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Trail Work Day on BSTRA Property

A big thank you to Phil Rutledge for organizing the work day on August 3rd. Given the hot and humid weather, we kept our efforts to just a few hours in the morning, focusing on moving gravel.

Our main task was to start building the ramps

for the newly installed bridges. This involved hauling gravel to both ends of the bridges and dumping it to create a safe approach and exit. To ensure the gravel stayed in place, we lined the sides with rocks, creating a mini stonewall effect.



We successfully completed the ramps for the 20-foot bridge, which might need a slight touch-up after settling, but it's 99% done. We also made significant progress on the 16-foot bridge and will continue working on it in the coming month.

A huge thanks to the following who put a back breaking morning's work. Ann Degnan, Frank Whitney, MaryEllen Coyne, Neil & Shirley Standring, Jane &

Phil Rutledge, Valerie Clark, Barbara McCumber, Ed Nobrega, Sue & Steve Sand-



ers, Becky Kalagher, and Rita Ballou. All totaled we put in 27.57 hours worth \$1.080.47. BK





Sue Brainard Memorial Aunter Pace Sept. 15, 2024

Divisions

Hunter - Fast **Hilltop**– Average

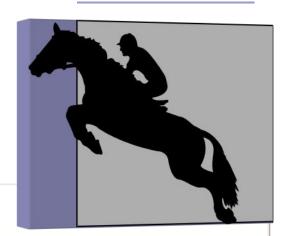
Trailblazer– Leisurely

Junior– Average, under 18

Rain or Shine

All jumps optional No jumps over 3 ft.

No changing Divisions after 10am



All Juniors must have a parent or gardian sign and be on the premisis. Helmet strongly recommended. REQUIRED for juniors under 18.

Registration starts at 9:00 am You must register before tacking up

Start times: 9:30 to 11:30am (no late entries, no exceptions)

Trailblazer's on course by 10:30

NO HORSES AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

Cleaning up your hay and manure is **REQUIRED**

Awards wil be around 2:00

3 ribbons per team. Ribbons to 6th place Lunch starts at 12:30

Ride Sponsored by

Pre entries must be received by Sept. 11th. POST ENTRIES welcome but lunch not included

NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS

For more information call Sharon at 413-668-7606 or hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net

Please, completely fill in the entry form on the following page. This way you will just have to check in and get your time card and be on your way. Make sure you take the time to read the ride rules that we have posted on how the ride is set up and what to do.



Directions to BSTRA HUNTER PACE

Wallum Lake Beach Parking Area: 107 Wallum Lake Road, Douglas MA

From Rt. 146 take Douglas/Uxbridge exit. (Rt. 16 West) Go approximately 5½ to 6 miles to blinking overhead light. Go straight onto Southwest Main St. to next 4 way intersection. Take a left onto Wallum Lake Rd. State Forest Headquarters is on the right after stone bridge. Follow signs to parking.

From 395 take Exit 2 (Rt. 16 East). After Webster Sturbridge Family Campground go approximately 2½ to 3 miles to first intersection. Take a right onto Cedar St. At next stop sign go straight ahead. State Forest Headquarters is on the right after stone bridge. Follow signs to parking.

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Sept. 15 Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace Entry Form

Pre-entries must be received by Sept. 11th and include payment in full to receive meal.

All riders must sign the form. POST ENTRIES welcome but lunch not included.

Make check payable to BSTRA and mail to: Sharron Cochran, 162 May Hill Rd, Monson, MA 01057

Or register & pay on-line at www.bstra.org/events

Entry fees: BSTRA members \$30 non-members \$35 Extra meal \$10

RIDE SPONSORED BY THE MANE PLACE

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN

WARNING: Under Massachusetts Law, an equine professional (or "equine activity sponsor") is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 128, Section 2D of the General Laws. (Likewise CT & RI). By my signature below, I certfy that I understand fully the above statement and further agree to hold harmless Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc., its representatives, and/or any land or facility owner, or their representatives, where this event is held.

Entry Information	Rider #1	Rider #2	Rider #3		
Member Name					
Horse's Name					
Rider's Year of Birth					
Street Address					
Town, State, Zip					
BSTRA member Yes or No					
Division you are riding in					
Phone Number					
E-Mail Address					
Coggins # and date (within 1 year)					
Extra Meal \$10.00					
Rider 1: Signature Date If the rider is under 18, the rider's guardian must sign above and list the under 18 rider's name below:					
Rider 2: Signature		Date			
Rider 3: Signature		Date			
Emergency Phone number contact for riders riding by themselves:					

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Trail Work Day Upton MA - Mechanic Street



On Aug. 12th I attended the work day scheduled by the Sudbury Valley Trustees lead by Dan Stimson.

We had a turn out of eight people working on the loop that will connect to the trail that we had already been working on. We headed into the woods at 2pm and was back in the parking lot at 4:30.

Splitting into two groups, one working on the trail and the other working

Cleared out to the powerlines

on opening up the trail from the powerlines into the woods.

I was on the group of three that worked on opening up the trail from the powerlines into the woods. I never knew cutting through juniper would be such a chore and a nice little hiding place for a small bees nest! That section took most of our time with a bit left over the get on the other section where we worked on trimming the higher branches for horseback riders. **BK**









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BSTRA' Quilt RAFFLE

Win this Original 51" x 63" Quilt - a \$400 Value



This Raffle Prize has been generously Donated by A Stitch 'n Good Time.

Drawing Date: October 20, 2024

Tickets sold online at www.bstra.org/support/raffle through 12 pm on Oct. 20th.

Tickets can also be purchased through the mail using the form below, but ticket orders must be received no later than Oct. 18th.

TICKET PRICING

\$10 for 5 tickets, \$20 for 15 tickets, \$40 for 35 tickets, \$60 for 55 tickets, \$80 for 75 tickets, \$100 for 100 tickets. Proceeds from ticket sales will help fund BSTRA's trail improvement projects.

Thank you for you support.









BSTRA Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to BSTRA, 40 Fairway Road, South Yarmouth MA 02664

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE

OF TICKETS PURCHASING:

Do you want your ticket stubs mailed to you? Yes____ No

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc. NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN PLEASURE RIDE & Pot Luck Lunch September 29, 2024

Ride your choice of well-marked trails with indicated grade levels for cross country skiing (easy, moderate, extreme), then enjoy a pot luck lunch. A limited number of plug-ins are available for crockpots/warmers, please indicate what you'd like to bring for your "dish". Drinks provided by BSTRA.

NOTE: HELMETS ARE MANDATORY (per management)

Address: 99 Millers Falls Rd. (Rt 63), Northfield MA

Check in 9:30 Ride out 10:00

Prices: BSTRA members \$10, Non-members \$12

Juniors 17 & under free.



Everyone must sign in upon arrival. Clean up of your manure/hay is required.

Information: 401-487-3190 or rzariczny@verizon.net

Please complete, cut and mail reservation form below, **postmarked no later than Sept. 25th,** with check payable to BSTRA, Inc.

Mail to: Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Entry Information Northfield 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 Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		
What are you bringing for "dish"?		

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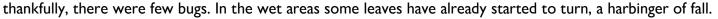
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Galloping Gourmet Ride sponsored by Bill & Angie Knott

A touch of fall, warm, but not humid weather, provided a perfect day for the Galloping Gourmet Ride on August 25th at Birch Hill Dam. Fifty-six riders turned out! The field was full of trailers!

A permanently marked 10-mile loop traverses Department of Conservation and Recreation and Army Corps of Engineers properties in Winchendon and Royalston. Riders were also offered a shorter loop.

The route passed over carriage roads, through magical forest and wetland trails. The footing was fabulous, and,





While this annual ride is one of my favorites for the fantastic trails, the food makes it spectacular. Returning riders were provided an array of gourmet offerings including Chicken Salad with Blue Cheese and Grapes, Buffalo Chicken Wraps, Pineapple Chicken Salad, Turkey with Gouda and Apples, and the Best Cucumber Sandwich, with Peanut Pesto. The menu included broccoli salad, a sweet potato and cabbage slaw, and a watermelon-feta orzo salad.

Of course there was dessert- oatmeal cream pies, blueberry bars,

and dark chocolate raspberry cream filled cookies. It was hard to choose because they were all scrumptious. Perfect ending for a perfect day.

Big thanks go to ride sponsors by Bill and Angie Knott and volunteers, Joyce Sandvik, Suzanne Nicholas, Sharron Cochran and Becky Kalagher for making this event a success. *Annamaria Paul*







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Mendon Trail Project - Hay Field Trails

Work started on this project on Aug. 12th by CJM Construction Inc. and is now close to done. The on the ground clearing of establishing a trail around the perimeter of the hay fields and through a couple of very over grown fields.

Next step will be working with the Mendon Land Use Committee to figure out signage to keep people on the trail and not going through the hay fields.



This project is going to add a bit over a mile of new trails at Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area. The next newsletter will have more pictures and an aerial map! **BK**













Pleasure Ride at Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area, Hubbardston MA Oct. 6th (Sunday)

Location: 53 Mount Jefferson Road, Hubbardston. Directions: From Hubbardston Center (Rt.68) turn onto Williamsville Road. Turn right onto Mt. Jefferson Road. Malone Road is 1st road on right. Mt. Jefferson parking is on left after Malone Road.

Check in: 9:30 Ride out: 10 am

Length: 8+/- miles

Cost: BSTRA members \$25 Non-members \$30 Juniors 17 and under ride & eat free Lunch for those that have pre-registered.

Registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 2nd

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Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to: Becky Kalagher, 24 Glen St., Douglas MA 01516 Ride Sponsored By

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Contact for information
Phone: 508-476-3960
E-mail: bstra@charter.net

Entry Information Hubbardston	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		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		

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Golf Cart for sale: 4 passenger plus bed seat folds down. Gas motor, windshield, lights, aluminum frame. Asking \$3,500. Call Paul at 508-662-3301.

Trailer For Sale: Super handy, 2007 Sundowner Sunlite Stampede SL, well maintained, in great condition! Aluminum, GN 2 horse slant, telescopes to open stock. 7' 2" tall, 6'6" wide. Carpeted dressing room, 2 saddle racks, several bridle hooks, brush box. Steel frame for strength, undercoated. Step up. 5 newish tires, side walls coated, mats. Loading lights. Title and all keys in hand. Trailer spent most of the time in the south, very lightly used and it shows. Located in Uxbridge, MA. Please text if interested, 508 525 0472. \$11,500 offers entertained.

Wintex Isabella Dressage Saddle: Black, 17" seat, has interchangeable gullets (comes with medium and wide). Girth, irons, working diamond wool pad, and saddle cleaner. \$550. Email bstra@charter.net.

Saddle for Sale: Western 15" Imus Saddle, made for gaited horses. 800.00 or BO Text Aurore@ 401-527-1950 for info and pictures.

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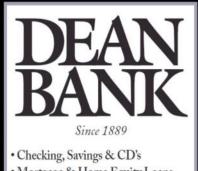
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Date (raindate)	Event/Location/Sponsor	Contact	Phone #email	address	
Sept. 15	Sue Brainard Memorial Hun Ride sponsored by The Mane	•	Sharron	413-668-7606	hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net
Sept. 29	Northfield Mt. Pleasure Ride Ride sponsored by Yered Tra		Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
Oct. 6*	Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride, Ride sponsored by Mill Valle		Becky ers Bank	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Oct. 20*	Lea MacInnis Versatility & P Ride sponsored by Yered Tra		A Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Oct. 26 MassTrails Conference DCU Center Worcester MA					
Oct. 27*	Big Pumpkin Upton MA		Joyce	617-429-1319	jskanion@charter.net
Ride sponsored by Swerling, Milton, Winnick Ins. Adjusters/UHY Advisors, Northeast					
Nov. 3	Turkey Trot, Carver MA Ride sponsored by EquidDoc	Veterinary Services	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
Nov. 17*	Thompson Raceway Ride, T Ride sponsored by EquidDoc		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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