



The Bugle



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What Did We Do in 2024?

2024 was a fantastic year for BSTR, marked by exciting events, successful fundraising, and significant contributions to our beloved trails.

We organized 13 rides, attracting 487 enthusiastic riders. The tack sale, trailer safety clinic, and two campouts added to the fun and camaraderie.

Our fundraising efforts were exceptional, generating a remarkable \$18,579.76. Here's how we put those funds to good use:

- **Wynham Land Trust:** Donated \$10,500 to preserve land open to horseback riding.
- **Mass Parks for All:** Contributed \$500 to advocate for our forests and parks.
- **Friends of Upton State Forest:** Donated \$240.30 for future trail improvements.
- **Hubbarston Mt. Jefferson:** Contributed \$1,500 for bridge and trail improvements.
- **Grafton:** Provided geotextile material for horse-safe bridges.

On our property, we officially opened a 1/2 mile connector trail, including a 0.2-mile loop, from the Southern New England Trunkline Trail to the trail system behind Douglas schools. This project involved 166.89 volunteer hours, cash expenses of \$13,310, and donated equipment and materials worth \$2,100, totaling \$22,202.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony in December was a proud moment for all involved.

At Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area in Mendon, MA, we created 1.2 miles of new trails around the hay fields. This project required 24.76 volunteer hours and \$10,700 in cash expenses, totaling \$11,708.

We also dedicated 162.09 volunteer hours to trail work in Douglas, Upton, Oxford, Thompson, CT, and Escoheag, RI, valued at \$6,598.

In total, we invested a grand sum of \$52,508 into our trails in 2024!

Here's a breakdown of our volunteer hours:

- **Events:** 649.97 hours



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- **Fundraising:** 84.9 hours
- **Meetings:** 71.24 hours including attending various public hearing and collaborating with organization to represent our interests in horseback riding.
- **Trail Projects:** 34.25 hours
- **Trail Work:** 319.49 hours
- **Writing:** 184.06 hours for newsletters, public hearing comments, grants and letters about trails.

A total of 72 volunteers contributed an impressive 1,426.92 hours. This includes 48 BSTRAs members who contributed 1,343.91 hours and 24 non-members who contributed 83.01 hours. The total value of these contributed hours is an astounding \$58,461.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Here's to another amazing year ahead! **BK**

IMPORTANT INSURANCE INFORMATION



Equisure is launching a new service that will allow you to pay Equisure directly for the excess personal liability insurance. This will save us from having to submit collected fees and member's information.

Once you fill out your membership form and pay the membership fees your confirmation window will have the link to go the page to pay for your excess personal liability insurance if you wish to have it.

Yes, it will be a bit bumpy this year as we transition to this format as we teach all of us old dogs a new trick!

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**COST: Adults: \$35
Age 12 & Under: \$15**

DEADLINE: Paid reservations must be received by Feb. 6th



TIME: 12 to 4 PM

12:15 Election of Officers & Cash Bar Opens

12:30 Lunch

Following Lunch will be the presentation of year end awards and BSTRA raffle.

Members, please bring your friends and family. Non-members welcome too! Come to this afternoon of fun, good food, awards, election of Officers and huge raffle!

Feb 16 AGM & Awards Banquet		Adult or Junior	Amount
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Where does equestrian use land for economic impact?

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable presented their Economic Impact by Industry Segment (Nominal Gross Output, 2023) released in Nov. 2024

Industry	Impact in Billions
RVing	56.8
Boating	52.5
Hunting/Shooting/Trapping	22.8
Motorcycle/ATV	19
Climbing/Hiking/Tenting	12.8
Fishing	12.5
<u>Equestrian</u>	<u>9.9</u>
Skiing/Snowboarding	7.6
Snowmobiling/Other snow activities	7.6
Biking	5.4
Canoeing/Kayaking	1.3



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Horse items for sale: Amigo Blanket-Fits 14.2 to 14.3 clean and waterproofed, medium to heavyweight Black - \$50.00 Roma - 2 Wick/easy-dry-cool all purpose saddle pads-1 plain quilted pad. All in good condition. \$5.00 each 1 Cotton string girth- 36" -\$15.00 1-Shedding Blade - \$1.00 Call Marty @ 508-561 8089

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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.

Saddle for Sale: Custom Circle Y. Older, but in great shape. The fully hand tooled saddle leather is a mahogany color. It is accented with a rope edge with silver lacing. The horn is braided rawhide with silver lacing. The gullet is 6-3/4" wide which is considered semi- quarter horse bars. Set up for double rigging. The sheepskin is really good. 15" seat. Floral engraved conchos and matching pieces on saddle. One of a kind saddle. \$1,000. Pictures available. Email bstra@charter.net

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.

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April 26	Park Serve Day Douglas State Forest	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
April 27	Park Serve Day Upton State Forest	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
May 3	Nancy Maenzo Ride, Douglas MA	Kelly	774-276-0260	krshaw13@gmail.com
May 10	Trail Work Day Hodges Village Dam Oxford MA	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 18	Live Lark Acres Ride, Thompson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 24-26	Memorial Day Campout, Carver MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
June 1	Poker Run, Oxford MA			
June 8	National Trails Day, Hubbardston MA			
July 3-6	4th of July Campout, Douglas MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
July 19	Goddard Brunch Ride, E. Greenwich RI	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
July 27	Galloping Gourmet Ride, Royalston MA	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Sept. 14	Wild West Ride, Upton MA	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Oct. 19	Lea MacInnis Ride, Lincoln MA			
Oct. 26	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA	Joyce	617-429-1319	jskanion@charter.net
Nov. 2	Turkey Trot, Carver MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
Nov. 16	Thompson Raceway Ride, Thomson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net

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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.

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Accumulative. Age as of January 1st:
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