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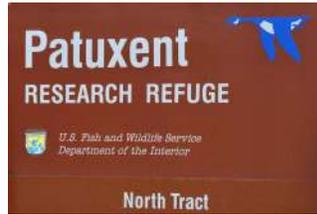
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TROT Ride - Introduction to North Tract – Saturday March 31.

Ride Leader *Barbara Sollner-Webb*

We had a very nice North Tract ride on March 31, as the kick-off for TROT's 2012 organized trail rides. Our 10 riders included Donata & John (who came up to join from far southern Maryland), Diane & Brian (introducing green horses), Terry (a founding TROT member), Ron (past TROT president), Laury, Vera, and Barbara (current TROT board members), and Sandy (another long-time TROT member). We split between walk/trot/optional canter and all-walk groups, and then enjoyed a lunch together afterwards. Despite some dicey forecasts, we had good weather with even some sun.



Also a note on rider-inflicted damage to a pedestrian-only bridge at North Tract, which was reported on the MarylandTrailRiders list. It turns out that North Tract's signs which for years had clearly identified a few paths

as pedestrian-only are no longer up. So it was an understandable error. I talked for quite a while with the ranger on duty, offered TROT's help in several aspects, and gently suggested to again put up pedestrian-only signs on those paths -- which fortunately is already planned.

But as a general rule, when one does not know if horses are permitted on a trail, it is best to ask, and if a bridge looks questionably strong, it is best to avoid it.

North Tract Ride photos[©] courtesy of Linda Davis



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President's Message

Pat Talbott, President

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Pat Talbott. I have been riding since the age of nine. I got my formal riding instruction by training with the Potomac Pony Club and participated on the rally teams for several years. During my younger years I fox hunted with Potomac Hunt and was President of the Potomac Hunt Juniors. For many years I schooled and showed a large pony then hunter and jumpers. For the past several years I have been trail riding and riding in parades only.

I have volunteered for many jobs since joining TROT. I have worked as editor of the newsletter, trail ride coordinator, on the judged pleasure ride committee, and board of directors,

TROT is working hard on the preservation of existing equestrian trails and maintenance of existing ones. We have several organized trail rides scheduled for your enjoyment, and once again will have a Trail Ride Challenge for ride participants. See details below. We are planning educational meetings. If anyone has a suggestion for educational meeting topics, please let me know, tallyhotazz@aol.com.

New Board Members

Thank you to our new board members for serving TROT!

Barbara Sollner-Webb

has joined TROT's board and has been a TROT member for over 20 years. She loves trail riding her sweet Icelandic horses. Professionally, Barbara is a molecular biologist, a professor at Johns Hopkins. Barbara is also helping organize efforts to retain the "Terry Ledley Trail", located in the WSSC Watershed, is now officially closed. Please help in this effort by signing the 2012 petition, which is on the TROT website.

Brother Roger Nelson, S.D.S.

I have always loved animals. My childhood was always shared with animals and family. My dream of having a horse did not happen as a child. I did pretend my bike was a horse as I rode around my neighborhood in Brooklyn, N.Y. In my early twenties a friend let me ride his horse a few times. A dream come true for me. In 1978, I really got to have my dream come true. I got a horse of my own. The horse looked very much like the horse in this picture. I have had great times riding the trails in Montgomery County with friends. These friends eventually started TROT.



I am 69 years old – I am a Vowed Religious Brother in the Catholic Church. I have been a teacher of grade/high school students, camp councilor and a horse riding instructor for the last 40 yrs. I hope to be a helpful member of the TROT board of directors. I also hope to meet many new friends along the trails.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2012 TROT TRAIL RIDE CHALLENGE?

TROT is challenging all TROT members to participate in the 2012 organized trail rides and win awards! Read the rules below, and get ready to take up the challenge!

Special TROT Trail Ride Challenge Awards will be handed out at our 2013 Annual Potluck Dinner in the following categories:

Adults 18 and over

Children under 18

Rules: You must ride in at least three TROT-sanctioned rides listed on our website <http://www.trot-md.org>. Earn one point for each ride you participate in. Ride leaders get two points for the rides they lead. For each category, awards will be issued based on the number of completed rides with a special award in each category to the individual with the most rides.

How to enter: By December 10, 2012, send the TROT Trail Ride Coordinator an email (cat.home@verizon.net) listing the TROT rides you attended. If you were a ride leader, make sure you include that information, as you get double points if you lead a ride. Also TROT Trail Ride Leaders should submit all sign-in sheets to confirm attendance.

Make it an adventure!! Try keeping a journal and/or writing an article about it for our TROT newsletter. Pictures are welcome. We would love to highlight individuals who are riding the Challenge! Consider telling us over the summer how it is going via our TROT newsletter.

Trail Clearing

Amy Kimble, TROT Trail Work Coordinator

Scheduled Dates for Trail Work Days:

Please volunteer - See addendum page 13.

5/12/2012 Union Mills - 9 AM. Meeting place based on reponse. Mounted and unmounted

5/19/2012 Noon. I will be working on the reroutes approved by DNR in Patuxent State Park. Parking will be off Rt. 97 at the Patuxent River (just north of Sunshine). Unmounted for corridor clearing.

5/27/2012 Catoctin Nat'l Park - 9AM. 6 Mile Equine Trail. Mounted and unmounted

6/2/2012 National Trails Day - Seneca Bluff Trail - If you only come out for one trail clearing please make it this one. Unmounted.

6/9/2012 Little Bennet - 9AM. Meet at Equine parking lot across from the golf course. Mounted and unmounted.

6/23/2012 Woodstock - 9AM. Mounted and unmounted.

To volunteer or any questions or comments please contact Amy Kimble, AmyHkimble@aol.com 301-748-8310.

I met with Ranger Josette Wiggins and Kendra ,Student Ranger program, to walk our proposed route off Howard

Chapel in Patuxent State Park on Friday 3/30/2012. Austin Steo, Trail Conservancy, joined us after I had showed them the flood plain that currently housed the trail. Austin and I had marked two options prior to this walk so it was very helpful to have him to show them the lower option trail. I had two children that are very young in tow, so I could only show them the upper trail option, although the two kids were real troopers.

They will take the info back to Dave Powell, complete with the pictures they took along the way. I am very excited and interested to see where we go from here. Then all of us caravanned over to the Jennings Chapel difficult water crossing. They all stated my suggested re-route was the best option for the time being, now all I need is authorization from Dave Powell.

I worked on Saturday at the Little Bennet Dark Branch Trail Project. The trail is currently closed while it is re-routed. The turn out was very disappointing, 2 - 5 at most. For the first 2 hours it was just Austin and I. We did corridor clearing from where the Boy Scouts project ends toward where we connect with the existing trail for a ways. I do realize that Sceneca Bluff was being worked on and WSSC had a project but I was disappointed.

I will continue to try and work on the most needy area at the time.

I will be signing up to go to the South East Trail Conference around April 18th., so I can get the early bird rate.

Talk to You All Soon.

Amy Kimble Receives Kudos!

Nancy Osgood

Amy Kimble has been working double overtime to help establish some new trails and to organize trail clearings and trail maintenance days. She has accomplished so much for TROT - by establishing great working relationships with other organizations that share our trails, and with the government officials who are responsible for our parks. See Ranger Wiggins' letter of appreciation to Amy, below. Now all you TROT members that love great trails need to support her by joining in the nitty gritty work!

Amy,

Thank you for your dedication to making the trails safe and well maintained for users. We appreciate the time you have spent working on the project and alerting us to the challenges with the current condition of the trails. Although the trails are not officially recognized by the park we want to maintain the property in conditions that are not hazardous for users. Thank you for your assistance with this and keeping communications between us and user groups. Good luck with the work days and grant solicitation. Let us know if we can be of any more assistance.

Ranger Josette Wiggins
Seneca Creek State Park

WSSC Trail News Update

To All Who Care About Preserving Equestrian Trails -- which is TROT's Core Mission:

Please sign the 2012 WSSC trails petition (full text posted on TROT's web site - <http://trot-md.org/>). Whether or not you signed the 2011 petition, it is critical to sign again in 2012, to show you still care.

Briefly, WSSC has closed their long-standing, environmentally sound equestrian trail (which they had dedicated to one of TROT's founding members, Terry Ledley), moved riding to their dangerously steep and

severely eroding fire access road, and banned all winter riding and previous barn accesses -- claiming reservoir damage for use of the equestrian trail. Based on extensive observations of the excellent equestrian trail conditions, we are petitioning WSSC to reconsider this change.

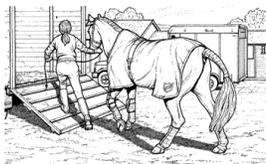
Please join in the trails preservation effort by providing your signature, printed name, and address (and ideally also a phone number or e-mail address) to Barbara Sollner-Webb, by mail (send it to 17200 Melbourne, Drive, Laurel, MD, 20707), fax (to 410-955-0192), or e-mail (of a scan or photo of the signature sheet, to bsw@jhmi.edu). Thanks so much for your needed help!

UPCOMING RIDES

Lisa Troutman , Trail Ride Coordinator

TROT needs you! Trail Ride Leaders needed for 2012. If there's a park you love to ride in and would like to show it to others, please consider leading a ride. No experience needed. Please contact Lisa Troutman at cat.home@verizon.net or 410-489-5101.

Please see the website for the most up-to-date information regarding the current trail ride schedule.



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.**

May

Woodstock Park Sunday, May 20, 2012

Ride leaders Lisa Troutman and Andrea Caplan

Beautiful trails along grassy fields, in the woods, and some gravel roads. There are stream crossings and several wooden bridges. The ride will be 2 – 3 hours, at a medium pace (walk and trot). Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking area. Please bring a lunch and chair for afterward. Ample parking on west side of Rt 28. Event will be canceled if we have significant rain 48 hours prior to the ride. In the saddle at 10 AM.

Contact: Andrea at: 301-346-5716 or email andrea@thebodypolitic.net or Lisa at: 410-489-5101 or email cat.home@verizon.net

June

Rocky Gorge Watershed Burtonsville/Laurel - Saturday, June 2, 2012, (raindate Sunday June 3).

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. Rain date Sunday June 3

In the saddle at 11AM,

Contact: Terry Ledley at 301-776-2661

Morgan Run - Saturday June 16,

Ride leader Steff Cacopardo

Two hour ride. The pace will be walk, trot, and some canter. The trails are wide and the ground is soft, (shoes not needed). Lunch is optional. If you have the time, bring a lunch and stay after the ride. There are limited creek crossings and no water at the trailer area, so bring

water for you and horse.

Ready to ride at 10 am. Contact Steff Cacopardo at scladyhawk@msn.com

Liberty Reservoir – Saturday June 30, 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 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

July

New Market - Saturday July 14 and Sunday July 15, 2012. Ride leader Steff Cacopardo

Same ride both days. The ride will be mostly walk, trot, w/ some canter. No shoes or boots needed as there is very little rock. We will be mostly in the woods w/ a short walk on pavement on a dead end road w/ only 4 houses on it. There will be creek crossings w/ clean water for the horses to drink. Deer flies will be joining us so a mask, ear covers or bonnet is a must for your horse. Ride time about 90 minutes. After the ride you can swim your horse in the pond below the trailer parking. The pond has a horse/people friendly gravel entry. There is space for at least a dozen horses in the shade while we have our after ride BBQ.

Please bring a side dish. I will get the burgers and dogs

from Mt. Airy Meat Locker, supporting local farmers. Park in the hayfield and in the saddle at 10:00. If you map quest 11616 Crickenberger Rd and birdseye view the address you can get a good idea of the layout of the farm. To access the hayfield DO NOT USE THE HOUSE DRIVEWAY. Once you turn off of Rt. 75 I will have signs and balloons to mark the way, (which will only be another 1/4 mile).

Contact Steff Cacopardo at 240-876-9689

August

Codorus State Park, Hanover, PA – Saturday August 18, 2012 (Make up date Saturday August 25, 2012)
Ride leader Nancy Harmon

Horseback Riding: 8+ miles of trails. Ranger Trail travels over rolling hills, through forests and fields, crosses streams and passes near Lake Marburg. There are many views of the lake, including Ranger Overlook which has benches and hitching posts. The ride will be about 2 hours, at a fast walk. Plenty of water. Mostly ride in the shade. Shoes not needed. Beautiful views of lake. Places where you can ride your horse in to cool off. Great parking, port-a-potty, picnic tables and near enough to water to take your horse in afterwards and sponge him down.

We will have a cook out when we return around 6:30 pm.

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/codorus.aspx>

Directions: If coming from Frederick or Montgomery Counties: Get yourself to Hanover, PA however is best for you. From PA 116, go through Hanover. Turn right onto PA 216 east and go three miles to the park. Cross 3 bridges and turn onto Sinsheim Road (only one way you can turn) immediately after the 3rd bridge. Follow signs for trailer parking. The 40-trailer parking lot is off of the Main Launch Day Use Area entrance road.

Ready to Ride at 4 pm

Contact Nancy Harmon Cell 301-639-4448

email: horsingAroundHoney@hotmail.com

September

Cedarville State Park, Brandywine, MD – Saturday, September 15, 2012, Ride leader Judie Artman

Cedarville State Forest has nearly 20 miles of lovely trails that wind their way through pine and hardwood forests with a few clearings. Most trails are single track and flat but there are a few hills, some steep. Although there aren't many rocks, a few trails have had gravel put on them, and some have exposed roots. In dry weather, the trails can be hard packed, and they can be wet in wet weather. There are some gravel forest roads that can be ridden on. There will be bridges to cross. The pace will be walk/trot with some cantering if the group wishes. Be

prepared to see hikers and possibly a mountain biker or two. Please be ready to ride at 11:00am and plan to ride for about 2 hours. The grassy parking area is a nice area for a picnic, so bring chairs and a lunch. The ride leader will provide sodas and water.

Directions from Route 301 traveling from Prince George's County: From Route 301 South travel to Cedarville Road (at the very end of Prince George's County). At traffic light, take a left on Cedarville Road. As a landmark there will be a large white warehouse located on the left hand side. Take Cedarville Road to Bee Oak Road (on your right) which is the main entrance to the forest. Enter the forest, travel a mile or so, and you will see the Ranger Station on the right which has a stop sign on the road. Turn into the lot and pay the three dollar fee. (It's best to bring \$3.00 cash with you. The fee is \$4.00 for out of state residents.) Go back out to Bee Oak Road, continuing in the same direction to the next intersection and turn left. Continue a short distance and you will see a large grassy field on your left. Park there. (There is a playground across the road as a landmark.) There are bins at the edge of the lot to deposit manure.

Contact Judie Artman at artmanju@yahoo.com or cell 703-599-8355

October

Agricultural History Farm – tentative date: Saturday, October 6. In the saddle at 10 AM.
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. The pace will mostly be walking with a little trotting so you can relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery. 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 hot cocoa, sodas, water, and pumpkin bread.

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.

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

Friendship Park, Lisbon, MD Sunday October 7, 2012.
Ride Leader Kathy Coviello

We will plan to ride out at noon. Ride will be about two hours and mostly walk with possibility of some trot in places where footing is good and if horses are behaving.

Contact Kathy at bavladylady7@aol.com

**Doncaster State Forest, Ironsides, MD, Sunday
October 21, 2012. Ride Leader: Donata Dow**

Doncaster State Forest has miles of wonderful trails. The ride will be on woodland trails with bridge and stream crossings. The pace will be decided by the group. Also we will have a walking group and a faster group depending on the group. The ride will be two to three hours long. Ride out at 11:30 am.

Contact Donata at donata410@gmail.com

Upper Patuxent River State Park, Damascus. October 27-28, 2012, Saturday and Sunday. Ride Leader: Suzanne Anderson

October 27, Saturday

This ride will be a 2+ hour loop, at the walk with perhaps a jog, and returning to the trailers for lunch. Come in Halloween costume! Bring something to share, and we'll set up a table under the awning and can even boil water for tea, coffee, or cocoa.

October 28, Sunday

This ride will be about 4 hours long, moving briskly at gait/trot. Come in Halloween costume! Please bring a lunch you can pack on your saddle.

Both Days: The trails are hilly but not too rocky. There will be river crossings and, depending on the rainfall, mud or dust. Bring water for your horse as there is no water at the trailer parking site. These are joint rides

with the Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse (CPWH) club. On each day the pace will accommodate the least experienced rider. If you want a slow easy ride, please come Saturday. If you and your horse are eager to cover some ground, please come on Sunday. You must be a member of TROT or CPWH to participate.

Both Days: Ready to Ride (RTR) at 10:00 AM. That means IN the SADDLE. Please call or email Suzanne so she can provide further details, keep a head count, and take your phone #s in case of last minute changes.

Contact: Suzanne in the evenings at 301. 829.3881 or email trailsendfarm@verizon.net

November

**Anacostia Park – Saturday November 24.
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: 10:00 am,
Contact John at 301-937-0014



Help Wanted: TROT Newsletter Editor

After 4-1/2 years as the TROT Newsletter editor (Nancy Osgood) and my “soul volunteer” employee (Sim Shanks), we wish to relinquish these activities to someone who can take on the duties with the hope that they can expand the newsletter to greater heights. We will help you get started and provide you with whatever assistance you wish.

The TROT Newsletter is published six times a year: January, March, May, July, September and November. The issues should be in the mail for delivery by the first day or two of the month. To date, there are about 125 copies emailed and about 180 mailed via USPS. Email and reading the current and back issues on the TROT website, <http://www.trot-md.org/newsletters.php>, are preferred to the cost of printing and higher cost of postage.

If you are interested please let me know, Nancy Osgood at nlosgood@verizon.net. The TROT Officers and Board will ultimately make the selection of the new editor.

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 any TROT Board Member.

Montgomery County

by Ron MacNab

Expansion of Rock Creek Trail System

The Rock Creek trail system consists of paved and natural surface trails. A paved trail goes from Meadowbrook Stables at the D.C. line to Lake Needwood in Derwood. This year work will begin on completing a major portion of the Upper Rock Creek trail system. Last year a natural surface section was built to connect Agriculture History Farm Park to Muncaster Mill Road. This year (now that the ICC is complete) work will begin linking Lake Needwood to Muncaster Mill Road. Once complete, one can ride from Agriculture History Farm Park (Ag.Farm) to Lake Needwood.

At the northern end of Ag. Farm there is a people's choice trail that leads to Route 108. This trail will become a sanctioned trail. I am working on a proposal with Parks for National Recreational Trails funding for two fiberglass bridges that will cross feeder streams.

This northern trail will then be extended east and link with

Article from the Herald-Mail. *submitted by Sharon Draper*

Horse enthusiasts want more room to ride in Washington County parks and recreation plan

By DAVE McMILLION davem@herald-mail.com
10:58 p.m. EDT, March 19, 2012

BOONSBORO — Citizens emphasized the need for more places in Washington County to ride horses during a public meeting Monday night on a proposed county plan for land preservation, parks and recreation.

A 2010 Maryland Equine Census said there were 3,750 horses, ponies, mules, donkeys and burros in Washington County, but Keedysville resident Sharon Draper said she thinks that number is too low.

Although Draper said there are many horse owners in the county, Boonsboro resident Charleen Jones said places in the county to ride horses are limited.

Jones said horses can be ridden on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park, although another person during the meeting said the towpath is often “a field day for loose dogs.”

Draper emphasized the need for more places to ride horses, saying many horse owners in the county go to other counties to ride.

“Washington County is beautiful. The potential is here,” Draper said.

Jill Baker, a senior planner for the county, said Monday

the North Branch of Rock Creek Park. A new paved trail will extend south from Route 108 through Lake Frank and connect to the paved portion of Rock Creek trail. When completed, this will be a thirteen mile loop.

WSSC Trail Update

WSSC has hired a consultant to study the operation of its' watershed properties at Howard Duckett (Rocky Gorge) and Tridelpia reservoirs. As of this writing, the consultant has not attempted to meet nor speak with equestrians.

Patuxent State Park at Route 97

Amy Kimble with the assistance of Austin Steo, President of Trail Conservancy Inc. and Patuxent Park Management have laid out a reroute of a trail away from wetlands and onto higher ground. Work on the reroute started in April and will be done by volunteers.

Seneca Park Trail

I understand the building of this trail is nearly complete. I have not ridden yet, so if any of you are familiar with it I would love to ride it with you.

night was the first time she had heard about the need for more horse-riding areas and said she was excited to make it part of county consideration.

The proposed county park plan, updated every six years, is a requirement for the county to use funding from Maryland Program Open Space and to comply with a federal land and water conservation law. The current update would replace a version adopted in 2005.

The plan analyzes existing park and recreation facilities, and makes recommendations for land acquisition, park development and fulfillment of recreational needs.

Monday's public hearing at the Eugene C. Smith Community Center is one of three public meetings on the proposed plan. The second meeting will be March 27 in Clear Spring and the third will be March 29 in Hagerstown.

Jim Sterling, director of parks and facilities for the county, said there has been consideration for expanded horse riding through the establishment of a trail at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center near Sharpsburg. Sterling said trees from storm damage have been shredded and saved as possible material for a trail. There also has been consideration of expanding the riding ring at the center for horse riding, Sterling said.

By bringing up the need for more horse-riding areas now, the issue can be considered for not only the long-range parks plan but for land the county currently owns, Sterling said.

One man who spoke during the meeting said horse trails can
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create problems for runners. The man said he once hurt his ankle while running on a horse trail.

Baker talked about adaptive reuses of land for recreation, like possibly using some buffer land around Hagerstown Regional Airport for walking paths. Former landfills can be used for ball fields, Baker said.

Baker said public input on a parks plan is vital because

county officials don't want to establish park facilities that people will be forced to like.

"We want this to be successful for you. We want this to be successful for the county," Baker said.

For comments posted by others after reading this article on the Herald-mail website, see page 11. They are enlightening.

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@aol.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

Croom, Md area, South of PG Equestrian Center
I am the trail historian for this area. I can keep you riding over different trails for 6 hours! People would leave from my farm in Croom & can ride to Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon as a tour guide.
Carol CAAuletta@aol.com or (301) 579-2342

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 Greenway 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

West Friendship Park and the North Tract of Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Research Center near Ft Meade
Kathy Coviello, 732-768-3302.

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

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.

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 443-842-0811 . email: sdoukashorse@yahoo.com 5/11

My name is Mary Johnson. I am **looking for a trail riding buddy**. I rode for many years, but haven't ridden much lately. I had a bad experience with a young horse I had. I think I have finally found my trail horse. Lucy is a 15 yo paint mare used for beginner lessons at Olney farm. I have a trailer and truck. I have trail ridden at Tranquility and Sweet Air Park. I have my mare at a friend's place right now for a brushing up on my confidence. We have our own little place in Hickory where I have 2 1/2 other horses. I would like to just walk on the trail for a while till I get my seat and courage back. I am a school nurse, so I can only ride on the weekends and holidays right now. Anyone interested or know someone who might be? Please contact me Home 410-838-2867 5/12

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Welcome New Members

Margaret Scarff, TROT Membership

New Member	Location	County
Michele, Chris and Cara Whitaker	Severn MD	Anne Arundle
Paris and Chris Nesterowicz	Finksburg MD	Carroll
Inez Donmoyer and David Kopper	Mancher, Md	Carroll
Lisa and George Stanton	Taneytown, MD	Carroll
Patty Lasko	Adamstown, MD	Frederick
Jane Sharp	Glenelg MD	Howard
Kate Baden and Donata Duer	Bethesda, MD	Montgomery County

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\$0.10 for each additional word	-Insert (all copies delivered to our printer) -	\$50
-Business Card -		\$6.00

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HORSES - SALE, LEASE OR FREE

Two horses for Lease or Half-lease: (1) 17 hand Hanovarian gelding, gentle, for a somewhat experienced rider. He is ridden by my 12 and 15 year old daughters, non-spooky, very soft mouth, English or Western. (2) Dark bay Quarter horse gelding. Non-spooky - excellent for children or first time riders, soft mouth, can ride English or Western. For info call Carol at 240-447-5186 7/11

MISC. - TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC.

Lots of EasyBoots for sale: 3 EB Epics-2 new, 1 used once \$40ea.; 7 EB Bare-1 new \$40, 6 used fair \$25, Old Style EB 7 size 0 good, 5 size 2 fair to good, 2 size 1 fair all \$10/ea.; 3 new style EB size 1, \$15. All plus actual shipping cost or meet me on the trail. Can email pics.

Email: drinehart2011@comcast.net or 301-271-4919 (Doris Rinehart) 5/12

Black 16" English saddle, stirrups, bridle, reins, girth, and saddle pad. Never used. \$250.
Call Kathy at 301-236-5972. 5/12

For Sale: used RO-TO harrow. In good condition. Great for riding rings. needs teeth. \$500 or best offer. FMI, please call Margaret Scarff at 410-692-6921. 5/11

Classic Monarch 2 horse slant load bumper pull aluminum trailer. Hard to find! Horse area has fully enclosed drop down windows, padded dividers, detachable feed bags, patented rubber quality flooring, rubber kickmat covering all walls, collapsible rear compartment for tack or hay, insulated with air vents on roof. Dressing room features 25 gallon fresh water tank, swing out removable saddle rack, spare tire with jack, many bridle hooks, carpeted floor and walls. Lighted inside and out. Excellent condition, clean and well-maintained. Equipped with electric brakes. 2,100 pounds. 7' wide and 7' tall. Hauls like a dream. Email for pictures: horse22girl@yahoo.com. 5/12

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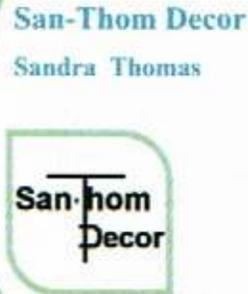
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NEWS FLASH!!

Urgent Notice: Potential Danger of Horse Hair

This is a public service announcement...
In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of horses. This substance, called "amobacter equuii" has been linked with the following symptoms in females:
Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework.
Reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or heels.
Reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after "baby has new boots, pad, blanket, tack, grain, hay & supplements".

"Amobacter equuii" usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion which may lead to a loss of physical contact with other humans (especially husbands).
"Amobacter equuii" is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources - this may lead to a "herd mentality" or like the potato chip commercial, "you can't have just one".
Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about horses for hours.

Surgeon General's Warning: Horses are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.

NEWS FLASH!!

Brenderup Owners!

This is an email copied from another horse list serve.

I am a long time owner of a Brenderup Horse Trailer. It has been a great little trailer with a wonderful company and dealers behind it. Unfortunately since Thule purchased Brenderup, Thule has been incredibly unresponsive in providing parts, trailers, or support. If you need a part or will be needing one - say, if you own an aging but otherwise serviceable trailer - please put pressure on Thule now to SERVICE and stand behind these wonderful trailers.

Brenderup must have had something Thule wanted - a patent or a technology but they certainly don't seem interested in continuing in the horse trailer market.

Please contact Thule and let them know how disappointed / irritated you are with Thule's poor customer service and lack of support for current Brenderup owners at brenderup@thule.com.

If enough of us bother them and bother them often, maybe they will support the wonderful Brenderup line or at the very least, sell that piece of the company to somebody who will.

Editors note: This email is provided to make Brenderup owners aware that at least one individual has had some problem in obtaining parts and service. Please tell me of your recent experiences at nlogood@verizon.net

Public Comments on Washington County Article in the Herald-Mail

*Editor's note: We thought TROT members might be interested in reading the only two comments posted on the Herald-mail website concerning **Horse enthusiasts want more room to ride in Washington County parks and recreation plan** reproduced on page 7 of this newsletter: It's obvious we have a lot of work to do regarding public advocacy for equestrian trails.*

Wow ... have you ever seen the damage a bunch of horses do to a trail ? They wont let me ride my dirt bike on greenridge anymore because it packs down the earth . I hunt in Montgomery County on State Gamelands and they allow horses on the trails there . It is so hard to walk on in the dark because its all dug up that its not funny , much less trying to

drag a deer out on the same trail ! If you can afford horses you can afford to take them to an equestrian park where you pay to ride . Tear up the ground where the general public doesnt have to pay for trail maint. because of your horse !!

Horses are very large animals and as such need a lot of space. I saddening to see these animals in fenced in areas I would consider too small for a dog, let alone a horse. If you don't have a farm and a place to ride already you have no business owning a horse. Why is it anyone else's problem you have an animal too large to ride on your own property? Move to Montana.

<http://www.herald-mail.com/news/hm-horse-enthusiasts-want-more-room-to-ride-in-washington-county-parks-and-recreation-plan-20120319,0,4435305.story>



TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY
Margaret Scarff, TROT Membership
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from the Newsletter Staff

TRAIL RIDES SCHEDULED! Our trail ride coordinator, Lisa Troutman, has scheduled a number of rides in the upcoming weeks. If you have never come on a TROT ride, you should consider it this season! It is a lot of fun – and a great way to find new trails and new riding buddies! The rides are designed to be fun and non-stressful! Normally there are several groups that want to go at different paces. This is a perfect way to introduce a green horse to trail rides – as there are always a number of “old pros” that will help a youngster feel more comfortable! Also – be sure to check out the list of people looking for riding buddies – maybe you can team up and come to the next ride! Also, win prizes for participating in the trail rides – see page 2 for details of the **2012 TROT TRAIL RIDE CHALLENGE!**

TRAIL MAINTENANCE! We all love to ride on nice, well-maintained trails. Please help in TROT’s efforts to keep equestrian trails safe and free from overgrowth. See inside dates for the next trail clearings. Contact Amy Kimble (contact info inside) if you need more information. We need **VOLUNTEERS!** See **Addendum page 13.**

The Trail Riders Of Today (TROT) was founded in 1980 by a group of 22 riders seeking to save a trail in the Paint Branch Stream Valley of Eastern Montgomery County Maryland. TROT grew and grew as word of its efforts spread and as it became evident that trails throughout the state were in jeopardy.

TROT is now dedicated to the preservation of existing equestrian trails and the establishment of new trails throughout Maryland and neighboring states. Some trails are on public lands while others are on private land, some of which are subject to development.

EARN REWARDS BY PARTICIPATING IN TRAIL WORK DAYS

Amy K Kimble- TROT Trail Work Coordinator

The TROT Board has developed an **Incentive Program for the Trail work volunteers.**

The program will begin 5/12/2012 and end 12/15/2012.

- For each hour worked on TROT-sponsored trail work days, volunteers will earn 1 point Include all hours to the quarter hour. Commute time should be included (but no side bar trips).
- IT WILL BE DONE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM.
- Special recognition will be given at the Annual Meeting to high point earners.

The work days will be posted on the website, in the newsletter and through the Maryland Trail Riders Yahoo Group. Work days will be canceled if actively raining 3 hours prior to the work time.

All mounted workers go out in groups of 2-4, to be most productive.

Most work sessions are 2-3 hours, and you should bring your own tools and water.

Check for updates on the website, <http://www.trot-md.org/>

The following dates have been scheduled so far this year:

5/12/2012 Union Mills - 9 AM. Meeting place based on reponse. Mounted and unmounted

5/19/2012 Noon. I will be working on the reroutes approved by DNR in Patuxent State Park. Parking will be off Rt. 97 at the Patuxent River (just north of Sunshine). Unmounted for corridor clearing.

5/27/2012 Catoctin National Park - 9AM. 6 Mile Equine Trail. Mounted and unmounted

6/2/2012 National Trails Day - Seneca Bluff Trail - If you only come out for one trail clearing please make it this one. Unmounted.

6/9/2012 Little Bennet - 9AM. Meet at Equine parking lot across from the golf course. Mounted and unmounted.

6/23/2012 Woodstock - 9AM. Mounted and unmounted.

Break until Fall and cooler weather.

Please contact me if you would like us to help with a project for you.

To volunteer or any questions or comments please contact Amy Kimble, email: AmyHkimble@aol.com or phone 301-748-8310.

I Look Forward to Working with you,



Don't Forget - June 2nd. for National Trails Day!



Show your support for our trails by joining one of the projects scheduled for that date.

Forwarded by Amy K Kimble- TROT Trail Work Coordinator

Our trails need your help! Carroll County MD Trails Need Your Help Join us on foot or on horseback!

Saturday, May 5 – Trail Work Day at Piney Run Equestrian Trails, Martz Road off Rt. 26 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Bridget McCullough 301-829-7442 or email: smwandmbm@aol.com

Saturday, May 12 – Trail Work Day at Gillis Falls/Carroll County Equestrian Center, Grimville Road, Mt. Airy, MD. 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Peggy Miller 410-549-1608

Sunday, May 20 – Trail Work Day at Morgan Run

NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com
*After-work picnic lunch of hot dogs and drinks for volunteer workers provided by volunteers Howard & Marty Lanham.

Saturday, May 26 – Trail Work Day at Union Mills Reservoir Area Trails, Kowomu Trail Parking lot, Westminster, MD. 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring your own tools. FMI: Jean McCormac 410-346-6212

Saturday, June 2 – Celebrate National Trails Day - Trail Work Day at Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Sykesville, MD. 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring your own tools to clear trails. FMI: Carolyn Garber 410-549-5141 or ccecofmd@yahoo.com
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