

NH Horse Council - Trails Committee

July 2017

AHC Economic Study

Trail Riders Please Participate in the American Horse Council Economic Study.

Get trail use & trail horses counted!

Last AHC Study was done over 12 years ago.

The survey link for the AHC National Economic Impact Study will be available until August 1st.

Find Link on <http://www.horsecouncil.org/2017-economic-impact-study/>

PLEASE POST, LIKE AND SHARE ON Facebook to spread the word! **ANNOUNCE** at meetings and events.

The industry needs your help in providing trail statistics that can be used to promote trails! *continued on page 2*

COOS County Trail Plan Meeting

Public Meeting Monday July 31, 2017 2:30-5:30pm
Tentative Location: White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield.

North Country Council will be presenting information about the trail systems based on their research and interviews with trail stakeholders conducted in April/May 2017.

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JULY 29-Stewardship Network Basic Trail Workshop

I am looking for someone to go with me to this trail training workshop. As an equestrian I feel we need to know how to maintain our trails for sustainability, how to prevent water erosion, how to engaged in trail conservations and to meet and develop relationships with landowners. Do you or any youth groups want to learn and share this trail interest?

Contact nhhctrails@aol.com

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Bear Brook SP Kiosk Postings and other Park news

Thank You Derry Trail Riders for funding the Kiosk postings and proposing an ADA mounting block at Hayes Field. Also more on new trails proposed and one trail to close, for more info read on.

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Rockingham Recreational Trail- Go Fund Me for New Tunnel

The plan is to replace a culvert in Raymond NH with a concrete box tunnel to make winter activities on this trail safer and will also allow bicyclists and equestrians to safely utilize this rail trail year round. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

To donate, ask questions or see updates go to <https://www.gofundme.com/rockingham-recreation-trail-tunnel>

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ELCR July Newsletter Update

The Equine Land Conservation Resource is a great for trail and conservation information. Read on for newest information.

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JULY 29-Stewardship Network Basic Trail Workshop

Event Details: Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Chichester Town Hall and Carpenter Park in Chichester, NH. Rain date is Sunday, July 30th. Cost is \$25 per person and registration is required (includes lunch).

<http://newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org/events-training?jobId=a020f00000dC9FvAAK>

Sponsoring Organizations: UNH Cooperative Extension's The Stewardship Network: New England and the Town of Chichester Conservation Commission

About this Event: Do you want to learn how to maintain high-quality trails? This training is perfect for conservation commissioners, local service clubs, land trust volunteers, private landowners, or anyone wanting to keep community trails in good condition. You'll learn trail terminology, how to assess the condition of existing trails, and how to deal with water, slope, grades, and recreational uses. You'll get hands-on experience with specialty tools and learn about options for borrowing tools for your volunteer efforts. We'll cover safety and leading other volunteers, and how to determine if your trails project requires professional help. We'll also have fun, using experiential learning to make sure everyone leaves with new skills.

What to Bring: Clothes appropriate for outdoor field work (long pants, long-sleeved shirt), rain gear (jacket and rain pants if you have them), sturdy boots, comfortable work gloves, at least 2 water bottles. A bag lunch, to be enjoyed in the field, is included with your registration fee. Vegetarian options available.

Questions about the workshop? Contact Emily Lord at emily.lord@unh.edu or 603-862-1572. If you have questions about the online registration, please contact Annarie VanCoesant at Annarie.VanCoesant@unh.edu or 603-862-1028

About the Instructors: The instructors are Lew Shelley from Snowhawk, LLC and Emily Lord, Stewardship Outreach Coordinator for UNH Cooperative Extension. Lew Shelley has over twenty-five years of experience in trail design, construction, and training. His work includes projects throughout the U.S., including Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. He enjoys working with volunteers, conservation groups, public agencies, and anyone interested in constructing, designing, and maintaining great recreational trails. Emily Lord is an alum of the SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps

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Bear Brook SP Kiosk Postings and other Park news

NH Horse Councils' Trails Committee (NHHCTC) has been working with the NH Dept of Recreation and Economic Development (DRED) and the park management at Bear Brook State Park to increase the involvement of the equestrian element in the multi-use aspects at the park. Our efforts are centered on ensuring equestrian accessibility and safety combined with a successful relationship with other user groups. Working on this relationship, we have obtained permission to post material on the kiosk at Hayes Field, the primary horse trailer parking area at Bear Brook. This material will be informative to both the equestrians visiting the park and to other users including bikers and hikers, enhancing their interaction with the equestrians. This information includes park trail maps and descriptions as well as safety rules and regulations that comply with DRED rules and NH state laws.

Along with the Kiosk project the NHHCTC has guided the trail proposal projects at the park that will benefit equestrians, by working with DRED to keep trails open, as well as, laying out the groundwork for opening new trails in the coming year. New trails along Podunk Road are planned to go forward in their development this year to provide an alternative to riding the road. The proposed routes would be pending on final operational staff approval after viewing and considering the exact layout of the re-route and input from Pembroke Water Works near the tower.

There are also plans to include maps showing suggested routes for those unfamiliar to the park.

Two Bear Hill Trails to the summit are slated to be closed to horses and bikes due to concerns from F&G staff about sensitive wildlife habitat. The remaining existing trail on the east of Bear Hill to its summit will be left to foot traffic only as the soil composition is not made for more impactful use than foot traffic.

Derry Trail Riders (DTR) has proposed an ADA compliant mounting block for Hayes Field. The project was approved by DRED and DRED staff will be working on the mounting block sometime after July. DRED will partner with DTR on procuring funds from NHETC or other groups as needed.

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Rockingham Recreational Trail- Go Fund Me for New Tunnel

NHHCTC encourages equestrians to leave a supportive comment, mention you horseback ride/drive, and/or donate.

Brian Philpott is the Campaign Organizer for the Southern New Hampshire Trailblazers snowmobile club located in Kingston NH and maintains the local town trails and the Rockingham County Recreational rail trail from Sandown NH to Epping NH (state corridor 15) and from Epping NH to Candia NH (state corridor 6 and 15). On the section of rail trail from Epping to Candia there is an old round corrugated culvert pipe tunnel in Raymond NH, (Onway lake road) that needs to be replaced. Replacing this culvert with a concrete box tunnel will make winter activities on this trail safer and will also allow bicyclists and equestrians to safely utilize this rail trail year round.

Because this is a state owned recreation trail it will always be there and this new tunnel will keep this scenic rail trail open for many more generations to enjoy.

The total cost of this project will be around \$250K and will only take a week to complete. Unfortunately, the States Bureau of trails has limited funds to work with so we as a Snowmobiling, Hiking, Bicycling, Horse riding community need to band together and donate whatever we can to help make this new tunnel a reality and keep this trail open for future generations to enjoy.

To donate, ask questions, leave comments or see updates go to <https://www.gofundme.com/rockingham-recreation-trail-tunnel>

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ELCR July Newsletter Update

ELCR Launches National Survey

On June 21st, ELCR launched a nationwide survey of locally-based organizations that are working on equine advocacy and land related issues.

This ground breaking comprehensive survey will reveal important information about survey respondents, including their mission, existing partnerships, historical activities, model organizations, best practices, successes and failures as well as common issues and challenges shared among respondents.

ELCR needs to continually renew thier perspective on the equine community's land protection needs. Through the survey, respondents will be talking about their equine advocacy activities, giving us greater insight into where we should focus or re-direct our assistance and advocacy efforts.

ELCR will utilize the results of the survey to inform and fine-tune thier educational programming, resources and technical assistance services in order to better support local advocacy and conservation efforts.

If your organization would like to participate in the survey, please contact Abby Gates at agates@elcr.org.

ELCR Education Corner

New Article: [Sustaining Equestrian Trails](#)

ELCR explores issues that contribute to loss of access for equestrians, including trail conditions, landowner/manager relationships and rider trail behavior. Seven Steps for existing trails will help riders to protect access, and Seven Steps for new trails will help your riding community to expand trails opportunities.

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NHHC Affiliate List:

NHHC appreciates the support of:

Derry Trail Riders
Monadnock Happy Trails
New Hampshire Arabian Horse Assoc
New Hampshire Horse & Trail
Pemiquaney Riding Club
Rockingham Riding Club
Wentworth Hunt Club

Warrior Friesians
<http://www.warriorfriesians.com/>

Farms & Barns Real Estate LLC

And All Our Individual and Family
Members

We are proud of our members who
are helping to bring the equine
community together.

Please consider showing your support by being members of NHHC & our working trail organizations! Your membership can be considered a donation and improves communication thus bringing us together.

Trail Users if you want to list news benefiting equine trails please contact nhhctrails@aol.com