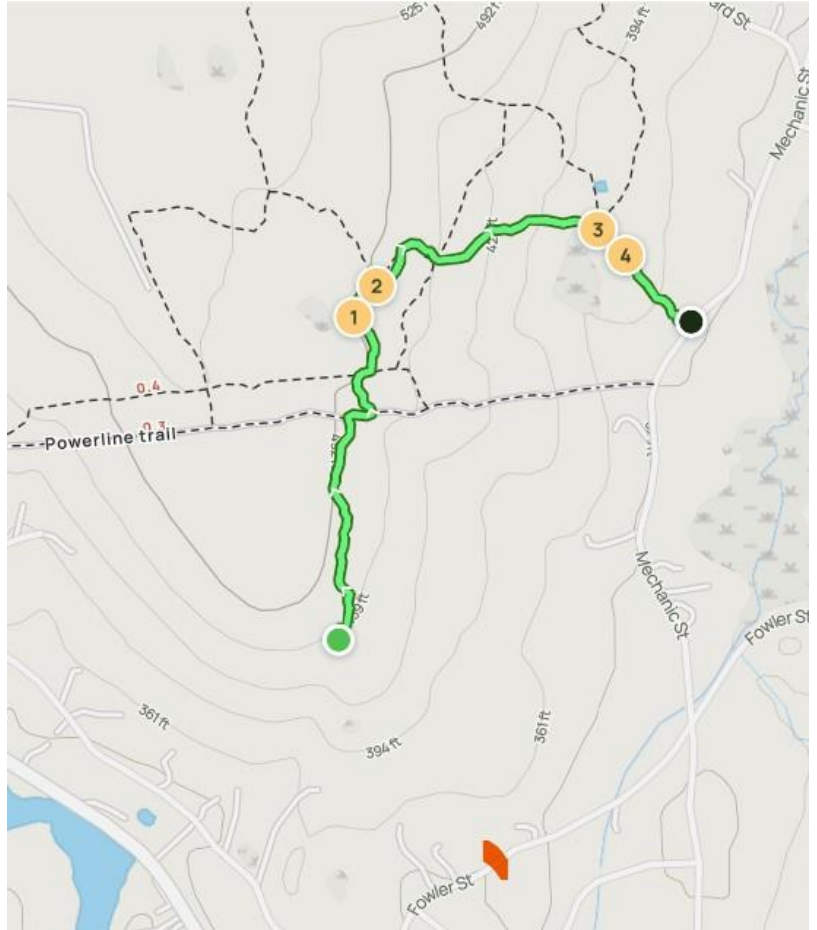
Happenings in Upton

On June 15th I joined 6 other people to work on the new trail that is being established on the 92 acres that the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) worked with Upton to preserve. I wrote about this in the last newsletter.

We worked from 9 to 11:30. With the hike that we had to get to where we needed to be took a bit of time. Dan Stimpson from SVT was our leader. I met fellow horse people in a husband & wife team. He used to do dressage with his draft horse back in the day! Laura Zimmer from NEMBA was also there and someone that I knew!

I figured we established about .1 of a mile of the new trail. Number 2 on the map is where the new trail started, so you can see

how far we had to walk before we could start working. Number 1 on the map is where a bridge will be going in. And the red mark on the map is where the trail will be coming out.



Street Upton

These are the dates for the next two work days.

This is being organized through the SVT, so you will need to go to their website to register for any of the work days that you want to attend. This is the address that would bring you right to the page. You will have to scroll through the events to find the ones for Trail Building Work Day at Mechanic Street. <https://svtprograms.funraise.org/>

July 11th (Thursday) 10am to 12:30 am Mechanic Street Upton

August 12th (Monday) 2pm to 4:30pm Mechanic

I hope that you can make a difference for equestrians by attending one of these trail work days. **BK**



WYNDHAM LAND TRUST RIDE FOR OPEN SPACE July 21, 2024

- Entry Fee (includes lunch): Adults \$75
- Non-rider additional lunch: \$20
- Juniors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Registration opens at 8 am
- Ride out between 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Lunch to follow
- Ride held rain or shine

REGISTRATION FORM (Please register by July 17, 2024)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- ▶ Please include copies of current negative Coggins and rabies certificates.
- ▶ Please sign the attached Release Form.

Enclosed is a check for _____ rider(s) payable to Wyndham Land Trust.

Location and directions will be sent by email after registration and payment have been received.

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For more information contact Sue Jackson at sjackson3773@gmail.com

This ride will count for BSTRA's year end points. This land trust welcomes horseback riders so lets support their land preservation efforts! It's beneficial to all of us.

Please go to <https://www.wyndhamlandtrust.org/ride-for-open-space/> to download the release forms or you can register on-line.

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July 2024—June 2025

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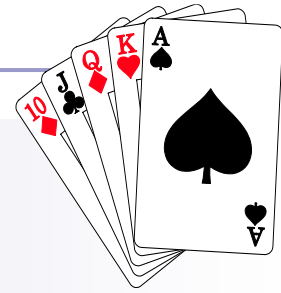


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| Horse's Name | | |
| Rider's Year of Birth | | |
| Street Address | | |
| Town, State, Zip | | |
| BSTRA member Yes or No | | |
| Optional Trails Donation | | |
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Luau Ride sponsored by United Ag & Turf Northeast

Our Luau ride at Upton State Forest was revived after a few years and we pulled the decorations out of the closet to provide the festive Hawaiian look for our registration and food tables.

The oppressive heat and humidity the week before the ride put the ride in question, but the weather promised a cooler and sunny day on Sunday. Well, not exactly. The weather was an improvement over previous days, but the rain came as we were setting up but luckily stopped as the 19 trailers rolled in.



There was a little excitement added to the day, but fortunately not with the horses or riders. We noticed a woman sleeping in her car in the parking lot and got concerned as all the windows were closed as it was pretty hot and humid. It was amazing that she was able to sleep through the arrival of all the trailers and unloading of the horses. We decided to call the police, they arrived and made sure she was OK. She was apparently tired and thought Upton State Forest would be a good place to park and take a nap.

Undeterred by the excitement, the riders headed out for the 5 ½ miles through the forest weathering the heat, humidity and those annoying deer flies. We did shorten the ride from the original plan because of the weather which I think the horses appreciated. The recent thunderstorms downed a few trees on one of the trails but the riders were able to work around them.

In keeping with the Luau theme, riders and horses didn't disappoint with their Hawaiian shirts, leis, and grass skirts. Lunch was enjoyed by all as riders filled their plates with sandwiches, salads, pineapple, watermelon and decadent desserts.

As always, our rides couldn't happen without our volunteers – thanks to Sharron Cochran, Deb Deschene, Gloria Duhaime, Bill and Angie Knott, Ed Nobrega, Sue Quirk, Joyce Sandvik, Rose Zariczny and of course, our ride host Suzanne Nicholas. Aloha! *By Joyce Sandvik*



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