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2010 TROT TRAIL RIDE CHALLENGE

TROT Trail Ride Coordinator, **Allison Abernathy**, is challenging all TROT members to participate in the 2010 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 2011 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/> 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. Ride leaders get two points for the rides they lead.

How to enter: By December 15, 2010, send the TROT Trail Ride Coordinator an email (abernathy.allison@epa.gov) 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.

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 Liberty Reservoir, Sunday April 18

Mary Prowell, Ride leader

The Liberty Reservoir ride was well attended with 18 riders in two groups. The walking group was led by Doris Rinehart and initially consisted of Terry Ledley, Joyce Frank, Kathy Hart, Jennifer Neeman and Jean Swartz. Tina Cavallaro and Treena Bell were lost en route and ended up coming later. Jean Swartz kindly rode back and led them to the walk group.

The faster group consisted of Mary Prowell, leader, along with Laury Lobel, Karen Penharlow, Diana Urick, Karen Koback, Liuda Galinaitis, Anna Galinaitis, Denis Webb, Lisa Troutman and Mariann Heritage. The weather was cool but not unpleasant. Both groups rode along the reservoir fire road and then back along a woods trail to a snack/lunch stop at a point on the reservoir. The faster group then did another woods loop while the walk group finished lunch and rode back to the trailers.

The ride time was about 2 hours 45 minutes and the faster group traveled a total of 10 miles. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the horses were all well behaved.



**Anna
Galinaitis**

Diana Aurick

President's Message

Ron MacNab, President

The Maryland 2010 Legislative Session ended April 12. This year there were six bills attempting to expand Sunday hunting. In recent years there have been numerous attempts to open the State to Sunday hunting. When initial attempts failed, bills were written for specific counties, usually in the more rural sections of the State. Some of these bills have been successful at nibbling away long standing laws by granting exceptions. This year, there were five bills directed at Allegany, Garrett, Calvert, Talbot and Baltimore counties to extend Sunday hunting. All passed except the one for Baltimore County. On-the-other-hand, House Bill 1518, which would have almost assuredly extended Sunday hunting to most of the State, died in committee.



Sunday hunting may not be a safety concern for citizens in the open spaces of western, southern and the eastern shore of Maryland, but in the highly populated areas of central and northeast Maryland, it is a serious concern. In November we were reminded of the danger when a VA student was shot and killed on campus by a hunter on private property. Weekends are when most citizens are able to enjoy their public lands. Hunting seven days a week simply ignores the interests and concerns of the general public.

I know some insist that the government should not restrict hunting on private property on Sundays. This is a philosophical stance but has no bearing on the real world. Bullets and arrows do not stop at property boundaries. Most park users acknowledge the need to address the exploding deer population. Managed hunts with sharpshooters, extending the number of allowed kill or extending weekday hunting are possibilities. But denying the public safe and tranquil use of public recreation areas seven days a week is not acceptable.

TROT Sunday Hunting Survey Results

by Ron MacNab

On March 25, The TROT Board sent out an email survey to the membership. The email went to the three hundred and seventy email addresses on file in our Membership database. If you did not receive the survey, please send your email address to trotmembers@hotmail.com so that you will receive future email.

The purpose of the survey was to let the Board know if the current membership was in favor of TROT continuing its longstanding opposition to the expansion of Sunday hunting. The email survey was sent to all memberships where we had an email address. Of the 370 surveys sent, we received 159 responses, which is a phenomenal response rate of 43%.

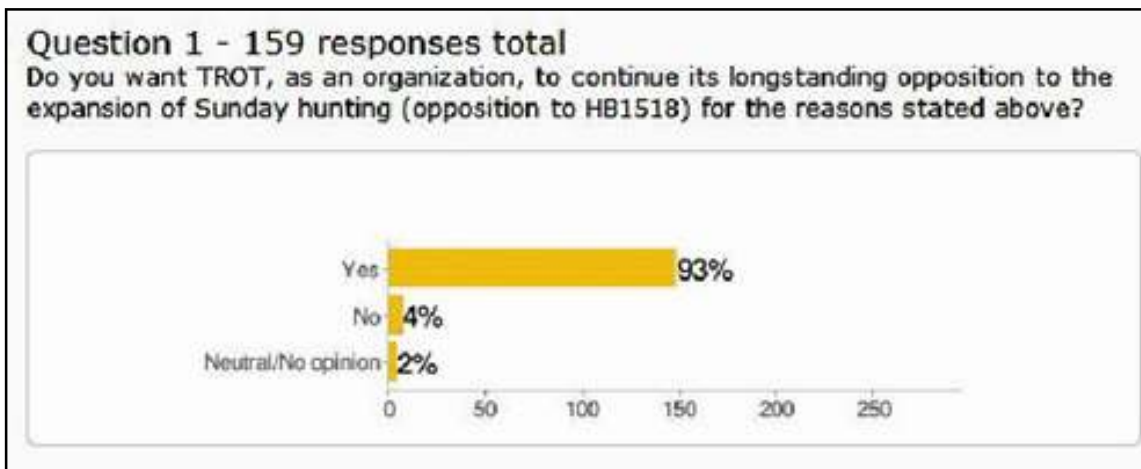
Of the 159 responses, 148 (93% of responses) were in favor

of TROT continuing its longstanding opposition to the expansion of Sunday hunting. Seven responses (4% of responses received) were opposed to TROT taking a position on Sunday hunting. Four responses (2% of responses) were Neutral/had no opinion.

On April 6, the TROT Board met and voted. The results were 10 in favor of continuing opposition to Sunday hunting and 3 abstentions. Letters on behalf of TROT were sent to State Delegates in Annapolis to voice our opposition to bills that extend the number of Sunday hunting days.

On behalf of the TROT Board of Directors, thank you to those taking time to respond the survey.

Editor's note: See page 3 for comments received,



TROT Sunday Hunting Survey Comments Received

Ron MacNab

Due to limited space, listed below are some of the pro comments and all of the con comments we received in the survey. I think you will enjoy reading them.

TROT Survey Responses and Comments	
"Do you want TROT, as an organization, to continue its longstanding opposition to the expansion of Sunday hunting (opposition to HB1518) for the reasons stated above?"	
Question	Comments
Yes	While it would appear that landowners should be able to use their land as desired, weapons create a different scenario especially in rural areas where woods comingle so that no one is positive where property lines are. Plus it is easy to get confused... Therefore during hunting season I feel at risk walking on my own property fearing someone might easily by mistake shot across my line. Sunday is the only day during hunting season that we can use without fear our woods. Emphatically against.
Yes	Absolutely, continue the opposition. Why should we bother to show up at public meetings and hearings to preserve trails if we can't use them at least one day during the weekend during hunting season? Protecting access to and safety on trails is at the core of TROT's mission.
Yes	Agree with the fairness of access concept for all recreational users - as our recreational areas continue to be destroyed by development, all users of outdoor recreational areas must work together to share them. Although not a fan of hunting, I understand giving up some time to that sport, just as I understand the need to teach my horse to be tolerant of gunfire, cyclists, joggers and what not. All of the other recreational activities can safely share facilities together. Hunting, no matter how responsibly it is done, is not compatible with other uses. Thank you for soliciting my opinion.
Yes	Although the deer population is getting out of hand, and although the hunters should be able to enjoy their sport over the weekends, it is still only fair that the other outdoor users be able to enjoy the fields, trails and woods in quiet conditions.
Yes	Are they crazy! Someone will definitely get killed. I was a hiker in Montgomery Co. and now hike & ride in Harford & Balt Co. The guns near our barn are close enough- same property has private hunters w/o giving us ONE day to ride SAFELY!!
Yes	I am a trail rider and am adamantly opposed to expanding Sunday hunting. Although there may be a lot of hunters, they are relatively few in comparison to the number of non-hunters and it is grossly unfair that we cannot safely use the out-of-doors one day a week. Even if you ride on public land, there is always private land that adjoins it and, as demonstrated by the death of a college student in Virginia last year, it is easy for a hunter to stray onto the public land and shoot something other than a deer.
Yes	As it stands now for 3 months we are deprived of riding safely on the Saturdays in many areas when the weather is still pleasant. If Sunday hunting is passed it will deprive individuals of all weekend trail riding in many areas!
Yes	I am very much against Sunday hunting. For much of the winter Sunday is the only day when it is safe to walk or ride in the woods. Thank you for carrying on this cause.
Yes	Even with the best of training and intentions, accidents happen and bullets do not respect property lines. One day a week of not hunting should not be too much of a burden for hunting enthusiasts. We all have to live together.
No	I believe the danger is overstated.
No	I do not have much experience except this: I live next to the Liberty Water shed. Hunting is limited to bow/arrow and black powder. You have to be pretty close and see your target in order to get a good shot. I feel pretty confident that I don't look like a wild animal. Most hunters are hunting very early in the morning or at dusk - not usually when I would want to ride. A 165 acre farm is across the street from my house. They shoot whenever they want 24/7. No one enforces the law. I've never asked to ride on their property because of that. Maybe TROT should educate riders (like wearing bright orange hats and vests) instead of limiting Sunday hunting. We need to be careful whenever and where ever we ride anyway.
No	I don't think that asking to keep Sundays as a no hunting day is too much to ask... it is nice to know that one day of the week is safe to go riding or hiking. Thank you.
No	Most states allow Sunday hunting on public and private land. It is absurd for TROT to oppose Sunday hunting on private property.
No	Since it's private property only, it should not be a problem for riders.
No	This is a political stance. TROT is an organization that should be concerned with riding trails and getting volunteers to keep that part of the organization running smoothly. No Trails kept, no riding allowed.... No reason to even have TROT.

County Updates

Need volunteers

as contacts or coordinators for **Baltimore, Charles, 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

I owe you all an apology for the last few months I have been busy with personal concerns. I have been trying to contact the park staffer in charge of the parking lot for Benson Branch to no avail. Walked the trails in Western Regional park. Rick (park manager) is to get back with me for the final access from the parking area to the trails. Sadly

they redid the parking area in smooth asphalt. I knocked my socks off trying to convince them that it was too slippery for horses backing off a trailer. A safer opinion is to back the trailer to the grass and unload. Right now the Park Service does not have a dime for a cup of coffee. I will keep at it. I will also try to keep abreast of the trails around the development bordering Schooley Mills. On a happy note, the two state parks on the Patapsco and the Patuxent rivers have great trails. Enjoy a ride with a friend

Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

Trail Clearing in Montgomery Co.

Many thanks to Amy Kimble who organizes TROT's trail clearing events and all who participate. Due to the snow storms and wet conditions this winter, many of our trails had not been ridden for three months. In March, Amy organized three teams to work on trail clearing at Patuxent State Park. Beginning at Brown Church Rd, Annapolis Rock Rd and Howard Chapel Rd we made a great deal of progress in opening up the trails.

In April, Amy organized a trail clearing day on the "Terry Ledley Trail" at Rocky Gorge Reservoir. This trail is officially named by WSSC in honor of TROT member

Terry Ledley who has maintained these trails for many years. Again we had three teams beginning at Brown Bridge Rd., Brogden Rd. and Kruhm Rd. The trails are now clear west of Rt 29. Next month we will be working on the trails east of Rt 29.

Participating in trail clearing days is very enjoyable and provides personal satisfaction for having contributed. The few hours that volunteers put in really do add up to making a huge improvement to our trails. Please consider joining in on future scheduled clearings. Amy announces them on the TROT-Members and MarylandTrailRiders Yahoo Groups. If you are not getting these notices and would like to help, you can contact her and she will include you on the notification list.

Membership Report

Jeanne Bond, Membership Chairman

3 May 2010	This Period	2010 to date	2009 Total
Members	19	617	704
Memberships	11	375	432
• New	4	38	84
• Renewal	7	329	340
• Lifetime	---	8	8
Membership Type			
• Sustaining	0	17	21
• Contributing	1	43	33
• Regular	10	315	378

Worth noting:

Although we have a 19-member increase, our net increase in members this period is 18 due to a member resignation. The number of memberships was not affected.

TROT would like to welcome our newest members:

	County
Mariann Heritage	Anne Arundel
Jennifer Neeman and family	Baltimore
Diana Urick	Baltimore City
Michael A. Roche and family	Carroll
Lynn S. Gulley	Howard
Yvonne M. Wheaton	Loudon (VA)
Ann Riley	Montgomery
Elizabeth Voss	Montgomery
Sue Ann Gething	Montgomery
Karen L. Parker and family	Prince George's
Nancy K. Gunsauls	Prince William (VA)
Larry L. Aughenbaugh and family	York (PA)

Did you know ...

That you can earn money for TROT? Southern States is donating money to horse-related non-profit organizations. Just clip the proof of purchase from certain Southern States horse feeds. For now just clip and save - more Information next issue of the Newsletter!

Parks Matter

from the MNCPPC website

Montgomery County is facing a record \$779 million gap for fiscal year 2011, beginning July 1, 2010. Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett has had to make difficult choices in his proposed operating budget, including a recommended 17.5% or \$14.5 million reduction to the proposed budget for Montgomery Parks.

Big Cuts Hurt Quality Park Services

Given the size of the anticipated reduction for fiscal year 2011, Montgomery Parks will not be able to maintain services at the current level, despite the actions, reductions, and streamlining already undertaken by the department.

The impacts may include:

- Closing popular park facilities
- Reducing frequency of maintenance, including athletic fields
- Postponing new parks
- Postponing upgrades to current parks and facilities
- Reducing operating hours and response times to service calls
- Increasing park user fees
- Reducing the number of Parks staff
- Decreasing protection and management of sensitive natural areas

The budget will be finalized by May 15. If you have not already done so, please contact the County Council and let them hear from you.

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Riding on the WSSC Watershed Trails

Nancy Osgood

The Washington area water company (WSSC) permits horseback riding on some of its watershed areas in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Riders must carry a WSSC Watershed Use Permit at all times while riding the watershed trails. These permits are purchased from WSSC and are valid for one calendar year. Trail information and permits are available from the Brighton Dam Visitors' Information Center. Riders under 16 years old do not need a permit when accompanying a permitted adult.

All equestrian trails are clearly marked either by a painted symbol/blaze or by stenciled signs. Trails are located in marked areas of the wooded terrain and also along short portions of the fire access roads. Trails will be closed in wet weather to protect the watershed from erosion. Riders must not use the trails if they are wet or muddy. Riders are urged to report erosion, vandalism, or other trails issues to the Brighton Dam Visitors' Information Center. Additional information is available on the WSSC website. Editor's note: The WSSC trails are scenic and extensive, and are definitely worth the nominal price of the annual permit. We always carried our permit in the lining of our helmets – you might need to show it!

Gunpowder Falls State Park - Saturday, May 1,

Karen Penharlow, Ride leader

From left to right:

Karen Penharlow,
Vera Fontana,
Ron MacNab,
Diana Urick



Six Farms Quarantined In EHV Investigation

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The New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health announced on Friday the quarantines of five Monmouth County farms and one Gloucester County farm as the investigation continues into a possible Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) outbreak.

Two horses at Sweet Dreams Farm, 463 Casino Dr., Farmingdale, were euthanized with clinical signs consistent with the neurological form of EHV-1, and another died with similar signs. Two horses had presumptive positive tests for the disease and confirmatory testing continues.

While EHV is not harmful to humans, the neuropathogenic form of the disease is often fatal to horses and is spread quickly from horse to horse.

"Quarantines are necessary to ensure that this serious disease does not spread," said New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher. "Our investigation is continuing as we work to protect the health and safety of horses in New Jersey and other states."

Included in the quarantine are Never Ends Farm, 384 Conover St., Howell; 266 Lanes Mill Road, Howell; Riata Man Ranch, 27 West Farms Rd., Howell; 43 Charleston Springs Rd., Millstone; and 780 Heritage Rd., Sewell. These loca-

tions were placed under quarantine due to high risk contact with Sweet Dreams Farm or having received a horse from Sweet Dreams.

Investigations have concluded at Camelot Auction Company in Middlesex County and Handy Acres Farm in Ocean County and they were not included in the quarantine.

Equine Herpes Virus can cause respiratory problems, especially in young horses, spontaneous abortions in pregnant mares, and the neurologic form of the virus can reach high morbidity and mortality rates. The incubation period of EHV-1 clinically affected horses is typically 2 to 10 days, but in apparent infections may be spread for 21 days.

The Division of Animal Health Laboratory can test horses for EHV, either through a nasal swab or blood sample. Veterinarians should call (609) 984-2293 for further testing information.

The Department has a fact sheet on simple disinfection protocol for EHV-1 at www.state.nj.us/agriculture/pdf/simpledisinfectionprotocolEHV.pdf.

The Division of Animal Health can be reached at (609) 292-3965 with any questions or concerns. (Rutgers Equine Science Center)

SIMPLE DISINFECTION PROTOCOL FOR EHV-1:

- 1) Thoroughly clean the areas before disinfection i.e. remove all organic material (manure, bedding, food...)
- 2) Dilute five tablespoons of household bleach per one gallon of water (or 1 part bleach (sodium hypochlorite) and 9 parts water)*
- 3) Use this solution to spray or dip cleaned surfaces, tools, footwear, etc.
- 4) Use disposable materials or products that can be disinfected when treating sick or isolated animals

* Disinfectants should always be mixed at the recommended concentrations, more is not necessarily better

Biosecurity Measures to prevent EHV-1 infection and dissemination

Large groups of horses sharing a common airspace can all be infected by one horse shedding the virus. If you suspect that your horses have been exposed to EHV-1 or equine influenza virus, take rectal temperatures daily (normal adult body temperature is 100.5°F). Typically, horses infected with EHV-1 have a temperature of 102°F or higher. There are three major steps in preventing the dissemination of EHV-1, you can 1) reduce the risk of introduction of the disease to horses in the premises, 2) reduce the spread of the disease to other horses in the premises and 3) reduce the spread of infection beyond the infected premises. These are good management practices that should be implemented:

- Have an original, recent Health Certificate or Certificate of veterinary inspection on new arrivals
- Verification of vaccination of new introductions. Vaccination of new animals should be done at least 14 days be-

fore entering a facility. Follow the recommendations of your veterinarian.

- New arrivals should be healthy without recent fever or other clinical signs of infection
- New arrivals should originate from a premises without history of EHV-1 infection
- Isolate newly arrived horses for 2-3 weeks (take daily temperature)
- Restrict movement to and from the isolation area
- Isolated horses should be treated, fed and cleaned last (after the resident horses)
- Isolated horses should be treated, fed and cleaned with dedicated equipment
- Use hygienic measures (gloves, coveralls, hand washing with soap, foot baths)
- Have dedicated tack material for each animal
- Avoid sharing fences, buckets, common water sources,
- Do not dip the water hose into the bucket
- Isolate sick horses (any disease)
- Always work sick horses last in you chore routine.
- Change/clean clothing after completing chores.
- Clean and disinfect trailers after each use (remove organic material prior to disinfecting)
- Changing coveralls and cleaning and disinfecting boots when moving between barns, farms can help minimize the risk of spreading all types of diseases.
- Separate horses in small groups
- Do not rotate horses from stall to stall
- Properly dispose of bedding and leftover feed or hay

If you have any questions please call the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (609) 292-3965

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Trail Clearing Can Be Fun!

Nancy Osgood

Thanks to Amy Kimble for organizing several successful trail clearing and maintenance events this spring. There were several groups that worked in the Patuxent River State Park and the Rocky Gorge Watershed – both mounted and unmounted volunteers. The groups cleared obstacles from the trail, and clipped invasive growth. Large downed trees in State DNR areas that need chainsaw attention should be reported to Amy at amyhkimble@aol.com. Amy also met with Dave Powell of the State DNR who requested that TROT undertake developing a loop trail on state Monocacy River property. The initial trail marking is planned for this month. We'll report the progress in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Also, remember that Ben Sugar is the Trails Volunteer Coordinator for Montgomery Parks. Be sure to check out the Montgomery County Parks website for details of Ben's projects or email ben.sugar@montgomeryparks.org. Note that **June 5 is National Trails Day!** Ben is organizing maintenance projects in Rock Creek Regional Park (Rockville) and Rachel Carson Conservation Park (Brookville). Please volunteer! And be sure to wear your TROT T-shirt – we need to show that equestrians are serious about helping with trail maintenance!

Keep tuned to the Maryland Trails Riders Yahoo Group to get up-to-date information about how you can help maintain equestrian and other park trails. Nothing feels better than riding in an area where the trails are clear and beautifully maintained – and knowing that you helped!

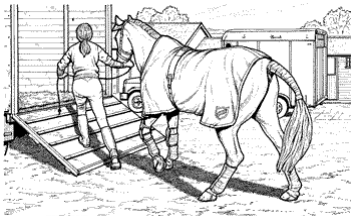
UPCOMING RIDES

Allison Abernathy, Trail ride coordinator

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 Allison Abernathy abernathy.allison@epa.gov. 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 Allison Abernathy (see above).

Rocky Gorge Watershed Burtonsville/Laurel - Saturday, May 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

Agricultural History Farm - Saturday, May 29, 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. Contact: Deneen at 301-253-2955 or email deneenmartin7@msn.com

Susquehanna State Park - Sunday, June 6 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 but all that will be based on horse and/or rider abilities. After the ride we will supply hotdogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments. People need to bring their own chairs, drinks, plates, plastic-ware and, if they like, something to share with the group. Event will be canceled if we have significant rain 48 hours prior to the ride. In the saddle at 10 AM

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

Calithea Farm Loop - Saturday June 12, 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

Patapsco Father's Day Ride: Sunday June 20

Ride leader Susan Montgomery

There is a \$3 fee per vehicle to enter the park. Park in the field across from the basketball court. Restrooms are across the field from where we park. This is a busy park, there will be kids playing ball, frisbee, bikers, etc. Lunch will be at Woodstock Inn. There are places to tie your horse, so bring a halter and lead. You can eat in the Inn, or bring your own and eat at the picnic tables.

Ready to ride at 10:30 am, Location: Park in McKeldin area off Marriottsville Rd., Directions: From I 70W take Marriottsville Rd exit. Cross over river and up hill, park entrance is on your right. From I70E take exit for Route 32. If you go south, take left at first light (Route 144) and then left on Marriottsville Rd. Follow above directions. If you take Route 32 north, go right on Route 99 (Old Frederick Rd) then left on Marriottsville, follow above directions, Contact: Susan Montgomery at 410-446-3138 or email shadowsrider6749@yahoo.com

Morgan Run Mom n Me Ride - Sunday June 27, Ride leader Melaney Hochheiser

Would you like to ride with and meet other parents who ride with their children? This is the ride for you! This will be an easy ride thru the wide grassy mowed paths and forest trails of this scenic park. There are minor stream crossings and a few rocky spots. The ride will last 1.5 to 2 hours and will be slow--- a walk or possible trotting if all parties are comfortable with a trot. The parking is ample and the park has picnic benches. There is no water at the trailhead—your horse can drink from the small streams we cross or you can bring water. Bring a lunch and sit and visit awhile

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afterwards. The ride leader will bring a variety of cold drinks.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Contact: Melaney Hochheiser at 410-239-0614 (h) or 443-375-2593(c) or email mah612@msn.com

Patuxent River State Park (Brown Church Rd) - Saturday, July 17, 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 stream crossings and hills. There are a few rocky spots. Bring lunch.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Location/parking: Park on Brown Church Rd by the park service sign. Parking is limited to less than 10 trailers., Contact: Lisa Troutman at: 301.253.9243 or email cat.home@comcast.net

Codorus State Park - Sunday, July 18, Ride leader Ivy Smink

Bring lunch. The pace will be walk, trot, and canter. This is a 8 mile loop with variable footing (meaning occasional rocky sections). There is ample parking and a porta potty.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Location: Hanover, PA
Contact: Ivy at 410.875.5691 or email ivysmink@qis.net

Liberty Reservoir - Sunday, Aug 15, Ride leader Ivy Smink

The pace will be walk, trot, and canter. The terrain is hilly and rocky and there will be multiple stream crossings. Shoes or boots recommended.

In the saddle at 9 AM, Location/Parking: Park off Deer Park Road. Parking is limited to 8 trailers. Contact: Ivy at 410-875-5691 or email ivysmink@qis.net

Jug Bay Saturday - Saturday, August 21, Ride leader Susan Montgomery.

There are a couple of places where they have put down rock on the trail to prevent erosion, but the rest of the footing is good, shoes not needed. We will be parking at Selby Landing, which is all the way down the road to the waterfront. There will be port-a-potties there. We plan on riding to the visitor center for lunch; there are a few machines for sodas, etc so bring cash

Ready to ride at 10:30, Location: Selby Landing, Directions: From 301 turn east on Croom Rd. Follow the road for a few miles, be careful of the really sharp right turn! Left on Croom Airport Rd. Keep going straight, the road will make a turn to the left at the pavilions. Follow the road all the way down to the boat ramp, and park in the lot there., Contact: Susan at 410-446-3138 or email shadowsrider6749@yahoo.com

Little Bennett - Saturday, August 28,
Ride leader Lisa Troutman

Beautiful trails in the forest and along some grassy fields. This park is fairly rocky so horses may need shoes or boots. The pace will be walk,trot, and canter. Ample parking. Bring lunch.

In the saddle at 10 AM, Contact: Lisa at: 301.253.9243 or email cat.home@comcast.net

Manassas Battlefield - Sunday, September 5.
Ride leader Susan Montgomery.

We will park in the lot on Groveton Rd, plenty of space and picnic tables. Footing is dirt roads and tracks. I know there are bathrooms at the visitor center, but we may not be riding near it. They may have port-a-potties at the picnic area.

Ready to ride at 10:30 am, Location: Groveton Road parking lot, Contact: Susan at 410-446-3138 or email

shadowsrider6749@yahoo.com

Judged Pleasure Ride - September 18 (Rain date September 19), Coordinated by Deneen Martin

TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride is our signature event and is always great fun for participants and volunteers. Come and enjoy the beautiful rolling fields and woods of the Park and try you and your horse's ability to negotiate obstacles and conduct challenging maneuvers. Lots of fun and great camaraderie; you will find yourself talking about it all year. Bring a lunch. There will be lots of categories and lots of prizes. Please support this event, it is TROT's biggest fundraiser!

Start time: ride start is 10 AM, Location/Parking: Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road in Derwood, Maryland. See also http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/Parks/facilities/ag_farm.shtm. Contact: Deneen at 301-253-2955 or at deneenmartin7@msn.com

Breezy Loop Boyds, MD - Sunday September 26,
Ride leader Ron MacNab

A beautiful ride through rolling farm land and woods. The length of the loop is 4.6 miles long and takes about 1.5 hours at a walk. The trail is on private land that has been graciously made available for trail riding. Since the trail is relatively short and well marked, some riders may want to traverse the loop a second time on their own, in the opposite direction. Bring a lunch. Current coggins test is required. Call in advance if you plan to attend.

Location: Potomac Pony Club Field/Breezy Loop Trailhead 19301 Bucklodge Rd., Boyds, MD 20841. This field is approximately 1.7 miles north of Md RT-28 Darnestown Rd, on MD 117 Bucklodge Rd. in Boyds.

Directions: From Frederick and Points West: Take Rt 85 through Buckeystown, and continue on 85 as it becomes Rt 28. Continue following Rt 28 through the town of Dickerson and Beallsville (there is a traffic light - at Rt 109). You will pass Peachtree Rd, Lewis Orchards, and eventually come to MD 117- Bucklodge Rd on your left - there is no light. Turn left. Follow Bucklodge Road for approximately 1.7 miles, the Potomac Pony Club Field entrance will be on your right, just as you pass Moore Road.

From Rockville and Points East Take Rt-28-Darnestown Rd West - you'll pass Rt 118, Rt 107 to Poolesville, and MD 117-Bucklodge Rd will be on your right. Turn right. Follow Bucklodge Road for approximately 1.7 miles, the Potomac Pony Club Field entrance will be on your right, just as you pass Moore Road.

In the saddle at 10AM, Contact: Ron MacNab at 301-622-4157 or email rmacnab@comcast.net.

Upper Patuxent River State Park (Annapolis Rock Rd) - Saturday, October 23, 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 2½ to 3 hours of medium pace (walking, and trot/gait). Bring your lunch and/or something to share for after the ride. We'll have a table, with cloth, flowers, burner for hot water, tea, coffee, hot chocolate. 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.

In the saddle at 10:00 AM, Location/Parking: Cow Pasture
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off Annapolis Rock Road, Contact: Suzanne in the evenings at 301.829.3881 or email @ trailsendfarm@verizon.net

Little Bennett Scavenger Hunt - Saturday, October 30

Ride leaders Maureen and Jim Henry, Deneen Martin

Riders need to be at the parking field by 1 PM to register. At 1:30 prearranged groups will assemble to review rules for the Scavenger Hunt. Riders should be able to at least trot their horses so that the team can cover as wide an area as possible within the 1 1/2 hour time limit that they will have to find the items required. No one will need to collect anything, but each group will be given a pad, pencil, and map to note approximately where the item was located with some nearby references. The items will be flora, fauna, manmade items, or places within the park, but they must stay on the near half of the park and not cross Clarksburg Road to locate the items because of the limited time frame. The leaders of each of the groups will be chosen by having some knowledge of the park by previously riding there. Limit is 30 riders (first come, first served) and no more than 6 teams of 5. Should there be a tie there will be a mini hunt at the trailer area to determine the final winner. Winning team will receive individual prizes. Everyone will get small trick or treat bags with Halloween

candy and I will have a large bag of carrots for the horses. We will have a potluck after the ride. Food brought could have a fall or Halloween theme. Jim and I will bring the paper products. Lawn chairs should be brought for individual comfort. Early notification is imperative to be able to participate.

In the saddle at 1:30 pm, Special Directions: You must RSVP by Thursday Oct 28 to attend this event. Contact: Maureen Henry at 301-371-4868

Anacostia Park - Saturday, November 20

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

Gillis Falls, Carroll County - TBD ,

Ride leader Ann Bennof (301-829-0949)

Strange Horse Laws

Just some wacky, odd, strange laws from around the US (and a few from other countries too!).

- The horse is New Jersey's state animal
- It's illegal in Marion, South Carolina, to **tickle a female under her chin with a feather duster** to get her attention while she's riding a horse.
- In New York City, it is illegal to **open or close an umbrella** in the presence of a horse.
- It is **illegal to fish from horseback** in Washington D.C, Colorado, and Utah.
- Tennessee prohibits **riders from lassoing fish**.
- A British law states that an Englishman **must not sell a horse** to a Scotsman.
- Horses are required to wear hats in hot weather in Rasario, Argentina.
- A fine of \$25 can be levied for flirting. This old law specifically prohibits men from turning around on any city street and looking "at a woman in that way." A second conviction for a crime of this magnitude calls for the violating male to be forced to wear a "**pair of horse-blinders**" wherever and whenever he goes outside for a stroll.
- In Guerneville, Illinois, it is illegal for women weighing **more than 200 pounds to ride horses in shorts**.
- In Kentucky, it is illegal for a woman to appear in a bathing suit on a highway unless she is: escorted by at least two police officers; armed with a club; or lighter than 90 pounds or heavier than 200 pounds. The ordinance also specifically **exempts female horses** from such restrictions.
- In London, England, law required taxi drivers to **carry a bale of hay** on top of their cabs to feed their horses. The law was in force until 1976.
- In Arizona, it is illegal for cowboys to walk through a hotel

lobby wearing their spurs.

- In Raton, New Mexico, it is illegal for a woman to ride horseback down a public street **with a kimono on**.
- In South Carolina, it is legal for adult males to discharge firearms when approaching an intersection in a non-horse vehicle to **warn oncoming horse traffic**.
- A misworded ordinance in Wolf Point, Montana: "No horse shall be allowed in public without **its owner wearing a halter**."
- In South Carolina, no horses are allowed into Fountain Inn unless they **are wearing pants**.
- In Omega, New Mexico, every woman must "be found to be wearing a corset" when riding a horse in public! A doctor is required to inspect each woman to make sure that she is complying with the law.
- Pennsylvania law states: "Any motorist who sights a team of horses coming toward him must pull well off the road, cover his car with a blanket or canvas that blends with the countryside, and let the horses pass. If the horses appear skittish, the **motorist must take his car apart, piece by piece, and hide it under the nearest bushes**."
- In Hartsville, Illinois, you can be arrested for **riding an ugly horse**.
- In the state of Queensland, Australia, it is still constitutional law that all pubs (hotel/bar) must have a railing outside for patrons to **tie up their horse**.
- Pattonsburg, Missouri, Revised Ordinances, 1884: "No person shall hallo, shout, bawl, scream, use profane language, dance, sing, whoop, quarrel, or make any **unusual noise or sound in such manner as to disturb a horse**."
- Abilene, Kansas, City Ordinance 349 declares: "Any person who shall in the city of Abilene **shoot at a horse with any concealed or unconcealed bean snapper** or like article, shall upon conviction, be fined."
- Marshalltown, Iowa, it is against the **law for a horse to eat a fire hydrant**.

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Need a temporary place to board

I am looking for a reasonably priced place to board my gelding as he recovers from founder. Must have stall and turnout, cannot field board. Also, if anyone has a horse that needs exercise or has an extra horse and would like a trail partner, I'd love to ride while my horse is getting better! Contact me, Lori Bivins at jetta0127@yahoo.com

Farmette Wanted – we would like to buy a Frederick County farmette of about 10 – 20 acres. I have searched for some time and I know of all of the places that are currently on the MLS listings. I am not a real estate agent and will not be using the services of an agent so, if you are thinking of selling, a private sale is possible.

Please contact: farmettewanted@Yahoo.com

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Belle Cote Farm: Field board available for adults on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena and direct access to WSSC trails. \$250/mo. Prefer retired, semi-retired, or non-showing horses. Contact Debby at (301) 641-8594 or email at befarmgirl@hotmail.com

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Partial or Full Lease. 14.1 hh part Connemara, 12 yo mare. Cute bay, solid, pretty and friendly. Perfect for that smallish adult rider who wants to “downsize” off their TB or for a family with young beginner riders. Quiet but responsive on trails; great brakes with a snaffle. Boarded at friendly family-oriented barn in Poolesville; close to Towpath and trails. Contact Karen at widgaither@aol.com.

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Wanted - Experienced trail horse or mule. Looking for a mount to lease or free lease for husband to use for light trail riding (walk, trot, occasional canter) on the weekends. Older okay, gaited ok, minor health issues okay. Gelding preferred, no cribbers. Would be kept on our private farm near Libertytown with fabulous turnout and lots of individual attention. Must be trail safe/sound and suitable for larger adult (200 lbs) advanced beginner rider. Will cover costs of upkeep & routine vet/farrier. Owner visits/rides okay. 240-357-8001 5/10/A

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Looking for a horse to go on TROT rides. Any good trail horse/quarter gated/easy going. Rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. Would help with expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas (410) 461-6872. e-mail: sdoukashorse@yahoo.com 5/10/A

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Horse Trailer for Sale: Gore Aluminum over a steel frame. Very good condition. Gooseneck, 2 horse, thoroughbred size. New electric and lights. Good floor. Damascus, MD. Looks nice. Call Mary (301) 391-6683.

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I'm looking to go on trails, including TROT rides. I live in Damascus and my horse is also in Damascus on Long Corner Road. I work evenings so I can go on rides during the day, the earlier the better. I don't have a particular pace I prefer. I'm good with any pace but right now my horse is out of shape so I need to take it easy on the poor boy. Christiane Ritcher, email: lapado2000@gmail.com

Have horse and trailer but do not like to haul alone. Anyone in the Waldorf/Clinton Md area looking for a buddy?? Repls to Donna Ward hedge3@msn.com

Need a ride/Share a ride!

Do you have a two or three horse trailer, but don't like traveling alone? Do you have a horse, but no trailer? TROT organizes some great trail rides throughout Maryland. It would be a shame to miss those fun times because you don't like to travel alone or because you don't have a trailer. 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.

You just might find someone who lives around the corner from you who would love to share a ride (and with gas prices the way they are, someone who might be willing to share expenses)!

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.

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

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.
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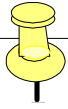
Sugarloaf Mt. Vicki Bazan (301) 831-8715

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 ivyismink@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



The Back Page
from the Newsletter Staff

Now that we are in the height of the riding season, we hope everyone is taking advantage of the fantastic weather – and stepping up to the TROT Trail Ride Challenge! We have had great rides at the Liberty Reservoir and the Gunpowder Falls State Park. Many thanks to ride leaders Mary Prowell and Karen Penharlow – their efforts in organizing and leading these rides are truly appreciated! Be sure to check out the list of the Upcoming Rides on pages 8, 9, 10. This great photo was taken at Liberty by Liuda Galinaitis of her niece Anna.



Also, please consider volunteering on area trail clearing and maintenance events. As equestrians we should support efforts by State and County officials and trail advocates to maintain trails. This is one of the best ways to show the equestrian presence and to ensure that trails are not closed to horses. Contact our Trail Coordinator, Amy Kimble, to volunteer.



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