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CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Nancy Osgood

June 4, 2011, is National Trails Day. This is the 19th year that the American Hiking Society has dedicated a day to celebrate America's magnificent trail system and its countless supporters and volunteers. Certainly there is no group of Americans that are more appreciative of these precious trails than horseback riding enthusiasts.

National Trails Day is celebrated all over the country. This year the American Hiking Society estimates that two thousand events will take place around the country, including trail maintenance, hiking, paddling, biking, horseback riding, bird watching, running, trail celebrations and more. "Dedicated volunteers, outdoor enthusiasts, trail lovers, and those new to the outdoors are truly the key ingredients to National Trails Day. "Naturally, it's a time to give back to trails and pay it forward by introducing someone new to the outdoors," said Gregory Miller, American Hiking Society president.

There are many events taking place in our area. You can find a range of events by searching on the internet. However, just to make it easy for you, I encourage TROT members to participate in one of the local trail work days that are scheduled to honor National Trails Day. These events are:

- * Rock Creek Regional Park near Lake Needwood in Montgomery County. 9am-1pm. Work includes rerouting Parilla Path (a hiker-biker route). Contact Ben Sugar, Trails Volunteer Coordinator, Volunteer Services Office, Montgomery Parks – MNCPPC. Phone 301-650-4395, and Cell 240-372-9488.
- * Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com
- * Seneca Creek State Park, sponsored by REI. Join volunteers from REI, Maryland Park Service, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts and more. They will be building new trails in Schaeffer Farm and Clopper Day-use areas. Register at <http://www.rei.com/stores/91>.

No matter if you ride English or Western, no matter what breed of horse you have, no matter what your equine endeavor, no matter your age or your expertise, any horse owner or horseback rider will at some time think "how lucky am I to have such a beautiful trail for riding." I for one intend to volunteer on National Trails Day to demonstrate how important the trails are to me.

TROT Ride. Introduction to North Tract – Saturday March 26 (rain date March 27). Ride Leader Barbara Sollner-Webb
Barbara Sollner-Webb

Our first TROT trail ride of 2011 - at North Tract, in Laurel, MD - was a great success. We had 15 lovely horses and riders, plus 3 visitors without horses and several who wanted to come but had conflicting schedules. It was a delightful sunny day, crisp but not cold, perfect for our 3 hour ride (with a break at a lake). To accommodate everyone's preferred speed, we had an all walk group, a walk/trot(tol) group, and a walk/trot(tol)



The Group

canter group (with even a controlled gallop run, for those who wanted). Although officially led by Terry Ledley,

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President's Message

Ron MacNab, President

Liven up your trail riding by exploring new places. Most of us have our routine riding places. They are close by, reasonably well kept and provide a nice outing. Unfortunately after years of repeated use they begin to lose their attraction. In my case, I frequently go to Agriculture Farm Park and Schooley Mill Park. Both are wonderful places to ride, but I can picture them in my sleep and often do. I love them, but I am tired of them. This year I am committed to visit some of the less used trails. (Of course what I consider less used may be your normal riding place. If so, I hope you will speak up and volunteer to lead a ride.)



There are some very good trails that horseback riders tend to ignore. Often there is something that has eliminated it from being publicized as an equestrian favorite and it becomes forgotten. The trail may have limited parking, is used heavily on weekends by mountain bikers or it may be a linear rather than circular route. You normally won't find group trail rides being held on these trails. You probably will never experience these hidden gems unless you have a friend to show you the trails or you are willing to venture out on your own.

This spring and summer, I hope to take in a new trail each week, during the middle of the week. If you would like to join me for a ride, please do, I'd love to have the company. I will send out an announcement on MarylandTrailRiders and TROT Members Yahoo Groups. It will state where and when I plan to ride. These will be impromptu rides. I won't be pre-riding and primping the trails. If there are down trees, so be it. We will cut and clip our way through or around them.

Listed below are some to the trails I hope to visit. You probably have your own list of such trails, if so, please send me your list.

It think it would be wonderful if a group of us, who can ride during the week, explored these less used trails. Will keep you posted.

Hoyles Mill Schaefer Farm Park Fairland Park Upper Seneca Magruder Dry Seneca Travilah Loop	Rosaryville Anacostia Trail Carroll County Equestrian Center Hawlings River Rocky Gorge Blockhouse Point Northwest Branch/Wheaton	Muddy Branch Greenway Trail Breezy Loop Rural Legacy Trail to Brighten Dam Road Seneca Creek Trail Rockburn Piney Run Rachael Carson Park
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New Charles County Coordinator

Ron MacNab

I am very happy to announce that Dr. Kathy Blanche has volunteered to be TROT's Charles County Coordinator. Kathy is field secretary for the De La Brook Foxhounds and has belonged to TROT for ten years. She will be responsible for monitoring issues in Charles County affecting trail riding, and will work to resolve problems that may arise. Her contact information is: Cell Phone 240-320-4385; email: jbservs@peoplepc.com. Please join me in welcoming her.



TRAIL WORK PLAN for 2011

Amy Kimble, Trail Clearing, AmyHKimble@aol.com

We are establishing a new trail at Seneca Creek State Park and the work will be with MORE (The Mountain Biking Club) every other Saturday starting on Sat. March 12th. through June 4th.

JUNE 4th. is NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - I would love to have as many volunteers as possible working on as many trails as possible. DNR is trying to set a new record. MORE

would love to finish the new Seneca Creek section of trail on that day.

We will have mounted trail clearings the Sunday prior to the scheduled TROT Trail Rides, this will ensure the trails are in good shape for the ride leaders and participants.

Let me know if you have any other questions or would like to be added to the TRAIL WORK group for emails as we plan for 2011 - and to get the specific info on where to meet and what you should bring.

TROT Organizational License Plate

TROT is eligible to order organizational Maryland license plates for our members. The cost is \$25 and must be ordered through TROT. At this time we have enough

interest so that we can apply for the license plate. If you think you would like to have a TROT license plate please contact Susan Railey at susanrailey@verizon.net.



Montgomery County Parks Update

Ron MacNab

MNCPPC Montgomery Co. Parks are under siege from the County Executive and a few Council members on the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED).

In February and March, County Executive Ike Leggett attempted to push through state legislation taking control of MNCPPC Park funds and moving the MNCPPC Park Police into the Montgomery County Police. Fortunately, the rest of the County Council did not endorse the move. Not able to obtain support from the County Council, he withdrew the proposal from the Montgomery County Delegation in Annapolis. The attempt failed, but is expected to come back next year in a modified form.

Now Leggett, with the help of the County Council's PHED committee, is seeking to move MNCPPC Park programs into Montgomery County government. This would leave the Parks in charge of nature centers and mowing. Initially, this was proposed as a cost saving budget matter. When it was easily shown that it did not save money, the PHED committee suggested funding a study that would investigate the feasibility of moving the programs into County Government. The theory is, it would create management efficiencies and better service to the community.

At this writing a consultant has not been named to conduct the study, much less has a recommendation been given. However, I feel inspired and willing to enter the territory of the great eastern mystic and psychic, "Carnac the Magnificent" from the old Johnny Carson Show. As wild as it may sound, I predict that..... the study will agree with whoever funds the study. In this case, Issiah Leggett and

the PHED Committee. (Thank you, it is a special gift I have.)

In its over eagerness to take control of MNCPPC Parks, the PHED committee displayed its hand for wanting to get control of the parks. They want to sell off underused park properties for the development of moderate and low income housing.

Below is how the statement read, and how they proposed to change it.

The old Housing Element objective 4. H. provided that "Designate government-owned land, **other than parkland**, that meets appropriate housing site selection criteria for future housing development.

The new Housing Element, as proposed by the PHED Committee, says at 2.13 "**Provide underused and strategically located surplus public properties for housing** that includes housing affordable to low and moderate income households at a higher percentage than required in the MPDU program."

Fortunately, the revised statement of the Housing Element was observed by a few citizens attending the hearing who sent out the alarm. Within a day or two, following tremendous public outcry, the Housing Element statement was revised again restating that parkland would be exempt from consideration.

Without public intervention however, our parks are in jeopardy. If you are a citizen of Montgomery County, please frequent the following websites to keep posted on threats to our parks and open space.

<http://www.saveourparksmontgomery.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.parksmatter.org>

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Denis Webb, and myself, respectively, different horses took turns being in front, to give experience to younger horses.



Lunch after the ride

Afterwards, we enjoyed socializing over lunch and chocolate cake.

The timing couldn't have been better, because the previous several days had lots of rain, and a goal of this ride was to highlight the value of North Tract's trails -- whose sturdy stone base prevents them from being damaged by riding when the ground is so wet that you should stay off most other trails. It was a much-too-beautiful-to-not-ride day!



Riding out

Jim and Maureen Henry want to thank Barbara, Denis, and Terry for leading a beautiful trail ride at North Tract on 3/26. What a wonderful flat area to ride. The weather was clear and cool, just perfect for our woolly Icelandic's. We enjoyed the parks varied landscape and perfect roads to Tolt our horses. Denis did a superb job of pacing our walk/trot/tolt group with just the right amount of both paces. We loved the company in our group mixed with TROT members we have ridden with many times and new people and horses we were able to meet. Jim and I find that TROT riders are relaxed people who enjoy the opportunity to trail ride and the company of other like minded people. We have always been made to feel welcome on our rides and the great friendliness of its participants. We hope that the new people that join TROT get the same welcoming feeling...This trail site will be used by us and has been placed on one of our favorites list.



At a break

2011 Trail Work Days in Carroll County!

Carolyn A. Garber, carolyn.garber@yahoo.com

Hope you can help us spread the word that we need more volunteers for maintaining the trails in Carroll County.

Hope you see you on the trail.....clippers in hand!
Our trails need your help!

Saturday, May 7 – Trail Work Day at Gillis Falls/Carroll County Equestrian Center, Grimville Road, Mt. Airy, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Peggy Miller 410-549-1608

Sunday, May 15 – Trail Work Day at Union Mills Reservoir Area Trails, Kowomu Trail Parking lot, Westminster, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Jean McCormac 410-346-6212

Saturday, May 21 – Trail Work Day at Piney Run Equestrian Trails, Martz Road off Rt.26 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Bridget McCullough 301-829-7442 or email smwandmbm@aol.com

Saturday, June 4 – Celebrate National Trails Day - Trail Work Day at Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com

Sunday, July 17 – Trail Work Day at Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring

your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com

Saturday, August 27 – Trail Work Day at Gillis Falls/Carroll County Equestrian Center, Grimville Road, Mt. Airy, MD. 5:00 P.M. – Dark. Bring your own tools. FMI: Peggy Miller 410-549-1608

Saturday, September 10 – Trail Work Day at Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 24 – Trail Work Day at Piney Run Equestrian Trails, Martz Road off Rt.26 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Bridget McCullough 301-829-7442 or email smwandmbm@aol.com

Sunday, October 9 - Trail Work Day at Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 – Noon. Bring your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com

Trail Guides

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. Contact them to arrange a personal guided trail ride.

Benson Branch Park Sandy Brewer
Email sandbrewer@901.com

Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock)
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Breezy Loop Boyds, MD an easy hour and 15 minutes.
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett
Marilynn Miller (301) 898-7274

EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville
This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greeway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip
Naomi Manders e-mail: naomimanders0@gmail.com

Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County)
Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or KlawPaws@aol.com

Gunpowder State Park (Harford County)
Joyce Browning (410) 557-6165/443-966-0249

Little Bennett Park
Jim and Maureen Henry (301)-371-4868.

Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park and Annapolis Rock Deneen Martin (301) 253-2955

Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park, Laury Lobel
(301) 774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net

Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road
Elizabeth Baran
She is available during the week and weekend and would love to show other TROT members the trails.
H: (410) 442-5006 C: (410) 245-8942

Sugarloaf Mt. Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

Sugarloaf Mt. Janine Borofka (301) 874-0770

Union Mills/Kowomu Trail
Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] and Morgan Run Trails.
Ivy Smink (410) 875-5691 or ivysmink@qis.net

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD
Karen Kraushaar (301) 208-0767 or kraushaar@verizon.net

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:
Nancy Osgood at nlosgood@verizon.net

County Updates

Need volunteers

as contacts or coordinators for **Baltimore, Calvert, and Talbot Counties**. If you have an interest to act in this capacity, please contact Ron MacNab, TROT President, rmacnab@comcast.net or call (301) 622-4157

Howard County

Pat Oliva

Update from Howard County. This month I met with the new Director of Parks, Mr. John R. Byrd. He informed me of the new proposed Bike Skills Area in the Rockburn Branch Park. He stated that three horseback riders were opposing it. I met at the park with Melanie, the MORE (off-road bikers) representative. We walked the trails that were close to the Skills Area as well as the proposed course. There appeared to be good visibility in both directions of the adjacent trail to allow horses to see approaching bikers. I then met with the equine rider, and after much discussion, we agreed that the proposed area will not cause a problem for horses. I then wrote a letter in

support of the Skills Area.

Volunteers Where Are You? Hey folks! I only got one reply from my request in the last newsletter for volunteers. I need people willing to work on the trails in Western Regional Park. Please contact me at 410-489-7380 or e-mail patolivatigger@aol.com. Thanks!

Important Reminder! When you are trailering, please remember to take back your manure or spread it in the woods. The parking area on Old Annapolis Rock Rd. was free of manure for years. The last two times I was there, piles were all over the field. Once someone starts to leave their piles, it seems to be a okay for everyone to do it. This is happening at the Frederick watershed and McKeldin Rec. Area as well. Please set a good example!

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

Montgomery County Trails Update

Now that fair weather has arrived, we are seeing winter damages on the trails. There are a number of fallen trees and limbs blocking the trails. Fortunately I haven't seen anything major that can't be easily cleared after a few work days.

Work on the new Seneca Trail continues with a hope of being completed by the end of May. A number of bridges needed to be constructed and made strong enough for equestrian use. TROT donated \$2,000 toward the construction of these bridges. Once completed there will be an approved network of trails from Black Hill Park to the

C&O Canal. The network will include the following trails; Black Hill Park, Hoyles Mill Trail, Seneca State Park (from Schaefer Farm Park to the C&O Canal). It also links to the Dry Seneca Trail which goes north close to White's Ferry Road. Many thanks to Dave Magill and volunteers at MORE for leading this effort and to Amy Kimble for leading the TROT volunteers.

In Northwest Branch, the large 40 foot bridge near the end of Lambertson Dr. has been reinstalled. The original bridge was lost in a storm last fall. Bob Turnbull from MNCPPC made this a priority project. The bridge connects the trail from Rt 29 in Four Corners to Kemp Mill Road, near Wheaton Stables. This is a well traveled trail used by the adjoining communities and equestrians.

TROT Ride - Naval Academy Dairy Farm Saturday April 16, 2011 (rain date Sunday the 17th)- Ride Leader Jeff Dwyer

From an email by Barbara Sollner-Webb

Just a quick note to let folks know they missed a great ride last Sunday (the rain date, as Saturday was a deluge), at the Naval Academy Dairy Farm, led by Jeff Dwyer. Despite this being a combination of TROT and the Tuckahoe riding group, only two parties (5 horses/riders) came to explore this beautiful 860 acre Dairy Farm, originally operated by the Naval Academy. There were scenic vistas; lovely walk, trot (tolt) and canter runs. It was beautifully sunny. The largely sandy ground had already drained well. At a very nice lunch together afterwards, we enjoyed hearing amusing tales of Jeff's time training the horses at Medieval Times, while the horses enjoyed devouring their lush grass. Thanks to Jeff, and fellow-riders: Denis, Ingrid, Corinne and Nicholas!

Membership Report

Margaret Scarff, Membership Chairman

Please welcome these new members!

New Members	Town	County	State
Pam Howard:	Gaithersburg	Montgomery Cty	MD
Joyce Browning	Baldwin	Harford County	MD
Tyler Jones	Union Bridge	Carroll County	MD
Avis Tyler	Paoli	Chester County	PA
Loretta Hopkins	Bryans Road	Charles county	MD

(She is a) Lady 1973-2011

Kyle Jossi

Way back in 1994 I answered a handwritten ad that was posted on the bulletin board at the Olney Ale House. It stated, "Looking for a teenager to feed my horse when I travel." I called immediately, but did confess that I wasn't a teenager. The Lord of the Manor interviewed me and agreed that I was suitable for the job. After a year or so of feeding Lady, I worked up the nerve to ask her owner if I could ride her. His response totally shocked me. "You may have the mare and keep her here as long as you assume full care for her." We started out slowly, exploring the trails around her pasture. Even at 21, she was lively. We were so fortunate to meet Sandy (then Lewis) Boyd, who introduced us to the local horse community. I'll never forget our first group ride, we were out for a least four hours and I think we covered half of Montgomery County. Over the years, Lady stayed amazingly healthy and was able to keep up with much younger horses for lengthy trail rides. At the age of 28, she was still running away with me. At least 3 times she won the Oldest Horse Award at the **Trot Pleasure ride**. I think it was when she reached about 35, she developed chronic diarrhea and began to lose weight. I started her on Equine Senior (Southern States) and tried other supplements and top dressings but nothing seemed to make a difference. Corn oil and beet pulp didn't

seem to help. She loved to eat, but nothing was being absorbed. I last rode her this past New Year's Day. A few days later she had a bad case of colic and I thought it was the end. But a

strong dose of Banamine from the vet, and she gradually improved. In early April, it was clear that she was nearing the end. She wasn't moving around much and although she loved eating her Equine Senior, she was losing more weight each day. I made arrangements with the vet to put her down on April 25th, but a week before that we found that she had fallen in the aisle of the barn. I frantically drove home from work and the vet arrived just as I was pulling up to the barn. I got to say goodbye, and I was so thankful that Mike and I could be with her till the very end. She was 39 when she died.



2011 USTR Memorial Day Benefit Ride

Lisa Wilkinson, ustrnews@yahoo.com

2011 Memorial Day Ride Secretary

Our 17th Annual Benefit Ride is just around the corner, Sunday May 29, 2011 at Glenwood Park in Middleburg, VA.

Last year's beneficiaries were:

Horses for Heroes; Equestrian Facilities Fund; TROT Search and Rescue

We welcome you to come out for a terrific ride over the wonderfully scenic and private trails rarely open for public riding. Ride 6 to 15 miles at your own pace.

Trails are well marked and range from gently rolling mixed fields/woods to more aggressive hills and river crossings. Ride the trail(s) right for you - there is something for everybody!

While you enjoy your ride and your lunch, remember you are helping us help some very worthy causes. If you have recommendations for a 2011 beneficiary, please let us know.

The ride registration form is posted on our website: www.ustrailride.org

The direct link to the form is: <http://www.ustrailride.org/downloads/2011Registration.pdf>

Thank you so much for your past support! We look forward to seeing you.

Volunteer Opportunities

(14 years and older)
at Loudoun Therapeutic Riding
The Morven Park Equestrian Center
in Leesburg

Morning, afternoon and evening
volunteer help needed

Next Orientation: Monday, June 6th, 6-8pm

Training is provided and is ongoing.

Please call 703-771-2689 or

E-Mail: Volunteer@LTRF.org

Laurie Dove, Volunteer Coordinator



5/11

From the 2010 Maryland Equine Census.

- * There are over 79,000 horses, ponies, mules, donkeys and burros in the state in 2010. That number is down 9 percent from 2002.
- * Thoroughbreds, then quarter horses lead the numbers by breed.
- * The value of the equine inventory was 714 million, up 5 percent from 2002. The value of all equine related assets totaled 5.6 billion.
- * Read the details of the census by going to <http://www.mda.state.md.us/article.php?i=30154>

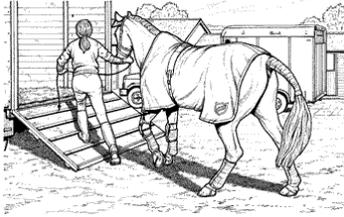
UPCOMING RIDES

Lisa Troutman , Trail Ride Coordinator
cat.home@verizon.net

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about start time and directions.

All ride participants must:

- wear hard hats,
- be TROT members (membership forms will be available at the ride for non-members).
- provide a copy of a current negative coggins for each horse.



- if needed, bring a snack for get together after the ride. **Contact ride leader for details.**

For any additional questions about TROT rides, please contact Lisa Troutman. Most leaders volunteer year after year because they have so much fun! It's a great opportunity to meet other TROT members and maybe find a new trail buddy.

WANTED: suggestions of other places to ride and volunteers to be ride leaders. Please contact Lisa Troutman (see above).

More rides are to be added. Check the TROT web page, -<http://www.trot-md.org/> for updates

May

Rocky Gorge Watershed Burtonsville/Laurel -

Saturday, May 14,

Ride leaders: Terry Ledley, Barbara and Denis Webb

Come join us on these spectacularly scenic (and actually non-rocky) trails along the Patuxent River's Rocky George Reservoir. Terry will lead a walking ride and Barbara and Denis will lead a faster paced group. If we are lucky we might even spy our nesting bald eagles. A pot-luck meal at the Webb's will cap off the fun. Please call Terry to make your reservation.

In the saddle at 11AM, Location: Burtonsville/Laurel, Contact: Terry Ledley at 301-776-2661

Agricultural History Farm - Saturday, May 21, Ride leader Deneen Martin

The Agricultural History Park is a beautiful place to ride with its mowed grassy paths and shady forest trails. There will be creeks, woods, open fields and bridges. We will have ride leaders for all levels of experience—both slow and faster paced groups. There are streams in the park for your horse to drink from but no water at the parking lot so plan accordingly. Your horse will not need shoes or boots. Bring your drink, chair, and something to share at a potluck afterwards.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Location/parking: Agricultural History Farm, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood MD. Drive to the end of the long asphalt driveway where it dead ends at the parking lots around the Cooperative Extension building. Turn left onto the gravel road and park in the grassy area by the asphalt parking lot. Rain date Sunday May 22.

Contact: Deneen at 301-253-2955 or email deneenmartin7@msn.com

June

Susquehanna State Park - Saturday, June 4

Ride leader Karen Penharlow

Duration 3+ Hours (approximately 10 miles?) starting at 10 AM on multi-use trails. Horses must be fairly fit and be comfortable with hikers and bikers. There is a short area on a public road (potentially with traffic), some steep hills, water crossings, stairs (you can dismount & walk down the stairs if needed), and a short area of the trail requires you to be comfortable with heights and a drop-off. Walk, trot, canter and potentially a hand-gallop. Event will be canceled if we have significant rain 48 hours prior to the ride. In the saddle at 10 AM

Location: Havre de Grace, MD, Cecil County. Contact: Karen Penharlow at 410-236-9365 or email KlawPaws@aol.com

Calithea Farm Loop – Saturday June 11, Ride leader Naomi Manders

This is an easy 1 1/2 hour experience w/gentle slopes through the Park. Many Callithea horses are unshod, but the towpath is hard. Pace is walk only and single file along towpath between locks for about 2 miles (bikes, strollers, leashed dogs, canoes on canal) and then back through the Park to complete the loop. One solid, short bridge with rails. (The 2 locks have big wide bridges over the canal.) We have a nice gazebo for afterwards - leader will bring lemonade & cookies so plan to bring more edibles to share. In the saddle at 11 AM, Address: 15000 River Road, Potomac 20854 Contact: Naomi Manders at 301-279-7994 (cell for day of ride only - 240-994-8129) – or email Naomimanders0@gmail.com

July

Liberty Reservoir – Saturday July 9th,

Ride leader Mary Prowell

This ride will be a combination of a dirt fire road that goes around Liberty Reservoir and some woods trails that connect to it. The footing is mostly good although there are some rocks on the fire road and part of the

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woods trail is not well used. There will be a break for lunch or snacks around noon. The pace will be walking and trotting with a possible canter depending on the size and abilities of the group. The Reservoir is a pretty place to ride with views of the water and through a mostly deciduous forest. There can be hikers, bike riders and sometimes motor bikes on the fire road so horses should be able to deal with those things. Plan to be out for 2 ½ to 3 hours. In the saddle at 10 AM. Location/parking: Park on Deer Park Rd.

Contact Mary Prowell at 301-829-7709 or email boprow@aol.com

August

Rockburn Regional Park into Patapsco Valley State

Park - Sat. August 6 with rain date Sunday August 7-

Ride leader Jacquie Cowan

We will park and ride from Howard County's Rockburn Regional Park into Patapsco Valley State Park. Easy parking. Hilly trails through the woods – plenty of shade, water crossings, and typically no bugs. Shoes or boots recommended as there are some rocky areas. Expect mountain bikers with whom we have a good trail sharing relationship. Pace will be walk-trot-gait ride lasting 3-4 hours. Ready to ride 9:30am. Lunch at trailers after. RSVP 410-923-6157

Directions from Rt 100: exit 4 onto Meadowridge Rd north toward Ellicott City. Turn right at first light onto Montgomery Rd. Left at next light following Montgomery Rd. 1 mile left into Rockburn Park at Rockburn Elementary School. Left into 1st parking lot and park in the grassy area at the top and left. Do not forget clean up tools and water for you and horse. 410-215-4979 day of ride

Patuxent River State Park (Georgia Avenue) - Saturday, August 20 Ride leader Lisa Troutman

The pace will be mostly walk, trot, with some canter. This will be a scenic ride along the edge of cropland and in the forest. There will be river crossings and hills. This park is fairly rocky so horses may need shoes or boots. Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking area. Please bring a lunch and chair for afterward. In the saddle at 10 AM, Location/parking: Parking lot on Rt. 97 N (Georgia Avenue). Parking is limited to less than 10 trailers.,

Contact: Lisa Troutman at: 410-489-5101 or email cat.home@verizon.net

RT & 3L Farm - Saturday August 27th.

Ride Leader Katie Tessier

A family owned farm. Nestled inside the small town of Jefferson MD. Enjoy the hillside views that this farm has to offer. This will be a 1 1/2 to 2 hr trail ride. A walk some trot. Open fields, some steep hills,

some rocky paths. We shall follow like elephants! This is a new farm for a group trail ride. We will keep this a small group for this year a max of 12 mounts. Trailer parking will be in a field. Water for horses can be provided. Drinks will also be provided. Bring chairs and lunch for after the ride.

11am Ride time. Not to arrive before 10 am
4240 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson MD 21755 RT & 3L
Farm Katie Tessier 240-876-6523

September TBD

October

Upper Patuxent River State Park (Annapolis Rock Rd) - Sunday, October 9,

Ride leader Suzanne Anderson

The trails are hilly but not too rocky. There will be river crossings and, depending on the rainfall, mud or dust. The ride will be 3.5 to 4 hour loop; 2½ to 3 hours of medium pace (walking, and trot/gait). Please bring a lunch you can pack on your saddle. I'm arranging a 'chuck' wagon with hot drinks and bottled water to meet us at a good halfway point. Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking site. This will be a joint ride with the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse (CPWH) club. The pace will accommodate the least experienced rider. You must be a member of TROT or CPWH to participate.

If some of the group would prefer a shorter ride, I may be able to cajole a friend into leading a 2+ hour loop, and lunch can be back at the trailers.

In the saddle at 10:00 AM, Location/Parking: Cow Pasture off Annapolis Rock Road, Contact: Suzanne in the evenings at 301. 829.3881 or email trailsendfarm@verizon.net

Agricultural History Farm - Saturday, October 22,

Ride leader Christiane Ritcher

Come and see the Agricultural History Park in the fall. It is a beautiful place to ride with its mowed grassy paths and forest trails. There will be creeks, woods, open fields and bridges. We will have both slow and faster paced groups. There are streams in the park for your horse to drink from but no water at the parking lot so plan accordingly. Your horse will not need shoes or boots. Bring your sandwich and chair. There will be sodas and water.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Location/parking: Agricultural History Farm, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood MD. Drive to the end of the long asphalt driveway where it dead ends at the parking lots around the Cooperative Extension building. Turn left onto the gravel road and park in the grassy area by the asphalt parking lot.

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Contact: Chris at 240-393-1217 or email lapado2000@gmail.com

November

Anacostia Park - November TBD

Ride leader John Angevine

This is a favorite TROT ride that closes out our ride season. Folks who have attended this ride say

they are amazed with the spacious trails and beautiful scenes along the Anacostia River so close to downtown DC. The ride may encounter bikes, fishermen, some asphalt, as well as a scenic view of the historic Lincoln Cemetery. Ride leaders will provide water and granola bars.

In the saddle at: TBD, Location/parking: TBD, Contact :John at 301-937-0014

An Important Request to ALL TROT Members, for Trail Retention

Barbara Sollner-Webb

Please, be willing to give 15 minutes to help TROT's primary mission -- preserving equestrian trails! We are asking ALL TROT members to write a brief letter, requesting WSSC to not close a beloved riding venue -- the spectacular 18 miles of equestrian trail along the Rocky Gorge Reservoir (at the Patuxent River, in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties). Many of you know or have ridden these lovely trails, as for ages we have had an annual TROT ride there, plus occasional work days to maintain them.

For decades, WSSC has generously let equestrians enjoy year-round riding on these trails -- which have been contoured in an environmentally sensitive manner. And over these many years, the trails have not shown appreciable erosion, nor generated other problems (at least to the best of our knowledge). Indeed, WSSC's previous Watershed Patrols called us riders their "eyes and ears", and they appreciated that the riders frequently pick up trash left by others. WSSC even dedicated this equestrian trail to TROT's Terry Ledely, for her over 20 years of help.

Thus, TROT members were shocked to recently learn that WSSC's new General Manager has proposed closing these long-term equestrian trails. The notice says that riding would instead be moved to sections of their "access roads" (commonly called "fire-break") where riding was previously forbidden because much of it is extremely

steep. Indeed, large sections of the firebreak have deeply eroded ruts, some hills almost impassibly so, plus there are a few total wash-outs of this road. Riding this deteriorating firebreak would surely exacerbate its erosion yet further, contrary to sound trail management (and would be lots less enjoyable, being so very steep). Further, they want to totally ban riding for over 1/3 of the year. Discussions with four WSSC officials going up their hierarchy failed to reveal any environmental or other basis for this major policy change (except that one official evidently dislikes horses). These officials all advocated that we make a strong appeal directly to WSSC's General Manager, to show wide community interest and try to get him to change his mind.

WSSC has traditionally been a customer-oriented agency that is responsive to reason. Thus, our best chance is to urge all caring TROT members to write WSSC's General Manager [mail: Mr. Jerry Johnson - GM, WSSC, 14501 Sweitzer Lane Laurel, Maryland 20707; or e-mail addressed to Mr. Johnson at Cust-Relations@wsscwater.com] asking him to reconsider these proposals to: (1) ban equestrians from their proven environmentally sound trail location and move riding to the very steep, badly eroding firebreak and (2) ban riding for over 1/3 of the year. So that WSSC could not construe this hopeful deluge of letters to indicate overuse of the trails, it could be great to say that you advocate keeping the trails open on principle, even though you do not (or barely ever) ride them.

Thank you so very much for this effort, to try to preserve a great riding treasure! Letters from all TROT members would be most helpful, whether or not you are a WSSC customer.

Frederick County (do you live or ride there?)

Submitted by Arlene Atkins, feedlady@hughes.net

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LOOKING FOR RIDING BUDDIES and NEED A RIDE/SHARE A RIDE

This section of the Newsletter is for folks who are looking for riding partners – either for meeting up on the trail or for sharing a trailer ride. Linking up with other trail riders is fun – and economical! We want to provide a forum space for people looking for a traveling partner, so please write to the TROT Newsletter at nlosgood@verizon.net.

Do you have a second horse? I'm a new member of TROT and very interested in joining in on some of the trail rides, but I'm only leasing a horse right now and he doesn't trailer very well. Also, I don't have my own trailer. So I am interested in any members who might have a second horse they'd like to get out and about on the trails. I'd be happy to share expenses, etc., and I do have my own tack. Donna Kinsella kingsgold@aol.com

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Looking for a horse to go on TROT rides. I would like to

ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a TROT trail ride. I rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. I would be happy to share all expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas (410) 461-6872. email: sdoukashorse@yahoo.com

I have a Tennessee Walker and we love to trail ride. He is 16.2H and approx 1400 lbs. I don't have a trailer but I know his previous owners had to transport him in a trailer suited to draft-size horses. I am dying to go riding at FairHill, Rosaryville State Park, Patuxent and one day on the beach. Riding my horse on a beach is on my bucket list. So, if anyone lives not far from Harwood, MD (Annapolis area) and wants to get together on the weekends or on school holidays, please get in touch. Thanks, happy trails, Jane (cjanezarate@gmail.com).

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MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC.

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MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC. Continued

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HAY FOR SALE: Our horses love this hay and we had to go back to get a few more bales to last them until the grass comes in. They still have plenty for sale. Rolling Acres Farm - just North of Olney. We paid \$5/bale. 301-774-9269. Kyle Jossi 5/11

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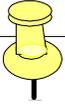
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from the Newsletter Staff

- * Be sure to observe **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY – JUNE 4, 2011**. Participate in a trail clearing, introduce someone young to the trails, and commit to being a trails advocate! See page 1.
- * **ATTENTION!** TROT members need to weigh in on WSSC trails – or we may lose our trail access! See page 9.
- * **TRAIL CLEANUP OPPORTUNITIES!** Volunteers are needed in Howard County (see page 5), Carroll County (see page 4), and Montgomery County (see page 2).
- * The riding season is in full swing! See our **list of upcoming rides** on page 7. Join in the fun!!



- * Hay! Wanna see some great looking clothing? Check out **TROT-ware for sale**. Order yours now – just in time for the riding season! See page 13.



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