



## NHHC 2020 Trails Report

## State, Regional, Seminars, Trail Committee, Publications

This trail report is dedicated to all the volunteers for Finding Leo. NHHC was impressed with the extraordinary effort put forth by the equine community for 21 days to help the owners find Leo. It was not only the equine community here, but it also crossed over to the many other trail enthusiasts working together. It was a wonderful act of unity in the trail world!

### STATE, NATIONAL

**Statewide Trails Advisory Committee:** NHHC has the appointed equine representative seat on the committee. Due to Covid, one meeting was held and was attended by NHHC : Feb 12, 2020. Meeting minutes can be found on <http://www.nhstateparks.org/get-involved/commissions-committees/statewide-trails-advisory-committee.aspx>. These meetings can be attended by the public and NHHC hopes to see you there, let us know you are interested in getting notices of STAC meetings.

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### NH F&G Trails for People and Wildlife

NHHC shared with ELCR Holley Groshek and AHC Julia Broadway the NH Fish and Game's **Trails for People and Wildlife**. They were going to send it to the Coalition of State Horse Councils and the AHC Recreation, Trails & Land Use committee. This document could be compared with other documents around the country.

NH F&G is actively promoting this document that is intended for landowners, conservation groups, and natural resource professionals. Fish & Game had plans to hold 5 public workshops around NH in March and April but due to Covid they were canceled. NHHC had plans to attend.

The objective of Trails for People and Wildlife is to help readers facilitate the placement of thoughtfully located networks of well-maintained trails that help people get outside while minimizing wildlife disturbance. Trails for People and Wildlife can be downloaded and used by both private landowners and professionals to select locations for new trails and to determine where it is best to maintain, reroute, or decommission existing trails to optimize human experience and minimize wildlife impact. NH State Park and Recreation is using this with the Bear Brook Plan, as are other NH land managers. Equestrians should be aware of land managers using this document.

More info can be found on <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/trails/>

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### COVID

Although Covid had some effects on trails, trail riding became the go to activity to escape bad news and resume some normalcy. In March, Jesse Creedy Powers from the NH State Parks Volunteer Program announced to suspend all volunteer activities, programming, and events. The organized trail rides held on state land were canceled along with other ride sites to adhere to emergency state rule mandates. Equestrians needed to check State Park websites or call before heading out as the rules were subject to changed often. Rules included prohibiting all gatherings with more than 10 individuals, keeping all persons six feet apart, wearing masks, disinfecting surfaces and encouraging horse owners to stay home when sick. The question of insurance coverage for events was a concern. In June some of the rules eased, about this time riders, drivers and trail organizer were able to make decisions on how to keep the protocols in play and still enjoy their horses and activities. Horse activities seem to fit easily into the emergency rules. Trail use saw an increase in demand with the other user groups, so much that the state had to require parking reservations at Parks and deal with overflow on

street parking. Riders reported on social media encountering more persons on their favorite local trails. When Hampton Beach was opened to horseback riding on Oct. 1, there was a requirement to have a reservation and pay for two parking spaces to the tune of \$30. That requirement ended on Columbus day in October.

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### **Society for the Protection of NH Forests**

In Feb., NHHC sent an email to Matt Scaccia, holding the new position of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests Recreation Manager to reconnect with him after being introduced at the February Statewide Trails Advisory Committee meeting. NHHC offered him any help to understand the NH equine community, our diverse economic value to NH, our support of Forestry and Conservation efforts that provide local wood products and crops, and the importance of trails for our industry and how this all ties together that help keep us strong. The equine industry appreciates the opportunities given by SPNHF for trail access, such as trail connections and loops in a trail system and possible future destination places to ride.

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### **Let's Talk Trails -NHHC Round Table Feb.1, 2020**

NHHC invited representatives of formal/informal equine organizations or individuals interested in equine trails. This was an opportunity to gather together to review efforts others are making, share ideas (what is working/what isn't), advance our knowledge, ask questions, identify struggles (ie. membership and participation), where to ride, different needs for different regions, communication, building coalitions/networking together, working with land management groups like State/SELT/SPNHF/town conservation commissions, etc., brainstorming grass roots level projects which can help to build and protect trail networks, sharing talents, etc.

It is hopeful this is just the beginning of future collaboration and projects!

We had 22 attendees. A list was compiled of the comments taken from the participants who then identified top subjects to prioritize for the meeting discussion and actions.

As a result of the meeting, 7 attachments were sent to the 22 attendees on existing trail etiquette, and existing road safety information and a new road safety poster so individuals can distribute the documents to others, write yearly reminders in your local newsletters, to help with a conversation or meeting presentation or to post on a kiosk at a trail head or town hall.

### **Round Table NHHC Poster**

The new poster idea was presented to Larry Keniston from NHDOT asking for permission to add a line showing NHDOT as a sponsor of the poster. It was also asked if it would posted in Drivers Ed classrooms and at State and Town registry waiting rooms. This came on the heels on the NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and Economic Study initiated in 2019. Larry also shared that the webpage link to [NH RSA 265:104](#) that makes the responsibilities of drivers clear and a link to a great etiquette post by the Bike Walk Alliance of NH who had asked NHHC to finalize the wording of their post.

See <https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/bikeped/traffic.htm> (last article down the page). Larry encourage NHHC to share and promote with the Department of Safety to seek avenues for comment more directly with the Department of Safety and others as applicable.

In April NHHC wrote to Sally Lambert, NH Dept. of Safety, Office of the Assistant Commissioner who spoke to Assistant Commissioner Plummer who wanted us to be directed to Mike Todd, Deputy Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Todd will be able to talk to you about posting the notices and endorsing the poster.

With NHHC's Aug. follow up email, Sandra replies we have to wait for the Commissioner of that Department for such authorization after the State of Emergency is ultimately lifted.

NHHC Avis left a message with for Sgt Kelby's assistant asking how to best incorporate equine education into the Drivers Ed course, is it required in the curriculum, is there a list of all state approved trainers & locations, and can the poster go up in training rooms. No response.

Nothing is keeping individuals to contact the local drivers ed to ask to post the poster in the classroom and to cover the subject.

### **Round Table NHHC Facebook Community Calendar**

Another idea from the Round Table was to create a community calendar for events occurring by our affiliates to consolidate a list of NH trail rides, events and meetings. Beth from Rockingham Riding Club offered to act as Moderator on our FB Page where she will post/create events when submitted by our affiliates. This calendar is up and running, so please visit New Hampshire Horse Council facebook page, and like the page and the posts to help distribute further into the equine community.

**Round Table NHHC AD** for others to use in their newsletter or websites

It is hopeful this Round Table is just the beginning of future collaboration and projects!

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### **Land and Water Conservation Fund- S.3422 - Great American Outdoors Act**

In June the Senate passed a historic, bipartisan legislation that will permanently fund the program for preserving and maintaining our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other public lands. Here is the Bill Link

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3422>.

**What will this bill do for New Hampshire?** It will provide long-term funding which preserves and maintains our beautiful spaces. This bill also provides substantial funding for maintenance projects on public lands. Currently, New Hampshire has a backlog of more than \$43 million, which includes needed maintenance at some national lands; White Mountain National Forest, Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge-Newington NH, Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park-Cornish NH, the Appalachian Trail, Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge-Errol NH, John Hay National Wildlife Refuge-Newbury NH, Wapack National Wildlife Refuge-Greenfield NH, Conte National Wildlife Refuge-Connecticut River water shed and other NH lands.

This federally funded program to provide 50/50 matching grants to state and local governments for the purpose acquiring and/or developing public outdoor recreational areas and facilities. 100% of the supporting revenues are generated from offshore oil and gas leases, and zero taxpayer dollars. LWCF is managed at the state levels by the state governments. In order to be eligible to receive a program apportionment from the NPS, each state must develop and maintain a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Since its inception the LWCF program has led to over 640 acquisition and development projects throughout the state, totaling almost \$40,000,000.00 in grant assistance. Currently the 2019-2023 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan was coordinated by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. DNCR is responsible for administering the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program in New Hampshire. **It is important to have the equine perspective in the New Hampshire Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to guide our use on public lands when applying for this fund. (current SCORP 2019-2023)**

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### **Recreational Trails Program Grant Applications** for 2021 Available

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant Applications were due June 19, 2020. For a 2021 application and more information, visit the Recreational Trails Program page at [www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/recreational-trailsprogram](http://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/recreational-trailsprogram). Grants are available for motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails. Eligible projects include maintenance and restoration of existing trails, purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities, trail linkages, and acquisition of easements or property for trails. Applicants may be non-profit organizations, private groups or government entities.

“Said Chris Gamache, chief of the NH Bureau of Trails. **“It is one of the only public sources of trail funding available in the State.”** Funding for the Recreational Trail Program is generated from federal gas tax dollars paid on fuel purchases for off-highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles. These funds are appropriated to the states by the Federal Highway Administration as authorized through the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST) of 2015. The program in New Hampshire is administered by the Division of Parks & Recreation’s Bureau of Trails.

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## LEGISLATION

In October 2020, New Hampshire announced the creation of the nation’s 16th office of outdoor recreation (OREC). The New Hampshire Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development will be housed in the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs. Taylor Caswell, commissioner of the state Department of Business and Economic Affairs, said, the state’s plans to create this office within his department and the hiring of an outdoor director, likely in the first quarter of 2021. Caswell said the plan to develop the office and get a director were sidelined by the pandemic.

### **12-O:23-a Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development Established. – highlights**

- (a) Coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and promotion among state and federal agencies and local government entities.
  - (b) Promote economic development in the state
    - (1) Coordinating with outdoor recreation stakeholders.
    - (4) Improving motorized and nonmotorized recreational opportunities in cooperation with the department of natural and cultural resources.
  - (d) Develop outcome-driven data regarding the effect of outdoor recreation in the state.
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## PLANS

*Over the years NHHHC has tried to bring awareness to the value of your input, in addition, to what NHHHC Trails Committee provides to any planning process. NHHHC has learned the importance of contributing to the planning stages of a Plan (differs from a trail project). The purpose is to get input from trail users and get horse use mentioned in the Plan, so horses are visible in the Plan when it is reviewed by project managers that guides future trail projects. Equine trail user’s input can help shape the Plan. It can be an important document to bring to the table when requesting the inclusion of horses in trail projects. It can make a difference. After a Plan is done then the next step to developing trails through a trail project. Horse owners input continues to be important at the trail project development stage. Once a Plan or Project is done it is hard to make any changes. Without you actively communicating and supporting each other’s trail efforts and being visible to the planner/project leaders, then we may miss a chance for trail opportunities. Contact [nhhctrails@aol.com](mailto:nhhctrails@aol.com). Important to remember: Plans for State managed lands can over-ride the NH Parks and Recreation Administrative rules.*

**Bear Brook State Park Management Plan:** We waited all year for the draft of the Recreation section of this Plan. It was available for review in November and the public was invited to a presentation of this section by a virtual meeting. 24 persons attended the meeting with only 3 recognizable as equestrians. Debbie Briscoe as a NHHHC member submitted comments.

This Plan is revising the 1994 Bear Brook Management Plan. A member from Derry Trails Riders serves on the Steering Committee representing horse use in the Park. The Steering Committee advises the Technical Team (professional and experts from various state agencies) who collects data and information and writes the chapters. The Steering Committee members shall participate in four to six public meetings, review draft chapter revisions, listen to and consider public comment, and make recommendations to the Technical Team. NHHHC has attended many of the meetings to stay informed and provided minor input. Steering Committee meetings were held January, March, and November 2020. Equestrians have been encouraged to attend the meetings. See the link for more info.

It is important to know that Bear Brook SP is administratively assigned the management responsibility of Northwood Meadows State Park. The park manager attends the Friends of Northwood Meadows meeting monthly.

The Recreation section starts on page 144 Chapter 11, you can find more specific info on Trails in 11.9 page 155. At this time the Plan is following the NH Parks and Recreation Administrative rules. Horses shall be permitted on all roads and other established trails, unless prohibited by posting or restricted in certain areas where the public congregates such as beaches, playgrounds and picnic areas or where there is the need to protect developed or improved facilities or natural resources. **We shall watch that stating Per RES 7301.09 is at the end of a paraphrase paragraph in regard to equine use because a plan can override the administrative rules.**

### **Notes of the Bear Brook Plan contents**

Parking for vehicles with trailers is designated at Hayes Field. A mounting ramp is available at Hayes Field. Once the Podunk Road gate is closed for the winter season, trailers are permitted to park in the Podunk Road parking lot.

In the spring of 2019, Trails Bureau staff began the site work to layout the campground roads and sites. Construction of the campground was suspended in 2020 due to the CoVid-19 pandemic. Work remaining includes building the roads and campsite, installing water stations and site amenities. The campground will offer 8 campsites for equestrian use. There is potential to add an additional loop if the program is successful. An evaluation of need and visitor experience should be conducted prior to design and construction of additional loops. Recommendations include Continue campground construction with the goal to open in 2022 and Construct Horse Camp Trail to link the campground to Bear Brook Trail and replace bridge.

The Plan will have managers develop a system to address User Conflict and the Plan includes a section on User Etiquette on page 156

The Trail List of Use Type Recommendations were not acceptable as written by NHHC, as it would cause confusion with the Admin. Rules and additionally the map was not finalized showing the new and changed names of the trails. Also it was wished to have the reference of RES 7301.09 to be at the end of the paraphrased paragraph regarding Equine and Other Animals Used for Utility, page 145, to keep the State Park Admin. Rules intact.

A large list of recommendations is found after the trail list on page 164

1. Update existing maps by season for public distribution include loops and destinations by user group.
2. Create sub-maps to provide greater detail in areas.
3. Work with New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to identify trails that may be relocated to avoid significant wildlife habitat. a. Continue to monitor sensitive trail sections to assess the need for trail relocation as intensity increases. b. Work with NH Fish and Game Department reroute sections of Bobcat Trail adjacent to the wetlands and vernal pools to protect turtle hibernacula.
4. Implement uniform trail marking, and adequately mark existing trails by installing signs with trail names and reassurance markers along trails.
5. Establish a seasonal trails crew to work with volunteers and do routine trails maintenance and signing.
6. Set up a trails advisory group of primary trail user groups to coordinate work.
7. Communicate winter operations plan on social media and websites including gate and parking lot status.
8. Install and maintain information kiosks at parking lots and trail junctions include E911 addresses on kiosks.
9. Secure landowner permission of trails that cross private property and link to the park trail network. Remove trails from the map and gate trails at boundary.
10. Identify parking areas along Podunk Road and Campground Road for destination hikes, especially for pedestrians.
11. Designate a winter non-motorized parking area at Catamount Pond Area to allow access to the One-Mile trail.
12. Close out all un-official trails and bypasses between trails and take enforcement action when possible.
13. Manage trail user conflicts to protect safety and experience of visitors...
14. Ensure Trail design and intensity is appropriate for the type of use.

Other Recommendations in Plan:

Acquire or conserve inholdings and abutting parcels of land as they become available.

Coordinate the continuity, amount, and type of recreational trails that utilize the trail system within Bear Brook State Park as part of a larger or regional trail system.

It also describes the structure of the State Parks and Forests and the different agencies making decisions to manage the Park. This includes the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department’s input on trails and recommended layout of trails using the new publication Trails for People and Wildlife.

**SB185-FN-A NH State Rail Trail Plan** <https://www.nhrailtrailsplan.com/> <https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorail-transit/railandtransit/>

This Bill established a rail trail corridors advisory committee to assist the department of transportation in updating the state trails plan and making an appropriation therefor. NHC had sent testimony for the Senate and kept the equine community informed of meetings and chances for personal testimony. NHDOT asked Chris Gamache Trails Bureau Chief, specifically for an equine representative. NHC Trails Committee agreed to fill the equine representative with Avis Rosenfield, including two backups.

Below is the SB185 list of subjects to focus on by the advisory committee. The updated plan shall be entitled the state rail trails plan and shall be completed on or before June 30, 2021.

**Highlights**

- I. Update the 2005 rail corridor inventory through state records, statewide trail organizations, and regional planning commissions, including, by trail, the funding sources, and permitted uses.*
- III. Include a statewide economic-impact analysis on the value of rail trails.*
- IV. Consider maintenance and cost of maintenance for rail trails, including state responsibility for the underlying structural integrity of abandoned rail corridors, while permitting trail organizations and towns to perform routine maintenance of trail surfaces and other amenities.*
- VI. Develop recommendations for a state funding mechanism to support rail trail projects and the management structure of such funds.*
- VII. Develop a template trail management agreement outlining responsibilities of state, local, and private organizations involved with management of state-owned trails.*
- IX. Identify best practices for acquiring insurance for volunteer trail management groups.*

**A Kick-Off / Brainstorming meeting** was held Feb 27<sup>th</sup> to introduce the team, the project scope of work and schedule, and gather each member’s vision for the plan and the future utilization of rail trail corridors in New Hampshire. NHDOT’s project manager Shelly Winters, Administrator, Bureau of Rail & Transit discussed the roles of the stakeholder committee, the consultants and other NHDOT staff. The NHDOT has partnered with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) Mark Debowski, PE serving also as the Project Manager on this plans development. The project will have a separate standalone project website up & running <https://www.nhrailtrailsplan.com/> where all materials will be posted, including meeting minutes & notices. The 2nd NH Rail Trails Plan Advisory Committee Meeting (virtual meeting) was held on 08/04/2020.

NHDOT with Shannon Rogers of UNH Cooperative Extension held an online winter survey to capture the economic value of Rail Trails. In April NHC asked riders and drivers to participate in the winter survey regarding NH Rail Trail Economic Impact Study. The winter survey was held for two weeks which yielded approximately 1800 responses, accompanied by 20-30 further contacts via emails/phone calls.

There were plans to collect data in three seasons – winter, summer, fall. But due to covid the last 2 did not happen. Progress on the Plan was postponed to 2021.

In addition to the large list of subjects to cover there were discussions that included carriages, A GSCA member, wrote to Mr Debowski asking for access to the rail trails via an issued permit and have a key to unlock gates. Currently access to all gates are keys held by: DOT, NH Trails Bureau and - The local: Snowmobile clubs, Fire, Rescue & Police. Any changes to the current system would require Trails Bureau & DOT to agree. But the current State rules need to be considered - the carriage State rules would shape how DOT & Trails Bureau handles the permission and relationship.

A request from Avis was to get pictures of rail trail use by equine. NHC ask the community to send us pictures to be used publicly and we had a great response. **Thank You All for your submissions!** This was a great way to identify what

rails trails you use. Ashuelot RT (Hinsdale to Winchester), Rockingham RT (Fremont), Northern RT (Andover), and Presidential RT (Randolph).

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### **NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan**

Although the plan is titled Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan it does encompass equestrians and carriage drivers as noted in road laws. NHDOT can set policies on roads, off road paths like rail trails, forest roads on State Land and parking access to recreation areas. It behooves the equine community to share the equine community perspective.

Topic of discussion could include an education campaign on passing horses, wider shoulders, vegetation and low branches cleared alongside roads, signage, crossing light switches at horse height, policy for horse friendly footing on rail trails and other paths, parking access for trailers and using complete street designs.

NHHC provided comments on the Analysis of Policies and Programs and Summary of Public Engagement documents.

Larry Keniston NHDOT does not know what elements will make it into the final plan at this time but they have summarized the NHHC comments and Department Staff will have access to them when they review the Draft NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and Economic Study document.

NHHC saw many opportunities to add horses to the Plan and asked the equine community to send in comments and attend the public meetings. The purpose of providing input from the equine community was to get horses mentioned and considered in the recommendations of the Plan. NHHC had been asked to send comments for the above so changes can be made before final public meeting around May 2020.

NHHC had suggested a strong road safety campaign that includes horses, by either posters, drivers ed or media such as TV and radio ads and to post a poster at State and Town Registry waiting rooms and driver ed classrooms, Department of Safety Website, Publications, Safety Programs, etc..

The final public meeting was not held in May. NHHC sent an email to Sally Gunn, Senior Highway Safety Engineer, NHDOT Bureau of Highway Design, Highway Safety & Active Transportation Section in June and again in December asking what is happening with the final draft of the NHDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and the final meeting. This Plan has stalled because of Covid and extended until the summer of 2021. . The equine community should get a chance to see the more comprehensive draft plan when it comes out on this link. <https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/bikeped/advisory-committee/index.htm> also see [20191218 CSAC/PAC meeting minutes](#) (Dec. Mtg Minutes, see page 9 where you can link to the draft pieces). The linked individual parts of the plan **are preliminary drafts only**, so they may already be obsolete as changes are made.

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### **Cheshire Rail Trail Planning Project** <http://www.swrpc.org/cheshire-rail-trail-south>

In December, Henry Underwood, GIS Specialist/Planner from the Southwest Region Planning Commission sent an email regarding the first of three meetings to identify needs and opportunities relative to the trail section extending from Keene (at its intersection with the Ashuelot Rail Trail) south to the Massachusetts state line in Fitzwilliam. The first meeting was 12-1-20 and was held virtually. NHHC sent out emails and posted on facebook the notice of the meeting. Avis R and Laura S, both NHHC members, attended the meeting and spoke to the horse interest representing the various horse clubs they belong to. Because of NHHC's past involvement with the Ashuelot Rail Trail Plan we are identified as an organization with an interest in the Cheshire Rail Trail. It is good that NHHC is on their mailing list and we encourage others to get on any mailing lists, so we are visible.

SWRPC states it views our rail trails as untapped assets capable of improving access to recreational opportunities and the natural environment, expanding economic opportunities, and making new transportation connections.

Being on the mailing list gives us an opportunity to add our perspective when Planning Commissions continue to gear the publicity towards bikers and walkers when talking about rail trails. It was disappointing to see the survey questions did not specifically include the other allowed users on this rail trail. There is no clear answer to why the Regional Planning Commissions do not outwardly include other users of a multi-shared rail trail when using surveys for input into the Plan. Why don't equines fall in the category as the biker and walker as we have the same rights to use public ways ie. roads and many rail trails.

It drives home the importance to answer survey questions and add input to a Plan as an equestrian and to identify yourself as an equine user in any typed-in answers. We should see our goal as to get something written in the plan from the horse perspective at the local level and to spread the word for input throughout NH. We have to be very diligent in giving our input!

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### **SELT Kennard-Applehurst-Harvey Easement.**

Members of NHHHC explored the wording about horse use on a SELT conservation easement that they hold on private land of 1,130 acres. This private land has hosted trails in the past and has been used by local riders, is a great property case to study. The landowner has basically given the management rights of the trails to SELT but the landowner still can clear, construct and maintain trails with SELT's approval and SELT cannot unreasonably withheld the owners from not doing so. Both SELT and NH Fish and Game are considered co-holders of the easement, together known as the Grantee of the easement. SELT will be making the decisions on which trails are open to what users and when to create or relocate trails and the maintenance of the trails.

#### **Interesting clauses in the easement:**

The Town Master Plan wants to provide room for hiking and horse trails....

The Public has the right of pedestrian access in perpetuity, for low-impact, non-commercial recreational activities including hiking, x-country skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking.....

The public right for horseback riding shall be only on those trails constructed by SELT and marked for such.

The trail locations and uses need to be agreed upon by the Owner, SELT and NH Fish & Game.

SELT has been working together with the Owner, SELT and NH Fish & Game over the last year or so to determine which trails/woods roads the public trails will be on, what needs to be done to improve the trails/woods roads. The protection of critical wildlife habitat including the wetlands resources has to be balanced with the public trail system to make sure the trail locations, size, etc. minimize the impact to these natural resources while still providing a good experience for visitors.

This is a great opportunity to work with SELT to preserve the respectful use of the land by equestrians.

### **SELT Birch Ridge**

SELT, Merrymeeting Lake Association, and Moose Mountains Regional Greenways partnered with New Durham and its residents to successfully acquire and conserve the 2,027 acres overlooking Merrymeeting Lake. This land is now known as the Birch Ridge Community Forest (BRCF).

Feb-One property that SELT wants and will be actively seeking input from the equestrian community over the next few years is for the Birch Ridge Community Forest up in New Durham.

SELT is finalizing a draft management plan for this property and it includes public trails and trail uses. The trail system here needs a lot of initial work, especially on the main woods roads, to fix the damage on existing trails to minimize the potential of erosion from the logging that was done. It is planned to create some smaller trails off the main woods roads, mainly for hiking with some for mountain bikes as well. A professional trail planner was hired, and he recommended trails that would be most appropriate for equestrian use. SELT's plan is to build on his recommendations, go out onto the property with members of the equestrian community to walk the trails for their input, identify what work if any would need to be done to improve the trails for use by horses and what the needs for parking would be. SELT anticipated these conversations taking place in 2021. Any/all trail development will require resources: funding, volunteers, RTP grant funds etc.

Also this year SELT unveiled that more land 640 acres is being added to Birch Ridge area .

<https://seltnh.org/us-forest-service-awards-selt-485000-to-expand-community-forest-in-new-durham/>

The draft Plan for this property was released for review on July 22 and comment deadlines due by July 29.

<https://seltnh.org/gallery/birchridge/>      <https://seltnh.org/draft-management-plan-brcf/>

SELT has worked with Powder Mill Snowmobile Club.

NHHHC members submitted comments to this Plan. Debbie B contacted Lew Shelly their hired professional trail builder to talk trails in general. (just being visible to trail builders). NHHHC is keeping the contact with SELT by: 1 or 2 NHHHC members have become a SELT member, signed up to be a trail volunteer, attended the public session at the New Durham school, met with Allison Bolia, have contacted Deborah Goard, attended the annual meeting webinar and the Birch Ridge webinar and its trail walk in July, where participants met Parker Schuerman and Rob Wofchuck. This is a start to

familiarize our presence with SELT where there have been some good conversations about trails. NHHC continues to have email contact with SELT.

In June NHHC asked the equine community to participate in a SELT survey to formulate their answer to **How deeply they want to be involved with recreation and trails. The survey includes trail questions. They will be focusing on answering the question "How deeply they want to be involved with recreation and trails. The survey includes trail questions. Those who would ride in their service area..... Please participate in the survey by June 30. [www.tinyurl.com/SELTieSurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/SELTieSurvey)**

NHHC encourages horse owners to consider protecting their land, work with your local conservation agency, donate money as an equestrian and volunteer labor and equipment for trail projects.

**Concord-Lake Sunapee RT**- NHHC became aware of a January meetings in Warner, Bradford, Concord and Contoocook to review the 2019 updates and what's next for this rail trail in 2020. NHHC encouraged riders and drivers to attend the meeting. This is not a state managed rail trail although it is open to horses. Portion of the trail are managed by town conservation commission, recreation commissions and open space committees. One of the organizers, Tim Blagden reports seeing equestrians on the section from Davisville to Contoocook and expects use on the Concord section between Fisherville rd and Carter Hill rd once the surface is improved. Tim wanted equestrian contacts in Concord, Hopkinton, Warner, Bradford, Sutton and Newbury so they would know about the Rail Trail and he could ask equestrians questions from time to time. NHHC offered to be a contact and asked local equestrians to be key regional contacts and report back to NHHC. NHHC knows of no active equine contacts. Many sections of this trail are on private property, the group will respect the wishes of the landowners as to the types of traffic allowed on their sections of the trail.

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### **What is the economic value of equine trail users?**

Periodically the equine community is asked about our economic value and trails. When there are trail plans with economic surveys, we need to prepare our answers. In Feb./March, NHHC shared the request for participants in the **New Hampshire Rail Trail Economic Impact Study** that was held by the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension and New Hampshire Department of Transportation. This 2020 winter survey included questions on the economic value of rail trails for The SB185 Rail Trail Stakeholder Advisory Committee. It was expected the committee would hold a couple more surveys to capture seasonal counts and economic questions for summer and fall. Covid put a hold on this.

### **What is the economic value of equine trail users? Do you have answers prepared for a survey?**

#### **If this was a day trip how did/would you answer the questions below?**

**\*\*Please estimate the total amount of money, to the nearest dollar (\$) your party spent during your entire visit (only report on this visit) in each of the following categories:**

- Transportation (including parking and gas for personal vehicle)
- Food & Drink (restaurants)
- Food & Drink (grocery or convenience stores)
- Overnight lodging
- Gifts/souvenirs and other shopping
- Recreation (such as admission fees, rentals, tours, etc.)
- Equipment purchases (purchased in NH)
- ATV vehicle maintenance and fuel (purchased in NH)
- Other

**\*\*Was your spending more or less than you would spend on a typical recreational outing? (pick one)**

- More
- Less
- About the same

**\*\*Are there any other comments you would like to share?**

**Did your answers include something you did not purchase that day BUT consumed because of your outing?** Any items bought that day are easy to remember and to add in but we have to also think about consumption to make the trip

happen. Did it need to be replaced such as, cost of gas to and from the parking area, food brought to your outing, bug spray, new reins, halter, shoes/boots, buckets, manure fork, trailer shavings, extra travel hay, today's feed for your horse (I consider feed as vehicle maintenance and fuel). Are there other day consumption items that are specific to expenditures for that day's outing?

**What about overnight items or other things to consider?**

**Responses from our readers:**

*Our economic value could be higher if there was trailer parking and access for horseback riding and carriages. We could easily spend more if there was more trail access and overnight opportunities.*

*These are great questions and considerations for actual trail, point of use questions. However, I suggest there are bigger questions here to consider...*

*What is the total economic impact to the State and local economy, with our horses?*

*Equine ownership; be it on the trails, shows, back yard companion, in a facility or home based has a huge economic impact in NH. We have had this question asked (but not fully answered or publicized) before.*

*So how/why does this affect trail use and the question of economic impact on the trails?*

*If we don't have places to ride and recreate with our horses we are not going to our horses. If we don't keep horses, it goes back to (diminishing our) direct economic impact for the State and local economy.*

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## SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & TRAINING

**Education can improve our trails and access. NHC sent the webinar links to the equine community.**

Please check out the trail webinars on:

<https://www.americantrails.org/training/webinars> under Advancing Trails Webinar Series.

Some of the webinars are free and the archive webinars can be viewed at your convenience and check out

<https://elcr.org/> EQUINE LAND CONSERVATION RESOURCE. Saving land for horses and horse-related activities.

This is also a great resource for trail advocacy and free information.

**"Horse Manure on the Trails: Should We Do Something?"** by Lyndall Erb for ELCR, deals with the idea that equestrians are careless manure droppers who do nothing to maintain trails. Are we doing enough to educate the public about this perceived nuisance? This article discusses some direct actions that equestrians can carry out to help alleviate the amount of horse manure on the trail, and the resultant non-equestrian user complaints. Read full article <https://elcr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Horse-Manure-on-the-Trails-by-Lyndall-Erb2-2019-002.pdf>

Advancing Trails Webinar Series- American Trails **One of the Six Unique Trail Funding Solutions**

*Securing funding is one of the most important things we can do for our trails, but it can also be one of the most challenging. These funding solutions will help.*

In Steamboat Springs, Colorado asks, why not reach trail users directly, while they are on the trail, and therefore the most likely to be thinking about those trail benefits? The city took ten parking meters from their original urban centers and parked them at trailheads. Users immediately started donating, swiping their credit cards at the re-purposed parking meters with a minimum \$5 donation, and raising thousands within weeks of installation that will go into the trails.

Advancing Trails Webinar Series- American Trails **Trail Marking Standards Across Varying Landscapes**

Join trail designers and builders who work in vastly different landscapes as they discuss the unique marking challenges that their landscapes present. From cattle crossing in the Dakotas to winding forested singletrack of the Southeast, can sign standards be simplified AND accommodate natural trail differences? How can trail user safety, visibility, and aesthetics all work together to create an effective trail marking system across varying landscapes?

Advancing Trails Webinar Series- **American Trails Managing High-Use Trails: Why Trail Stewards are a Necessity in Creating Safe, Sustainable Trails** Learn how trail steward and trailbuilding programs have worked to make the public better informed, more responsible trails users while protecting the resource.

Courtesy Share from ELCR Advancing Trails Webinar Series **Making Connections: The National Digital Trails Network Project** The US Geological Survey (USGS) and Department of Interior (DOI) are advancing the vision to provide better access to public lands and improve connectivity on the nation's public trail systems with the National Digital Trails Network (NDT) project. See a demonstration of the Trail Routing, Analysis, and Information Linkage System (TRAILS) tool. Can we envision this in NH?

Courtesy Share from ELCR Advancing Trails Webinar Series **Making Connections: Successful Models in Developing and Maintaining Private Equestrian Trail Systems** One of the presenters was a past GMHA trail steward. Privately owned land is the most at-risk component of our equestrian landscape. Access to private land is an alternative to shared access on public trails as competition from other user groups continues to expand. In this webinar you will learn about how three different communities have developed and maintained successful equestrian trail system on private land.

Advancing American Trails **Trails Move People: Articulating the Impact and Amplifying the Voice of the Trails Industry** The Trails Move People (TMP) coalition brings together a diverse cross section of the organized trails community. We urge appropriators to adequately invest in our nation's trails. In partnership with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), American Trails and NOHVCC will discuss how trails for too long trails have been taken for granted and the true measure of their impact has not been calculated or shared. Join Mike Passo and Duane Taylor for a discussion of how we can all work to break down the silos within the trails community, and what we can do to build support for trails in unexpected areas and among unexpected constituencies.

Advancing Trails Webinar Series **"Solutions for Managing Conflict on Shared-Use Trails"**

ELCR's webinar **Equestrian Trail Design and Best Practices** with American Trails will review best practices for trail design planning, construction and management in undeveloped natural areas and connecting to urban edge settings. The webinar will include trail head development, urban to wild land transition design, and equestrian trail features to provide best sustainability and lowest impact.

New England Equine Medical and Surgical Center **Getting There & Back Safely! A "Virtual" Trailer and Horse Safety Seminar**. Offered by the UNH Equine Program with Bill Hawe of Coyote Spring Farm and Dr. Katy Raynor of New England Equine Medical & Surgical Center.

ELCR webinar, **"Equestrian Trail Design for Urban Multi-Use Trails,"** in partnership with American Trails, will address methods used in constructing equestrian trails for multi-use while also including ADA interface in an urban environment. It will highlight key materials and tread surfacing that are horse friendly from both a safety and best practices-sustainability perspective. The webinar will also explore wilderness design criteria used to build trails to provide maximum sustainability. Learning credits are also available for this webinar.

Advancing Trails Webinar Series **"Equestrian Trail Design and Best Practices: From Backcountry to Urban Edge Settings"**

**Keeping Horse Trails Open through Advocacy** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dq3vWtPC-PY>

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## REGIONAL

Information supplied by our contacts throughout the year. Please feel welcome to keep in touch.

*NHHC is trying to bring awareness to the equine community of those being involved in regional trails. By sharing your efforts to a central group we can communicate, support each other and discuss the value of horses use with land*

managers. The Trails Committee agrees it is important that the equine community stays in touch and be visible with planners and landowners. We are seeing progress with the communication between both parties. Without you we may miss a chance for trail opportunities. Thank You to all who are keeping in touch. Contact [nhhctrails@aol.com](mailto:nhhctrails@aol.com).

NHHC advocates for regional trail groups and focuses to work closely with the regional groups so we can share information and advice. With the collection of each groups successes, what worked and did not work, and knowing the challenges will help nurture each other in the quest for equine trail access. We currently have groups working with State Parks/Forest, Rail Trails, area trailways and private lands for Foxhunting. NHHC encourages others to form groups and share with NHHC to strengthen communication.

**From Granite State Carriage Assoc.:** a book titled--**Circle Around Monadnock: Time Travel With Horses** by By Francelia Clark with Pam Godin and Shelly Mozier. Francelia has also invited the Granite State Carriage Association members to ride or drive some of the mapped trails and roads from this Monadnock trek.

**MWW Equine Group:** No report from contact person who organizes inspection and clean up of the Maze trails. The Maze has been heavily logged a year ago and has resulted in less interest in the area. Volunteer cleanup was done 1 day a week till end of Oct. but is now more sporadic.

**Bear Brook SP---** Derry Trail Riders (DTR) reports signs have been erected at the mounting block in Hayes Field restricting bicycles and snowmobiles from using the ramp as jumps, only horses are allowed. Members also stained the mounting block this year. This club has a close relationship with Bear Brook SP staff, are helping with horse camping area, holds benefit rides for trail related projects and also holds a volunteer agreement with the State for trail maintenance.

**Pawtuckaway SP--**During Covid access to the park using Reservation Rd was closed on weekends due to over 250 cars randomly parking along the road. Visitor needed to frequently check the website as things changed often and if parking reservations were required. It is hoped the eyes of the state commissioner were opened to the need for parking to control visitors where there is limited parking and the lost revenue they experienced.

**Pisgah State Park--** Monadnock Happy Trails Association is a non-profit equine pleasure trail riding club servicing members in the Southern NH/Northern MA area. MHTA offers its members informative speakers, friendly advice, and scheduled trail rides throughout the riding season. MHTA is also a member club of Friends of Pisgah. Two of our members have been elected to the FOP Council to represent equestrian concerns within the park, i.e. safe construction of bridges for equestrian use, opening new trails for equestrian use and education regarding trail etiquette on the multi-use trails. MHTA holds work days per year under the guidance of the park ranger, Ralph Newell and has a volunteer agreement with the State. Generally we brush back trails used by equestrians, pick up any trash left by others and alert the ranger to any downed trees that need the attention of a chainsaw. Members also participate in the legislative process when the topic turns to equine issues. Getting to know our local legislators has been a valuable experience.

**Rockingham Rail Trail**—the Rockingham Riding Club partners with the local snowmobile club to help with rail trail maintenance.

#### **The Strafford County Equestrian Trail Riders**

This group is seeking New Durham equestrians along with others from this county. It is an informal group headed by Christina Kiem. The purpose of this group is to identify and document trails in the area, ride with each other, work with each other and work with land owners in advocating for equine trails.

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### **Trails Committee Notes**

**NHHC Trails Committee** meetings are held face to face and by teleconference. The committee is very active with E-mails between meetings and sending notices to the equine community throughout the year. Committee members for 2020

were Debbie Briscoe- Chair, Avis Rosenfield, Trixie Lefebvre, and Pat Darmofal. If you want to be a committee member let us know. [nhhctrails@aol.com](mailto:nhhctrails@aol.com)

### **Supporting Where The Hoofs Go Fund**

In Oct. the Committee worked in introducing a funding program that collects money that will be donated to trail projects done by state, conservation agencies, other clubs that benefit trail use. The pool of money would come from individuals, businesses and equine clubs then presented as a collaboration of the equine community to enhance our value to land-owners hosting equine trails. This would be in addition to equine clubs who are doing benefit rides, these rides are still essential to trail efforts. It is planned to be unveiled at the 2021 NHC annual meeting.

The committee also has a feature named **Supporting Where The Hoofs Go. This feature** is about giving a horse person/s/club recognition for participating in trail work, raising funds for a project or gifting to a conservation, state or other public land agency where horses are allowed, attending trail related meetings representing horses, etc..

**Supporting Where The Hoofs Go Feature:** We would love to see what our NHC members and affiliated organizations members are doing for trails, such as fund raising for conservation agencies and trail projects, donating materials, participating in volunteer labor, etc. Send us a picture and details of the supporting activity. Submit to [nhhctrails@aol.com](mailto:nhhctrails@aol.com) to be featured. **Feel free to toot you on horn!**

**Michael Prange**, a member of the White Mountain Horse Association, helped removed what was left of two burnt out snowmobiles on the Presidential Rail Trail. The burn patches included the smaller pieces such as the long metal spikes that are installed on the runners of sleds. Not something you want a horse or bike to travel over. The diversity of his llamas helped to pack out 60 lbs of metal from these 2 small patches. Michael also is known for reporting trail issues and participates in other duties. The Presidential Rail Trail is part of the Cross NH Adventure Trail where Michael rides. Michael worked that spring cleanup day with Marianne Borowski, who developed the idea of a trail going from Woodsville NH to Bethel Maine. Here are links to the rail trail and information so other equestrians can reach out to help with the trail. <https://www.xnhat.org/> <https://www.xnhat.org/gps-map-links-and-cue-sheets.html>

**Four members of the Derry Trail Riders** spent two October days staining the Mounting Block at Bear Brook State Park. Go volunteers, Avis, Karen, Pat, Deb!

**Debbie Briscoe, NHC member**, leads off her town's trails committee, in a project to harden the trail tread. The material and tractor with operator were donated. Could not have done it without our volunteers! Four areas looked like this, hopefully with a year of seasoning and hardening it will all blend in.

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**Where to Ride** -another feature is looking for the equine community to provide details of Where to Ride. Some basic details to provide: trails open for horse use, a link to maps and details, where to park, approx. amount of trailer space, approx. mileage of trail, other connecting systems if any, why you like this trail, etc.

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### **Trail Etiquette**

NHC got an inquiry about what the snowmobile safety classed included in their training regarding horses. It was found the safety class is voluntary to take if you already have a drivers license. Those under 16 have to take the course. Most of the riders you meet are going to be over 16 yrs of age and may never have taken the safety class. The link below is a study guide for the safety certificate. You will want to look at Unit 7: Riding Safely and Responsibility , topic 3 and 4. Is this sufficient or does it need to be written differently?  
<https://www.offroad-ed.com/newhampshire/studyGuide/401031/>

**Upper Valley** Joanna Bligh in March contacted the Upper Valley Trails Alliance asking them to post Horse Etiquette and a link to NHC. on their website. NHC was added but not showing carriage activity as asked to the website. list <https://www.uvtrails.org/programs-events/groups-directory/>. UVTA website listing groups with an interest in trails and the willingness to communicate and collaborate with each other. It will help to make equine trail use more visible.

**Vermont Horse Council**-- <https://www.vthorsecouncil.org>. Vermont's Board Member Robin S. inquired about getting permission to use NHHHC photos to educate equestrians and bicyclist on safety protocol when sharing trails and roads. In researching, they came across our information and noticed the photographs were very clear and to the point. NHHHC welcomes the different New England states in sharing photos/info for such things as road and trail safety and what trails obstacles or width are acceptable, and what makes a good horse trail. NHHHC shared our town registry flyer that equestrians can get permission to post in their town. Vermont writes " It seems we should all collaborate on these issues - trails, safety, etc. The goal is to educate everyone on how to properly "share the road". Maybe VT and NH can team up on this point?.....at the very least we are trying to get safety cards out and leave at bike and tack shops." ... Robin's goal is to get notices out like this to all towns. Also on Front Porch Forum which is very popular in VT.

**Camping Inquiry**—In August, Brenda asks is there a place in New England that offers tent camping AND has horseback trail rides for those of us who are not lucky enough to have our own horse? She asks after finding NHHHC Overnight Stays or Camping for Trail Riders in New England on: <http://www.nhhorsecouncil.org/NHHHC%20Forms/Camping%20places%20in%20New%20England%20and%20New%20York.pdf>.

In Sept, Becca writes to NHHHC, I was looking for a place in New Hampshire to trail ride where I could stable my horses as well. She was using the NHHHC list of overnight stays and ask for any other recommendations? (This needs to be updated)

### **Silver Lake SP- Hollis Area Equestrians**

June, HAE received an email asking for help to pass the word onto HAE members and the public to not to ride horses in the beach area or water. There was some confusion about some of the town trails being temporary close for awhile or open to residents only when early Covid restriction were in place. Selectmen's April minutes had closed town trails to use because of concerns of overcrowding. End of April it was discussed to reopen the town trails in May on a limited basis to limit amount of people and to only Hollis residents. Signs were confusing for a while in June on who could access the trails near Silver Lake State Park. Riders periodically park in the State Park parking area to access the town trails using the minimal trail mileage on State Land. The rules to the State Park trails is managed by the NH Division of Park and Recreation administrative rules RES7301. A reminder had to go out of the rules where horses are prohibited when using State Park trails; Horses are prohibited on any park beaches except Hampton Beach Oct1- April 30. At this park, riders should avoid using the entrance directly across the road into the Park beach area. This path takes you to the beach and through other prohibited areas, such as picnic areas, pavilions, group use areas, playground and athletic fields, stores and bath houses. The sign at this entrance notes horses are prohibited in this beach area. When revisiting the Trails Committee page in October it says trails are open, no restriction to out of town use.

**Hampton Beach** In November, it came to our attention of riders on the dunes and last year's temporary signs had not been erected to guide riders to the horse path behind the pavilion. The State had wanted horses to avoid using the main path where at times manure was not cleaned up. To help alleviate any confusion to riders the members of Derry Trail Riders spoke again with the Park Manager Meredith Collins to fund and have her approve temporary signs that can be installed. Meredith informed DTR that a state committee did not agree to post the signs. DTR was instructed to give the signs to Fish & Game to post. F&G is responsible for the beach, dunes, vegetation, birds & creatures in the ocean. DTR did past the signs on to Fish & Game and although DTR signs were not used, signs have been posted. Thank You DTR for your efforts that have been fruitful. A map of which path to use has been created for riders to post and share on social media. It is important to stay off the dunes and keep parking and anything above the high tide mark clean of manure, bedding and hay from Oct.1 to April 30th. Also as mentioned previously this was the first time equine visitors had to reserve a parking spot and pay a parking fee of \$30 dollars till Oct.'s Columbus day.

**ALERT Fremont Rail Trail Parking is Closed NOVEMBER 14TH**—The Fremont Station will be unavailable for horse trailer parking on this day. The Toys for Tots Drop-Off will be taking place at The Fremont Station, so a lot of traffic is anticipated. The Southern NH Trailblazers have requested that access to the Rail Trail be from another location for the day. The Trailblazers are very generous with the use of their Club House parking lot.....please comply with their request for Saturday, 11/14th. Thank You!!!!

**ALERT FREMONT RAIL TRAIL**—to those trail riders who enjoy the Fremont Rail Trail; the Rockingham Recreational Trail Association has advised that the approach to the bridge at the Martin Road area near the Tack Shack may be dangerous.

The bridge itself is sound but the approach has large gaps between trail and bridge tread. There is no immediate plans for the State to repair the approach areas. PLEASE USE CAUTION when riding in this area or reroute if you can. Spread the word!!!

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**ALERT Hunting reminder:** Hunting and Other Recreational Uses Share our NH lands. NH is divided into different wildlife management units with different start dates and end dates for the different methods of hunting.

Please remember to wear bright colors like hunter orange in the fall during Moose and Deer season. Also remember most hunters are active early mornings and before sunset. Best trail use times are midday hours and staying on well used trails. General Hunting Season Dates: October 31 - November 10, 2020 Deer/muzzleloader, November 11 - December 6, 2020 Deer/regular firearms (closes one week early in WMU A)

A complete summary of season dates is provided in the [NH Hunting and Trapping Digest](#), published each year in August. For more info please see <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunt-dates.html> , <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/>

### **NH Horse Council's Trails Committee Mission**

- NHHC to be a lead organization as a resource for trail information, trail education, trail etiquette, trail reference documents, etc.
- NHHC will encourage equestrians to be involved with trail maintenance, trail funding and establishing landowner relationships to insure future trail opportunities.
- NHHC will encourage equestrian groups and individuals to have a representative on the trails committee to strengthen communication and unity for trail issues.
- NHHC will encourage communication and sharing information with NHHC from the different equine groups interested in trails. This is important so NHHC will be able to provide information to State Agencies and others about equine trails and equestrian involvement.
- NHHC will assist equestrians with trail issues.
- NHHC fills the appointed seat on the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.
- NHHC promotes and encourages sharing trails with other users! [u](#)

Sincerely Submitted  
NH Horse Council Trails Committee

NHHC Affiliate List: NHHC appreciates the membership support of: Derry Trail Riders, Granite State Carriage Association, Mares Run Farm, New Hampshire Arabian Horse Assoc., New Hampshire Horse & Trail, Rockingham Riding Club, UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Wentworth Hunt Club, White Mountain Horse Association, Monadnock Happy Trails, Piscataquog Area Trailways And All Our Individual and Family Members