

Bay State Trail Riders Association Inc.



The Bugle August 2026

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Celebrating America's 250th: Spirit of America Ride

Sponsored by Milford Federal Bank & Koopman Lumber

The heat wave dissipated just in time for our "Spirit of America" ride at Upton State Forest on July 12th. Sunshine reflected off the red, white, and blue worn by 26 riders and their horses, creating a festive scene in celebration of America's 250th anniversary and the 2026 Year of the Fire Horse.

The 7.5-mile route was marked with red, white, and blue ribbons, thanks to Anna-Maria Paul, Crysanda Aloia, and Carolyn Weeks. A slightly shorter option was also available for riders who preferred a reduced distance—or for horses that were a little wary of water crossings and the bridge.

After the ride, Deb Deschenes delighted everyone with her flag cake for dessert. Lunch concluded with a costume presentation recognizing the three riders who best captured the spirit of the 250th anniversary celebration. Tamatha Race and her horse, Frank Sharron Cochran and her horse, Peanut Kelly Berthiaume, dressed as the Statue of Liberty, with her Fire Horse, Anari Suzanne Nicholas awarded prizes to the winners for their festive and creative regalia.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the ride a success: Deb Deschenes, Denise Kanakry, Suzanne Nicholas, Karen Parlin, Sue Perry, Joyce Sandvik and Rose Zariczny. *by Joyce Sandvik*



Northfield Mountain Recreation Area

Pleasure Ride & Pot Luck Lunch

August 22, 2026 9:30am

Sponsored by Visimark & Stethoscope.com

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

Prices: BSTRA members \$10 Non-members \$15

Juniors 17 & under free

Check in: 9:30 Lunch: 12:30

Please register by the 20th for the potluck

**NOTE: HELMETS ARE
MANDATORY per
management**

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".

Complimentary nonalcoholic drinks provided by BSTRA.

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

Information: Suzanne at 508-380-2124 or hc07645@gmail.com

Please complete, cut and mail reservation form below with check payable to BSTRA, Inc.

Mail to: Suzanne Nicholas 96 Mountain Gate Road Ashland, MA 01721

ENTRY INFORMATION	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		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
COGGINS # and DATE (within 1 year)		
What dish are you bringing?		

Goddard Park Pleasure Ride

Sponsored by United Ag & Turf and Corinthian Insurance

I held my breath for the week leading up to the ride because forecasts called for rain Saturday and the Canadian wildfires filled our skies with smoke for several days. Luckily, the rain held off until all were on their way home.

Thank you to all our participants (18) and crew (3) who did seem to enjoy the day saying the light breeze was nice, there were few nuisance insects, and little to no smoke. As always, it was good to see returning old friends as well as introducing newcomers to the pleasures of this ride.

Foster, RI member Janice Key joined us and donated deviled eggs and egg salad made from eggs from her backyard chickens. Yummy, thank you Jan! I supplied a cold lunch of chicken salad and tuna salad sandwiches with sides of potato/egg salad, macaroni salad, dilled cucumber salad, watermelon, and Italian Ice. Thank you to Deb Deschenes who made and brought lemon cake, which as usual of her desserts was homemade and delicious. Assorted chips, mini blueberry muffins, and cold drinks rounded out the menu.

Thank you husband Bill and Deb Deschenes for all your help. *Happy Trails Rose Zariczny*



Bits & Pieces

Clarification on volunteering to mark trails for a ride. Yes you do get volunteer hours. Can you get ride points for marking a trail and don't ride the day of the ride? Yes, as long as you have registered and paid for that ride. Will you be eligible for ride mileage under NEHT? Yes as long as you meet requirements listed above.

Using Venmo. We can now take Venmo payments for entries, raffle tickets, and merchandise items (like t-shirts). This is our Venmo "handle": @BSTRA

BSTRA had donations received in memory of member Marty Guild that passed in May.

Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace Sept. 13, 2026

Douglas State Forest Douglas, MA

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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

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

Trailblazers on course by 10:30

NO HORSES AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

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

Ride Sponsored by

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Veterinary Services

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

Lunch starts at 12:30 Awards will be around 2:00
3 ribbons per team. Ribbons to 6th place

Pre entries must be received by Sept. 9th.

POST ENTRIES welcome but lunch not included

NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS

Cleaning up your hay
and manure is
REQUIRED

For more information contact: Joyce Sandvik at bstra.org@gmail.com or 617-429-4319

Completely fill in the entry form on the following page. This way you will just have to check in and get your instructions 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 BSTR 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.

Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace Sept 13, 2026 Entry Form

Pre-entries must be received by **Sept 9th**. POST ENTRIES welcome, but lunch not included.

Make check payable to BSTRA and mail to: Susan Jackson, 92 Orchard Hill Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

RIDE SPONSORED By
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Register and pay online at www.bstra.org/events
BSTRA members \$35, non-members \$45 Extra meal \$10

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. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN

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RIDER'S NAME			
HORSE'S NAME			
RIDER'S BIRTH Year			
STREET ADDRESS			
TOWN, STATE, ZIP			
BSTRA MEMBER?			
DIVISION			
PHONE NUMBER			
EMAIL ADDRESS			
COGGINS # and DATE (within 1 year)			
Extra Meal			

If you are just registering your self, but riding with someone, please write your team member below on the solid line.

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_____

If the rider is under 18, the rider's guardian must sign above and list the under 18 rider's name below:

Rider 3: Signature_____ Date_____

If the rider is under 18, the rider's guardian must sign above and list the under 18 rider's name below:

Emergency Phone # contact for riders riding by themselves:_____

Hunter Pace Volunteers Needed

Set out jumps on Sept. 12th. 3 Trucks
Pick up jumps after ride on the 13th. 3 Trucks

Parking: 2 people

Timers: 2 people

Check point person

Road Crosser

Someone to pick up food for lunch.

Desserts

If you can help with any of these please let
Joyce know at bstra.org@gmail.com

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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On July 26th, we welcomed our volunteers to a special appreciation lunch at Willow Brook in Mendon, MA. The gathering was a heartfelt thank-you to the people who make every BSTR A ride, trail project, and initiative possible. As President Joyce Sandvik so perfectly reminded us, our volunteers are the backbone of this organization. Without your time, energy, and dedication, we simply could not accomplish the work we do. Volunteers are a precious resource, and we want each and every one of you to know that you are never taken for granted. For two wonderful hours, twenty-five volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch, lively conversation, and the chance to move from table to table catching up with friends old and new. It was a warm, relaxed afternoon that reflected exactly what makes this community so special. Thank you for all you do—your commitment keeps our trails open, our events thriving, and our mission moving forward.

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BAY STATE TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2026 TRAIL SUPPORT & THANK YOU DRAWING

10 DRAWINGS - 15 CHANCES TO WIN WITH EACH \$25 DONATION YOU MAKE

CHOOSE WHICH DRAWINGS YOUR ENTRIES GO INTO

DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE THOMPSON RACEWAY RIDE NOV. 15TH. WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP PRIZES

DRAWING #1



ARROWPOINT
HARMONY
QUILT 53.5 X 68
BY KATHY RICH
A STITCH'N GOOD
TIME
\$400 VALUE

DRAWING #2



ANNIE'S MESSAGE
CHILDREN'S BOOK
WITH ORIGINAL
WATER COLOR
ILLUSTRATION BY
BETSEY
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\$300 VALUE

DRAWING #3



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COLOR
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DRAWING #5



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LOVERS BASKET
\$132 VALUE

DRAWING #6



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PATCH
BREECHES XL
\$119 VALUE

DRAWING #7



5/A BAKER FLY
SHEET SIZE 80"
\$110 VALUE

DRAWING #8



BROKE SUPPLY
COMPANY GIFT
CERTIFICATE
\$100 VALUE

DRAWING #9



PRI
CONTINENTAL
SWALLOWTAIL
DRESSAGE PAD
AND CASHEL
COMFORT EARS
SIZE L
\$100 VALUE

DRAWING #10



CHESHIRE
HORSE GIFT
CARD
\$50 VALUE

All proceeds raised from
this fundraiser will go to
improving trails.

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Association Inc. wish to
thank the following donors
for their support. Kathy
Rich, Betsey MacDonald,
Nutramax Labs, Becky
Kalagher, Deb Cataldo,
Broke Supply Co., Saddle
Shed and The Cheshire
Horse.

DRAWING ENTRY INFORMATION

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

ENTRY CHOICES: (PLEASE INCLUDE # OF ENTRIES FOR YOUR CHOICES)

____ DRAWING 1 ____ DRAWING 2 ____ DRAWING 3

____ DRAWING 4 ____ DRAWING 5 ____ DRAWING 6

____ DRAWING 7 ____ DRAWING 8 ____ DRAWING 9

____ DRAWING 10

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BSTRA AND MAIL TO 92 OLD WESTBORO
ROAD, NORTH GRAFTON MA 01536

ENTER ONLINE AT [HTTPS://BSTRA.ORG/SUPPORT/RAFFLE/](https://bstra.org/support/raffle/)

BSTRA 2026 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT/LOCATION/SPONSOR	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
Aug. 22nd	Northfield Mt. Ride, Northfield MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Visimark Inc./Stethoscope.com</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Sept. 13th	Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace, Douglas MA <i>Ride Sponsored by EquidDoc Veterinary Services</i>	Susan	860-377-5060	sjackson3773@gmail.com
Sept. 27th	Scavenger Hunt, Carver MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Homefield Credit Union</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Oct. 4th	Wyndham Land Trust Ride for Open Space, CT	Penny		pfoisey@gmail.com
Oct. 11th*	Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride, Hubbardston MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Webster First Federal Credit Union/ Castle Plastics Inc.</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch
Oct. 18*	Red Rail Farm Ride, Lincoln MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Yered Trailers</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Oct. 25*	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by EquidDoc Veterinary Services</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	bstra.org@gmail.com
Nov. 1*	Larry Underwood Classic, N. Brookfield MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Fidelity</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	bstra.org@gmail.com
Nov. 15*	Thompson Raceway Ride <i>Ride Sponsored by Dean Bank</i>	Valerie	508-864-8432	valerie.clark@snet.net

*NEHT Affiliated Rides

1. Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 10:00 am and trail workdays at 9:00 am.
2. Most rides require advance registration and payment to receive lunch.
3. Riders 17 and under, accompanied by a guardian, ride **free** (lunch included if pre-registered). (Some rides exempt.)
4. Alcohol is prohibited on State property. No smoking allowed while riding. A current Coggins within a year of the ride date is required.
5. Please leave the trail & parking areas better than you found them. Clean up your hay & manure at all rides. Be considerate of others.
6. Year end awards require a member in good standing to have a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time completed.



Matching Gifts Program (Charter Oak Credit Union in CT)

We will match all qualified* charitable donations YOU make between Wednesday, August 12, 2026 and Thursday, November 19, 2026 or until our 2026 Matching Gifts funding limit is met.

We're committed to giving back to charitable entities within our field of membership, as well as charities elsewhere that are meaningful to our members.

It's simple – we give back because it is part of the foundation from which credit unions were built on...

people helping people – and we're proud to offer our members the opportunity to maximize their charitable donations through our Matching Gifts Program.

We hope our program will inspire you to make a donation to your favorite 501(c)(3) charity, so they will in turn be able to further their meaningful mission to positively impact the world we live in. Donations must be at least \$25 and will be matched in increments of \$25. Charter Oak will match up to a maximum of \$500 per member.

If you are a BSTRA member and a member of Charter Oak, we hope that you will consider making a donation and choose BSTRA as you favorite 501(c)(3)!



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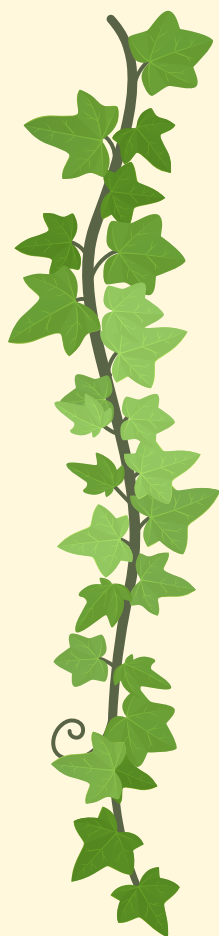
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Saddle for Sale: Custom Circle Y. Older, but in great shape. The fully hand tooled saddle leather is a mahogany color. It is accented with a rope edge with silver lacing. The horn is braided rawhide with silver lacing. The gullet is 6-3/4" wide which 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 Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch

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