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GET READY FOR THE TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE!

The date has been set –
Sunday, September 23, 2012 (rain date September 30)

Heads Up!! (heels down & eyes forward)---we've got a date and a venue ----for this year's Judged Pleasure Ride (JPR). The ride, which is one of TROT's major fundraisers and a super fun event, will be hosted Sunday, September 23, 2012 (rain date Sunday, September 30th) by TROT member Katie Tessier at lovely RT&3L Farm. The farm, located a few miles southwest of Frederick, is where Katie trains performance horses and where a very successful JPR was held last year....even in the pouring rain! Google: KT Performance Horses for more information on Katie and the farm. This ride is always a ton of fun for riders and volunteers alike so pencil it in on your calendar and plan to come have a great time!

This year's ride will have fewer obstacles (approx. 15), but cover more varied terrain than last year. There will be a pot luck lunch (TROT provides the meat & desert---everybody else brings sides) and a trail related demonstration while scores are being tallied. We cannot provide the details quite yet, but can say the demonstration should be some thing everyone will enjoy. Entry forms will be available and in local feed and tack stores ride will be provided on line and in strongly encourage those wishing to makes the checking in and scoring

As always, the JPR is open both to Bring your family, friends and kids to ride---volunteer. We need lots of Contact Kyle Jossi at be a judge, help set up obstacles, or of activities involved in holding the



on line at <http://www.trot-md.org/> around August 1. More details on the the next TROT newsletter. We ride in the JPR to register on line---it vastly easier and quicker.

TROT and non-TROT members. for a great time and if you don't want volunteers to make the JPR a success. bossyjossi@verizon.net to sign up to otherwise be involved in the myriad ride.

The next planning meeting for the JPR is Tuesday evening, June 26th at 7pm at Susan Gray and Mike Caruso's home at 6510 Paper Place, Highland, Maryland. The more folks working on planning this event the merrier, so if you've been on the fence about volunteering for some thing please come. Bring a swimsuit, your appetite and great ideas!.

We thank Katie and the Cole family, owners of RT&3L Farm, for again being willing to share their wonderful venue and look forward to a fun- filled and challenging event.

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President's Message

Pat Talbott, President

I have recently taken a full time job, and unfortunately it does not give me time to ride. Why don't you liven up your trail riding by exploring new places? TROT has 15 rides scheduled, hopefully some of them will be new to you. If not, please suggest a place you would like to explore on horseback. TROT will try to find a ride leader for that location and schedule a ride. TROT has had a request for longer rides. Would you be interested in a going on a longer ride? Please let us know by contacting our Trail Ride Coordinator, Lisa Troutman.

TROT is working with MORE on 3 bridges to connect Seneca Bluff trail with Seneca Ridge trail. We are going to ensure they are horse, as well as bike, friendly.

TROT is planning several activities. Our Judged Pleasure Ride is scheduled for Sunday, September 23. We are going to reduce the number of obstacles and make some of them harder. While we are waiting for the results of the ride TROT is planning to have a speaker come to give us pointers on how to get good scores when participating in a Judged Pleasure Ride.

TROT is also planning a couple of educational meetings in addition to our speaker at the Judged Pleasure Ride. What subject would you like for an educational meeting?

Please send me an email if you have any suggests, questions or comments. You can reach me at tallyhotazz@aol.com

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.

TROT Ride - Woodstock Park,

Sunday, May 20, 2012, Ride leaders Lisa Troutman and Andrea Caplan
Lisa Troutman

Another successful TROT ride! On Sunday, May 20th, Lisa Troutman and Andrea Caplan took a group of 13 riders out around the lush fields of the Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, Maryland. The park consists of over 872 acres of rolling farmland and forest, and includes 16 miles of equestrian and hiking trails. The park is a public-private partnership between Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, (MNCPPC) Dept. of Parks and the Woodstock Equestrian Park Foundation.



The morning started out lovely and comfortable, temperature-wise, with many riders in short

sleeve shirts. There was ample room for trailer parking and horse grooming in the lot on the west side of Route 28 where we congregated. Everyone was up in the saddle just shortly after 10 am, and we divided into 2 groups, with Andrea taking the walk-trot only group, and Lisa leading the walk-trot-canter group.

Both groups headed out west on the Two Bridge Trail (.4 miles), with Lisa and her group leading the way. All the horses, even the ones both new to TROT rides and

new to trail riding, were solid bridge-crossers, and all went quietly as everyone chatted and got acquainted. Both groups took a left onto southernmost edge of the Greenberg



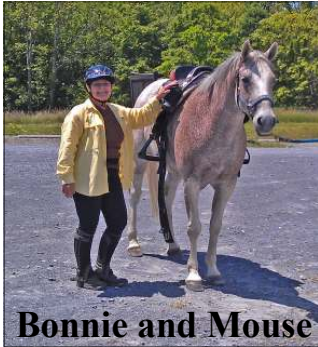
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Challenge Loop (2.5 miles), and to everyone's surprise and delight, the normally spongy trail around the edges of several fields were dry and easy-moving.

Everyone hung a left for another short and dry stint on the first part of the Stone Barn Loop (1.9 miles) and left yet again at The Farm Road Trail (.1 mile) which connects the end to the Wasche Field Loop (.8). By the time Lisa's group had gone 'round the latter, Andrea's group was just arriving, and we all shared waves in passing. One rider even took the opportunity to defect and join the other group!

Both groups returned to the Stone Barn Loop, heading west on it and rode its entirety back to the Greenberg Challenge Loop. They walked, trotted (and cantered, depending on the group) their way to the northernmost boundary of the park trails, the J.E.B. Stuart Trail (.5 miles), which took them past a handsomely renovated historic home at the edge, and some newly constructed dry lots and paddocks, and young horses curious about the passing groups.



The Stuart Trail ended at Route 28, and all horses calmly walked across the road. Here's where the 2 groups diverged. Andrea's group made an immediate right onto the westernmost edge of the Rickman Field Loop (.9 miles). This is the side of the Woodstock Park where the construction of the

dressage and jumping rings is currently underway, as evidenced by the small mountains of moved earth and idle equipment. One note of caution: there are some holes that are close-together, and unmarked very close to the juncture of the Rickman Field Loop and the entrance road, so riders beware!

The group went left and walked its way up the entrance road, thru the parking lot and made a right up the hill that is the westernmost edge of the Field's Edge Loop (1.8 miles). The walk-trotters finished their ride by ducking into

the woods and connecting up with a small piece of the northern edge of the Potomac Hunt Loop (1.5 miles) which took them back to Route 28 where the group crossed together in good form and leisurely made their ways



back to their own trailers for cool down and clean up just after noon.

Lisa's group continued straight after crossing the road on the Rickman Field Loop, going around and above the new construction of the dressage and jumping rings. The group took a left onto the Big Woods Loop Trail (1.3 miles) and after a well-deserved rest and long drink at the stream crossing, took a left onto a slightly overgrown trail to make a loop back up the power lines to the start of the Big Woods Loop Trail. From there we took the trail to the right still in the woods, and worked our way to the Fields Edge Loop. After going around the field, we took a break for all the horses to munch their way to happiness on the lush grass which gave us a chance to chat amongst ourselves. From there we took the Straight Shot Trail, took a left onto the Field's Edge Loop, then a right to connect to the Potomac Hunt Loop back across the road to the parking lot.

Both groups arrived at about the same time and it wasn't long before the usual lunch coolers and lawn chairs found their way to a small but happy gathering at the edge of the lot. Thanks to Lisa and her husband Kent for bringing chips and fruit for the lunch-goers and for all the fine chatting, organizing and leading on yet another perfect TROT ride event.



WSSC Trail News Update

Barbara Sollner-Web

For decades, WSSC allowed equestrians to enjoy their magnificent, environmentally sound trail, which runs parallel but safely far from the Rocky Gorge reservoir. Last year, WSSC banned use of this trail, claiming its run-off makes their water hard to treat and brings sediment to the reservoir. They additionally moved riding to their access road, previously deemed too steep and eroding to ride, and banned all winter riding. Yet certified trail masters have assessed this trail as excellent, and WSSC's previous Environmental Advisory Committee members determined negligible reservoir impairments derive from the trail use. In fact, Maryland's Department of Environmental Resources credited equestrian vigilance for saving the reservoir from massive sediment coming from an

uncontrolled construction project.

There has been great public outcry to this trail closure, with over 1200 signatures on petitions and letters -- saying if the claimed equestrian-induced damage is real, certainly riding there should be banned to protect the water, but if those claims are unfounded, as we believe they are, riding should be reinstated. Elected officials are getting involved on the equestrians' behalf, asking for a scientific basis for the trail closure.

Recently, documents attained through Maryland's Public Information Act revealed WSSC's own data show the reservoir's water quality actually improves as it runs along the length of the equestrian trail, the winter months have the least rainfall, which seems to refute the claims WSSC used to cause the trail closure.

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TRAIL CLEARING SCHEDULE

Amy Kimble, TROT Trail Work Coordinator

Schedule for Trail work through 11/3/2012

- ⇒ Please be sure to contact me ASAP about any trails in need of maintenance.
- ⇒ My CHALLENGE to each trail rider is to give 3% of time spent in the saddle on trail work.
- ⇒ For each hour in the saddle that would be a mere 2 minutes.

For all trail work days please bring gloves, water, pruning saw, nippers, bug spray and sunscreen if you have them. Thank you for maintaining trails every time you go trail riding.

The majority of the work days will be optional on horseback or on foot. Mounted volunteers go out in groups of 3-4 in order to be most effective. Please be sure to contact Amy Kimble @ 301-748-8310 or AmyHkimble@aol.com with trails that need work, questions, or to RSVP for work days. It is **IMPORTANT TO RSPV**, if you can, in order for us to utilize volunteers for each work situation and to be sure tools are available to do the job.

8/25 Sat. 8am Patuxent State Park. Corridor clearing between Howard Chapel Road and Rt. 97 on the reroute that has already been approved. Corridor clearing involves removing brush, shrubs, rocks, etc. where a new trail is

being built. It requires all volunteers to be on foot. It is not particularly hard or demanding.

9/8 Sat. 9AM Catoctin Mountain Park/ Gambrills State Park. Trail maintenance on existing trails. Volunteers can be on horseback or on foot.

9/16 Sun. 9AM - LOCATION TBD

9/29 Sat. Patuxent State Park. Corridor clearing - see 8/25.

10/13 Sat. 9AM Monocacy DNR Property. Trail maintenance on existing trails from Rt. 28 and the Monocacy River to Sugarloaf Mountain. Volunteers can be on horseback or on foot.

10/21 Sun. Patuxent State Park. Preparing for Suzanne's rides the following weekend. Trail Maintenance on existing trails. Volunteers on foot and on horseback.

11/3 Sat. 10AM - Location TBD

For those who are interested we will be working with MORE to build 3 bridges in Seneca State Park. Please contact me so I can notify you of the dates.

Watch the Website, <http://www.trot-md.org/>, for any changes or cancellations.

Thank You,
Amy Kimble- TROT Trail Work Coordinator
301-748-8310 or AmyHkimble@aol.com

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/>



Our own Sim Shanks, TROT Trail Lady Amy Kimble, and Bonnie Bell, who has done an amazing job of coordinating trail development in many parks in Montgomery County.

Editor's note: As many folks know, there has been a major effort to create a long trail through the Seneca State Park. The horses as well as mountain bikes. MORE will also contribute funds and will construct the bridges. The Enthusiasts (MORE) have been very active in supporting this effort through money and muscle. This month the TROT board voted to provide \$600 for the expense of

Many thanks to the folks who came out to the trail work days this spring. We really have accomplished a lot!



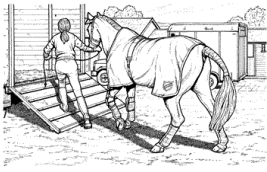
Katie on Spotless Record Trimming at Monocacy DNR Property

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.**

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

Rocky Gorge Watershed Burtonsville/Laurel - Saturday, July 21 (Rain date Sunday July 22)

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

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

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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

Judged Pleasure Ride, September 23 Location: RT & 3L Farm, Jefferson, MD,

www.KTperformancehorses.net

Application and further details: www.TROT-MD.org.

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 bavlad7@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

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November

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

In the saddle at: 10:00 am,
Contact John at 301-937-0014

I was browsing through your March Newsletter. I actually live in Pennsylvania but I check your website off and on to check out trails to go to in Maryland. I usually trail ride more in Maryland than Pennsylvania since I'm not far from Maryland and there are a lot of great trails to go to. But if you are looking for good wet-weather trails - Gettysburg is a great place to go. It's about 15/20 minutes from the Maryland border. The parking area is gravel/dirt and

Editor's note: Thank you Kari-Ann for sending this helpful info!

To protect the still somewhat wet trails at the originally planned venue (Rocky Gorge/WSSC), the ride was moved to the venue TROT has been advocating for use in wet weather -- North Tract/Patuxent Research Refuge -- whose trails were designed for tanks and thus are fine to ride no matter how wet the ground may be. We hope you will be able to join when the intended Rocky Gorge/WSSC ride will be re-scheduled, later in the season.



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

Looking for a good place to ride? Check out the trails in Montgomery County. Rolling hills, flat terrain, open field or woodland, whatever your preference, it can be found in Montgomery Co. (Sorry, no mountains)

Place	Surface	Length	Contact #	Acres
Patuxent River SP	natural	25+	(301) 924-2127	6,700
Patuxent River SP (Brown's Church Rd)	natural	25+	(301) 924-2127	6,700
Patuxent River SP (Route 97)	natural	25+	(301) 924-2127	6,700
Patuxent River SP (Howard Chapel Rd)	natural	25+	(301) 924-2127	6,700
Schaeffer Farm Park MHA	natural	12	410-356-9272	850
McKee Beshers WMA	natural	10	(410) 356-9272	2,000
Agricultural History Farm Park	natural	5+	301-948-5053	410
Black Hill Regional Park	natural	10+	301-670-8080	1,800
Block House Point	natural	2	301-670-8080	
Blue Mash	natural	4	301-948-5053	
Fairland Park	natural	3		
Little Bennett	natural	20+	301-972-6501	3,700
Magruder Branch	natural	8	301-972-6581	
Northwest Branch	rocky	4		
Rachael Carson Conservation Park	natural	6+		
Seneca Creek Greenway	natural			
Seneca Ridge Trail	natural	6	410-356-9272	
Underground Railroad	natural	2		
Wheaton Regional Park	rocky	5		
Woodstock	natural	14		
Breezy Loop Trail	natural	6		
Dry Seneca Trail	natural	9		
C&O Canal	natural	150		

Be sure to get a copy of the July Equiery Magazine, found at most feed and tack stores. It will contain a listing of equestrian trails in every county of Maryland. An online version with links will soon be available on the TROT website. The Maryland Horse Industry Board will publish a free brochure of Maryland equestrian trails this fall.

Editor's note: Some additional links to trail maps outside Montgomery County, as forwarded by Amy Kimble:

Union Mills <http://carrollcountyequestriancouncil.org/TrailMaps/UnionMills.pdf>; and

Catoctin Mountain Park <http://www.nps.gov/cato/planyourvisit/horse-trails.htm>.)

Howard County

Pat Oliva

I met with the Department of Recreation and Parks on June 5. They are sending a letter and hopefully a speaker to the WSSC/EA meeting to be held on June 19th concerning the Triadelphia Reservoir. They will be asking for recreational use for all groups. Work is progressing in the planning stages of Benson Branch horse trailer parking area.

The Volunteer Mounted Police Patrol is in full swing. We

patrolled Savage Park over Memorial Day weekend. It was a friendly time with everyone loving the horses and wanting to pet them. We have found a way to access the rail trail without the long walk down Vollmerhausen Road. The Recreation and Parks is working on a trail that will cross the road at the middle Patuxent River. This connects the rail trail that goes to Elkhorn Lake in Columbia with the shorter trails in Savage. We are scheduling patrols at the Sunset Serenades in Centennial Park South that are held in the evening during the summer.

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There are important upcoming meetings, unfortunately scheduled without sufficient lead-time to announce in our newsletter, but hopefully many readers learned of them on the TROT and MarylandTrailRiders list-serves.

We remain cautiously optimistic for a positive resolution on the WSSC trails. Your signature on the 2012 petition (at <http://trot-md.org/> and <http://www.change.org/petitions#search/wssc%20trails> could help greatly!

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)
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If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact:
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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.

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

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 would consider a Lease arrangement. I rode quite a lot as a youngster, but have not recently. I reside in the Towson/Baltimore County area. I would be happy to share expenses. Contact: B. Conticello 410-941-2913 or email: bconticello@gmail.com 7/12

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On Sunday, **October 7**, 2012, the Ride the Trail to a Cure will be at Bonny Brook Riding Club in Boiling Springs, PA. Riders will be supporting the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

Lunch is provided and there will be a silent auction at both Rides. Gentlemen, ladies and families are welcome.

Information, contacts for each Ride and sponsor forms are on our web site – www.ridethetrailtoacure.org

Also, the Gettysburg Equestrian Historical Society is sponsoring a historical ride Sept. 8, 2012. For information and reservation forms go to: www.thegehs.org or contact: Wayne Belt: webelt@earthlink.net 717-337-0748

Put it on your calendar!

It's never too soon to plan! The 2013 TROT Annual Meeting (Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction) will be held on February 9, 2013, at the Mt. Airy Fairgrounds.

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Get Out and Ride! Upcoming TROT trail rides are listed on pages 5,6,7. This is a great way to find out about new trails, meet some new riding buddies, and have a lot of fun with your horse! If you are looking for a partner to travel with, and perhaps share expenses, check out page 9 for some folks that want to ride with you.

Save the Date! The **TROT Judged Pleasure Ride** is scheduled for Sunday, September 23, 2012 (rain date September 30), at the RT&3L Farm in Frederick County. This year's JPR promises to be a great one. We are planning to have lunch available and a demonstration on how to get a perfect score on a JPR obstacle. This event is a wonderful opportunity for horse and rider to improve skills in handling trail obstacles in a low-stress environment. If you decide not to ride, please consider volunteering. There are many opportunities for you to take part – either by being a judge, a judge's helper, a runner, or just a general support team member. No experience necessary – and even spouses qualify! See the details on Page 1.