

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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AHC Economic Study

The American Horse Council (AHC) National Economic Impact Study The main survey (titled "Horse Owner/Industry Supplier) is designed to capture the impact of individual horse owners (whether commercial or recreational) and industry suppliers of equine-related goods and services. Trail users, competitors, horse owners, trainers, boarding facilities, equine veterinarians, farriers, instructors, trail guides/outfitters, farm managers, retail suppliers, and services providers, should participate. The survey asks horse owners how many horses you have, what do you use them for, what is their breed, expenses, etc. The Study has expanded to rescues, equine assisted activities, equine academic programs, youth organizations. A separate data request is being sent directly to Racetracks, OTBs, and Advanced Deposit Wagering businesses.

Individuals who would like to participate, please use this link
https://innovationgroup.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0oaYvVhgaWHgqvL?Source=Request

or see the link on
<http://www.horsecouncil.org/2017-economic-impact-study/>

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AHC Study Questions for Trails:

- **Do you or members of your household participate in trail riding?**
- **In 2016, where did you participate in trail riding? Select only one.** In State, Out of State, Both
- **What were your total estimated expenses for in-state trail riding in 2016?** Horse Transportation and Lodging, Owner Transportation, Owner Lodging, Dining, Guides/outfitters, permits
- **Do you ride on trails in federally owned public lands, managed by either the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. National Park System (NPS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or U.S. Forest Service (USFS)?**
- **Do you ride on trails in public lands managed by a State Forest, State Park or County Park?**

AHC Study differs from and is broader than the USDA Census. All horse owners, retail suppliers and service providers should participate in the AHC Economic Study.

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COOS County Trail Plan

This meeting is open to **ALL** Trail Users, Managers, Owners, Clubs and others with an interest in the wide variety of world class trails we are so fortunate to have in Coos County.

Many of you know that representatives from the NH Horse Council's Trails Committee (NHHCTC) attended a meeting and were interviewed to provide the equine perspective on our trail needs and to promote the inclusion of equine use in this comprehensive trail plan.

NHHCTC gave general information as the members of the committee do not have intimate knowledge of any specific area trails. The North Country Council is seeking more equine trail users input for this public meeting as there was not many interviewed in May. NHHCTC would love to know who will attend from the equine community, please contact nhhctrails@aol.com and can also RSVP

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Trail Committee Notes:

We are looking forward to your participation in the AHC Economic Study and hoping to double the amount of horses. The USDA results of 5 years ago shows an inventory of 9,097 horses and 381 mules, burros and donkeys. The old AHC study says 45 of 50 states have at least 20,000 horses.

My local effort of dropping off the flyer regarding the study and spreading the word to individuals and stables has brought to my attention of the growing amounts of horses that would not be counted because of lack of knowledge of the study and its importance.

How many of you are spreading the word? Have any of the clubs or social media you belong to helping to spread the word?

Has anyone seen the NHHCTC posting in local papers? We need more help with broadening our communication line, please join in on the effort! This is the only current study we have.

Thank You for all who participate!

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