

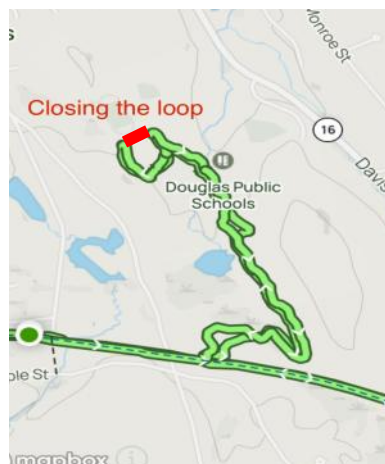


Trail Work - Douglas MA

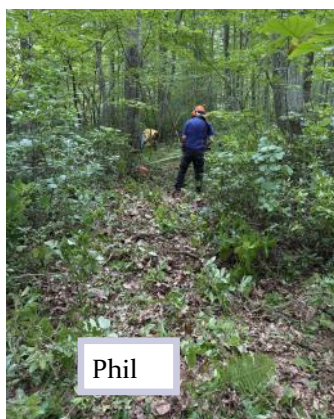
With the weather being a bit more conducive for doing trail work, we started working on the trails behind the Douglas Schools.

Now that we had finished up the BSTR property trail connector from the SNETT to the town owned property and with permission from the school committee, it was time to move to the next phase.

On Aug. 19th I scoped out and flagged the small connector to make a usable loop for trail users. On the 20th we had Sue & Steve Sanders, Phil Rutledge and myself targeting that newly flagged connector. Section in red on the map at the right.



Phil, Sue and Steve



Phil



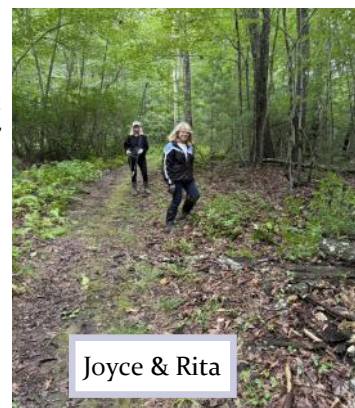
We did have one patch of mountain laurel and another patch of thick brush that we really had to work to get through. But with the hard work of all four of us, we actually did get it done that morning. All totaled we put in 9 hours worth \$378.

Aug. 21st trail work was Rita Ballou, Joyce Sandvik and myself. The picture of the above map shows the work we did, the trails with the purple slashes on it are the ones that we cut and brushed back. It was mostly trimming up to the proper height. That was almost .4 of a mile that we did. All totaled we put in 6.75 hours worth \$283.50

I did go back out and post that unsafe bridge with no horses on both ends. The timbers supporting that bridge are old tree logs that are really rotted out.

One can go through the water before the bridge, a bit mucky, but doable.

Thanks to those that pitched in to get this much done! **BK**



Joyce & Rita



Check In: 9:30 am. Ride out by 10am

Lunch served after the ride

Mileage: 6 to 8 miles

Limited Trailer Space! Once spots are filled, ride is closed!

Registration: \$30 BSTRA members/\$40 non-members. Juniors 17 & under ride for free. (lunch included)

Lunch only \$10.

Registration deadline: Sept. 10th NO POST ENTRIES



Directions: Mass Pike West to Rt 495 South (Upton exit 54B). Take a right off ramp, go straight 3.5 miles and take hard right onto Westboro Road. Forest is 2 miles on the right. GPS address is 205 Westboro Road, Upton,

Register online at www.bstra.org or make checks payable to BSTRA, Inc. and mail with this registration form to: BSTRA Western Themed Ride, Suzanne Nicholas, 96 Mountain Gate Road, Ashland, MA 01721

Entry Information Wild West Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Date of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (has to be within a year)		
BSTRA member Yes or No		
Are you bringing a trailer? Yes or No		

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

Tailgate Tack Sale

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sponsored by: Liv Salon & Bob Clark Dog Training

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Greenbriar Recreation Area

Rt. 12 Oxford MA. GPS: 581 Main St., Oxford is house right by entrance.

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NAME _____

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You must provide your own table, chairs, canopy, etc.

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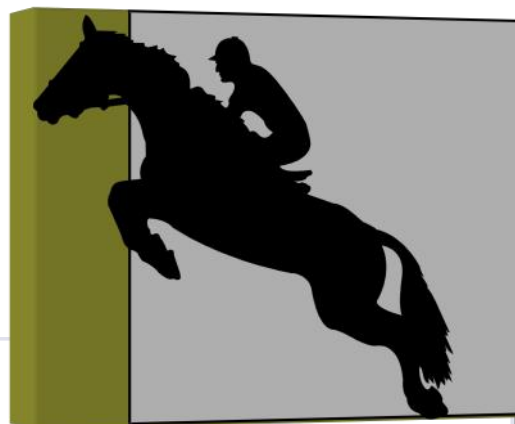
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For more information: **Karen Parlin kpschip@aol.com (774)-293-0051**
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Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace

Sept. 21, 2025



Divisions	Rain or Shine
Hunter - Fast	All jumps optional
Hilltop – Average	No jumps over 3 ft.
Trailblazer – Leisurely	No changing Divisions after 10am
Junior – Average, under 18	

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 will be around 2:00

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

Pre entries must be received by Sept. 17th.

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.

Ride Sponsored by

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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.

Sept. 15 Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace Entry Form

Pre-entries must be received by Sept. 17th 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 \$35, non-members \$45 Extra meal \$10

RIDE SPONSORED By FIDELITY BANK

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 certify 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: _____

Northfield Mountain Pleasure Ride and Potluck Lunch

Sponsored by Williams Restaurant & Castle Plastics

Describe a flawless day for riding: mid-70s, well maintained trails leading to a stunning view overlooking a mountain top reservoir and its surrounding landscape. Add in good company, willing horses, and scrumptious potluck dishes - it does not get more perfect. The Northfield Mountain Pleasure Ride and Potluck Lunch, on August 24th, was that day.

According to their website, "Northfield Mountain is a pumped hydro energy storage facility owned and operated by FirstLight." Set along a seven-mile stretch of the Connecticut River, the Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center supports hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing on its 26 miles of trails.



There was electricity for crock pots, and a large indoor space perfect for socializing. Lunch included hot rice dishes, pizza, crab meat sandwiches, and a variety of salads. Lots of desserts topped off the event. No one left hungry!

Thank you to Rose Zachary and Sue Quirk, for ensuring the event was flawless. *By Anna-Maria Paul*

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Drawing Held: September 21st at the Fall Hunter Pace

Ticket Prices: [1 ticket \$5] [3 tickets \$10] [10 tickets \$20]

How to Purchase:

- Online: www.bstra.org
- Mail: Fill out the form below and send with payment

Entry Form Please complete and mail with a check payable to **BSTRA**.

Address: **Karen Parlin, 92 Old Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536**

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
How many tickets?	

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Pleasure Ride at Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area, Hubbardston MA September 28th (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 NEHT affiliated

Cost: BSTRA members \$30 Non-members \$40

Juniors 17 and under ride & eat free

Lunch for those that have pre-registered.

Registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 24th

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

Ride Sponsored By

***United Ag & Turf North East
& Webster First Federal Credit Union***

Contact for information

Phone: 508-476-3960

E-mail: Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch

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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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.

Volunteers Needed

Sept. 14th Western Theme

Ride Upton. Looking for some desserts and someone to take down the trail markers after the ride. If you can bring a dessert or take down the markers please let Suzanne know at hc07645@gmail.com

Sept. 21st Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace. Looking for the following:

Setting up jumps the day before the pace (Sept. 20th)

Taking down jumps after the ride on the 21st.

Desserts, Timers, Parking, Marking, Taking down markers, Check point person.

If you can help with any of these please contact Sharron at hiddenhol-lowacres@comcast.net or Becky at Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch

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Date (raindate)	Event/Location/Sponsor	Contact	Phone#	Email address
Sept. 14*	Wild West Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride sponsored by Dean Bank</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hco7645@gmail.com
Sept. 21	Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace, Douglas MA <i>Ride sponsored by Fidelity Bank</i>	Sharron	413-668-7606	hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net
Sept. 28*	Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride, Hubbardston MA <i>Ride sponsored by United Ag & Turf and Webster First Fed. Credit Union</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	becky.bstra@protonmail.ch
Oct. 5	Ride for Open Space Wyndham Land Trust			
Oct. 12	Tack Sale, Oxford MA <i>Ride sponsored by Liv Salon & Bob Clark Dog Training</i>	Karen	774-293-0051	kpschip@aol.com
Oct. 19*	Lea MacInnis Ride, Lincoln MA <i>Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers</i>	Mary	845-264-2946	marymariewood@gmail.com
Oct. 26*	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride sponsored by Fidelity Bank</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	bstra.org@gmail.com
Nov. 2*	Turkey Trot, Carver MA <i>Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers</i>	Rose	401-487-3190	rzaricny@verizon.net
Nov. 16*	Thompson Raceway Ride, Thomson CT <i>Ride sponsored by Unibank</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	becky.bstra@protonmail.ch

*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).
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Mail this form with check payable to **BSTRA, Inc.** to: Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

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