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Attending a Sawyer Training and Certification class



Getting Kelsey Valley Horse Camp ready for the season





Roseburg members removing old fence posts and wire at Mildred Kanipe Park

OET Members have been active this month!





Mt. Hood members enjoying tales and a potluck at campout at Stub Stewart State Park

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The snow level in the Oregon high country in June is a bit hard to predict. Some years, the trails at elevation are wide open and ready to ride. Other years, the snow laying in pockets can be deep enough to be impassable. OET has several work parties planned for June this year in several areas that could still have snow covering the trails. Plan ahead and check with land managers for trail conditions before heading out to work parties or rides.

If you are a landowner in rural Oregon, wildfire season can make you nervous. I cringe every time fire danger is mentioned on the news during wildfire season, as much of our property is forested. The forest floor in my area is already dry and ready to burn if ignited. You can find many references for wildfire causes in my previous reports. No need to repeat them all here. Please just be careful while driving, camping, and riding the trails.

It is important to understand evacuation protocols (see below), so you know what each level requires. You should also have an evacuation plan in place in case you must go right away whether at you are at home or out in the forest. There are many sites that provide evacuation planning help. The following link can take you to the Mary's Tack & Feed disaster preparedness site. Preparing an Equine Emergency Evacuation Plan - Marys Tack & Feed

I do hope none of you will be impacted by wildfire. Be safe and be prepared.

Stay safe and stay healthy. I hope to see you out on the trail or in a horse camp. You can contact me by sending mail to Frank DeWeese 17380 N.W. Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR. 97128 or email me at president@oregonequestriantrails.org

Evacuation Levels

Be aware of danger in the area and stay informed. ...

LEVEL 1 - BE READY to evacuate.
Prepare to evacuate: ...

LEVEL 2 - BE SET to evacuate.
Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice: ...

LEVEL 3 - GO NOW!
Evacuate immediately: ...

Know evacuation levels and follow the advice of emergency officials.

VP of Public Lands Kim McCarrel



After considerable deliberation and several opportunities for public comment, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has revised its rules for e-bike use. Until now, e-bikes were allowed in state parks only on trails 8 feet wide or wider. After June 1, all classes of e-bikes will be allowed on any trail where mountain bikes are allowed.

This could be a disaster for equestrians, except for one thing: OPRD is allowing park managers to prohibit e-bike use on specific trails if they have concerns about the safety of other trail users.

OET chapters with state parks nearby are already contacting their park managers to request that e-bikes not be allowed on trails where equestrians are present, and so far, they are getting favorable feedback.

Here's the back story: Oregon has 255 state parks. Only 15 of these allow horses. In the other 240 parks, the new e-bike policy is reasonable. Among the 15 parks that allow horses, e-bikes pose a serious risk at some parks, but not others.

For example, cyclists don't enjoy riding in deep sand, so the parks along the coast aren't likely to see much e-bike traffic. Bob Straub doesn't allow bikes at all. Tryon Creek, Milo McIver, and Willamette Mission either limit bike use to roads and paved paths or have separate trails for horses and bikes (hikers, of course, are allowed on all trails). Emigrant Springs has no trails (it's mostly a place where long-distance travelers can stop off I-84 and corral their horses while they camp overnight). Collier State Park is very lightly used. La Pine State Park is relatively flat, and most trails have long sight lines. And the wide Banks-Vernonia Trail already allows e-bikes.

However, at Silver Falls, Stub Stewart, and Elijah Bristow State Parks, bikes share the trails with horses and hikers, and trail use is heavy. The first two have trails with significant elevation change, so fast-moving bikes (including both uphill and downhill e-bikes) create significant risks for equestrians and hikers. And at Elijah Bristow, the trails are relatively flat and easy, so e-bike speeds would not be constrained by technical features like rocks, turns, etc., putting other trail users at risk.

OPRD ultimately concluded that e-bikes represent significant risks to horseback riders, and managers of the parks with shared horse/bike trails should have the discretion to limit e-bike use on the shared trails.

OET representatives have already contacted the park managers at Silver Falls, Stub Stewart, and Elijah Bristow State Parks about restricting e-bike use on the trails where horses are present. If you have a state park near you and are concerned about e-bike use on the trails, please coordinate with your other chapter members and contact your local park manager. Through your efforts, you may be able to prohibit e-bike use on your park's trails. If you'd like to chat about how to go about this, please reach out: vppubliclands@oregonequestriantrails.org or 541-410-4552.

Where is that fallen log?

By Kim McCarrel, VP Public Lands

Have you ever struggled to describe exactly where you saw that fallen log, so a sawyer from your chapter can go out and cut it? If you're a sawyer, have you ever gotten a report of a fallen log "about a mile from the XYZ horse camp" and trudged along the trail, lugging your saw, only to find that the location you'd been given was wrong? Well, if you put the Solocator app on your phone, those days are over.

The Solocator app costs only $1, and it's a gem! When you find an issue on the trail (say, a fallen log or a drainage problem), open your Solocator app and take a photo. The app records the image, notes the direction you're facing, and attaches the GPS coordinates and directional info to the photo. The photo is stored in your phone's memory. When you get home, send the Solocator photo to the right person in your chapter (via email or text), and they'll have the info they need to plan a work party.

Solocator is available in the Google and Apple App Stores and is super simple to use. It's a game changer!



Solocator Photo showing GPS coordinates location information.

VP of Field Service

Matt Dolphin



We've got a great crew of folks heading to Quinn Meadow at the end of June to clear trails. We're pretty close to maxed out, but could make room for another sawyer or two. Let me know if you're interested.

Whether you're volunteering, riding, or working around your own homestead, take care of yourself and your four-legged friends as the temperatures warm up. Here are a few tips for the summer:

Cool, Calm, and Trail-Ready: Staying Safe in Summer Heat

Hot days and hard work can sneak up on even the most experienced trail volunteer. When summer hits full swing, it's important to take the heat seriously - for both you and your four-legged companions.

Hydrate Early and Often

Start drinking water before you hit the trail and keep sipping throughout the day. Bring extra for your dog, and know where water sources are for your horse. Offer water frequently - don't wait until anyone looks thirsty. Electrolyte drinks or salty snacks can help replenish what you lose through sweat.

Dress and Pack for the Heat

Light-colored, breathable long sleeves and pants can keep you cool while protecting against sun and scrapes. For dogs, check paws regularly - hot ground can burn. For horses, keep work light and breaks frequent.

Watch for Warning Signs

Check in with your crew often. Are they drinking water? Seem okay? It's easier to spot overheating in someone else than in yourself. Build in regular rest breaks and encourage everyone to speak up if they're feeling off. Headache, dizziness, nausea, heavy panting, or fatigue - whether it's you, your dog, or your horse - these may be signs of heat stress. Take these symptoms seriously and act quickly: find shade, rest, and cool off. Don't hesitate to stop work or call for help.



Time Your Work and Take Breaks

Aim for early starts or later afternoon shifts. Use midday to rest, hydrate, and check in with your crew - and your animals. Some days, the kindest choice is to leave dogs or horses at home if the weather's too intense.

Trail work and riding in summer is rewarding, but the heat adds a layer of challenge. Plan ahead, pace yourself, and look out for each other so everyone gets home healthy and ready for the next adventure. A little preparation helps everyone stay safe and ready for the next ride.

VP Marketing Outreach

Collette Hayes



I hope to see you all at the end of the month! So much going on in June...lots of riding! Yay!

Chapters are getting together to have big campouts, everyone seems to be having a great start to the season.

I hope this means you!

I am hoping to get the promo issue of the RR done very soon. Do you have a hack or a great idea you would like to share? Please email me: vpoutreachoet@gmail.com or text/call 503-270-7167

Happy Riding!

Be a Hero and help O.E.T.

Do you ever wonder if there is something you can do to help in our organization?

We all know many hands make light work. We do it all the time on the trails and at the horse camps.

You tell us how much time you are willing to enjoy helping in the administration of Oregon Equestrian Trails.

We can find you the perfect fit!

To learn more Email:
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Tech Corner

By Marty DeVall, OET Web Master

OET Tech Corner - Understanding and Managing Passwords

(Why They Matter — and How to Make Yours Better)

Passwords are something we all use every day — but it's easy to overlook how important they really are. Your passwords protect your email, your bank accounts, your shopping history, your online memberships (including our Oregon Equestrian Trails Google Group), and even your private documents.

Creating and managing strong passwords doesn't have to be hard — just a few small habits can make a big difference in keeping your personal information safe.

Why Passwords Matter More Than Ever

Years ago, a simple password like "horselover" or "OET2020" might have been enough.
Today, criminals use powerful computers that can guess billions of password combinations in minutes. If your password is too simple or too common, it's like leaving the front door to your house unlocked.

Worse, many people use the same password everywhere. If one site you use gets hacked (and it happens often), bad actors can use that same password to get into your email, your bank, your Facebook account, and more.

How to Create a Strong Password

Good passwords share three important qualities:

- **Long** — at least 12 characters or more.
- **Complex** — include upper- and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
- **Unique** — use a different password for every account.

Here are some simple ways to create a strong password:

- **Use a passphrase**: Think of a phrase that's easy to remember but hard to guess.
  Example: `"MyHorseRidesFast#2025!"`
- **Favorite things mash-up**: Combine your favorite food, a number, and a symbol.
  Example: `"PizzaLover1975$"`
- **Song lyrics or quotes**: Use a line from a song or poem you love, and tweak it slightly.
  Example: `"TakeMe2TheRiver#SingIt"`

Avoid names of pets, children, or grandchildren, your birthday, phone number, or address, and common words like "password123"

If you can remember a phrase but not a random jumble of characters, that's okay! Long phrases are actually very strong.

How to Manage Your Passwords

With so many accounts nowadays — banking, shopping, health care, social media, club memberships, and more — it's impossible to remember everything without help.
Here are safe ways to manage your passwords:

1. Use a Password Notebook

Writing down your passwords in a small notebook is a perfectly good option — especially if you're not comfortable using apps. **Tips for safe password notebooks:** 1) Keep it somewhere private (like a desk drawer, safe, or file cabinet), 2) Don't label the notebook "Passwords" on the cover. 3) Update the notebook when you change or create new passwords.

A notebook never needs batteries or internet access — simple and reliable!

2. Use Your Web Browser's Password Manager

Most modern web browsers — like Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge — have **built-in password managers**. When you log into a website, your browser often asks, "Would you like to save this password?" If you say yes, the browser will remember your passwords and auto fill your login information the next time you visit the site. This a convenient option but can be an issue If someone accesses your computer or phone without a password, they might see your saved passwords.

2. Use a Password Manager App

A password manager securely stores all your passwords in one place. You only need to remember **one master password** to open it. They store your passwords safely, fill them in automatically on websites and suggest new strong passwords.

Some popular choices are: **LastPass** (offers a free plan) **Bitwarden** (free and highly rated) and **1Password** (small yearly fee, very user-friendly)

Most password managers work on smartphones, tablets, and computers. Some even let you share passwords securely with a family member if needed.

If you're nervous about using a password manager, that's normal! But they are carefully built with security in mind — much safer than trying to memorize dozens of passwords.

3. Update Your Important Passwords Regularly

You don't need to change every password all the time, but it's a smart habit to update your most important ones (email, banking, Google account) **at least once a year**.
Updating passwords prevents old leaks or breaches from affecting you years later.

Wrapping Up

Passwords are the keys to your online home. Strong passwords help protect your emails, finances, and personal information from falling into the wrong hands.
Whether you prefer a good old-fashioned notebook or a modern password manager app, **the most important thing is to start making strong, unique passwords today**. With just a few minutes of effort, you can lock your digital doors and sleep a little easier at night.

2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Chapter	Event	Location	Information
June					
1-2 Jun		Northwest	Campout	Stagecoasch Horse Camp, Tillamook	Contact Wendy Zurcher 503-357-5723
2 Jun	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
7 Jun		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
7 Jun		Central Oregon	Ride	Sisters Cow Camp	Jimmerson Trail Poker Ride. Contact Brenda 541-280-3849
8 Jun	8:00AM-3:00PM	Northwest	Ride	Cherry Grove	Forest Grove Ranch Riders. More info to come. northwest@myoet.org
14-Jun	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Special	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YVtwyfjYLqjG2rRN6	Introducing horses to dogs and their owners, to foster understanding and respect on shared trails. Contact Wendy Kerns, (503) 807-9332.
18-Jun	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
20 Jun	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Silver Falls	Ride	Williamette Mission	Summer Soltice Ride silverfalls@myoet.org
20-22 Jun		North Coast	Ride		Donna Hammond organizer. northcoast@myoet.org
21 Jun		Mid-Valley	Ride	South Beach	Fun ride & Potluck. Jodi Knutson 503-551-8779
21 Jun	11:00AM-2:00PM	North Valley	Ride	South Howards Mill Road, S Howards Mill Rd., Mulino	Join us to ride private timber lands. Lead by Faith Roney. More details to come. northvalley@myoet.org
20-22 Jun		Roseburg	Work Party	Kelsay Valley Horse Camp, Umpqua Nat'l Forest	Trail Clearing with EEBCH. Contact roseburg@myoet.org
25-30 Jun		State	Work Party	Quinn Meadow Horse Camp, Bend	Annual State WP, clear trails. Contact vpfieldservices@myoet.org
26-28 Jun		Silver Falls	Work Party	Big Meadows Horse Camp, Sisters	Camp cleanup and trail clearing with BCHO silverfalls@myoet.org
28 Jun	9:00AM-2:00PM	Roseburg	Ride	Mildred Kanipe Park Oakland	Poker Ride. Contact Rhonda Hjort 541-430-3453. Camping - need reservations.
28 Jun		Mid-Valley	Work Party	TE Ranch, Philomath	Poker Ride Prep, Test Ride, Campout, Potluck. Mark Lehnert 541-730-1653
29 Jun	9:00AM Start	Mid-Valley	Ride	TE Ranch, Philomath	Jokers Wild Poker Ride jokerswildpokerride@gmail.com or Meg 541-609-1075

July					
4 Jul		North Coast	Parade	Warrenton	Charles Conrow, organizer
4-6 Jul		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	Wooded campground, some steep slopes, some gravel logging road sections. Need boots or shoes.
4-6 Jul		Columbia County	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-548 8710 herestolife9@gmail.com
5 Jul		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
7 Jul	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
12 Jul	9:00AM	Mid-Valley	Ride	Cultus Horse Camp	Fun Ride. Potluck Sat Make your own reservations
12 Jul	11:00AM-2:00PM	North Valley	Ride	Hardy Creek Trailhead, Molalla River Corridor	Group Ride hosted by Brett and Sandy Branch.
12 Jul		Roseburg	Ride	Kelsey Valley Horse Camp	High Lakes Fish packing roseburg@myoet.org
12-19 Jul		North Coast	Special	TBA	Donna Hammond, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
16-Jul	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
25 Jul		North Coast	Parade	Long Beach, WA	Charles Conrow, organizer. northcoast@myoet.org
August					
2 Aug		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
2 Aug		Silver Falls	Parade	Silverton	Silverton Davenport Parade
4 Aug	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
9 Aug		North Coast	Parade	Astoria	Charles Conrow, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
9 Aug		Mid-Valley	Ride	South Pyramid Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat midvalley@myoet.org
20-Aug	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
23-24 Aug		North Coast	Campout	Joe Graham Horse Camp	Mt Hood Nat'l Forest northcoast@myoet.org

29-31 Aug		Columbia County	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-
30-1 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	northcoast@myoet.org
30-31 Aug		Mid-Valley	Campout	Big Meadows Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat. Make your own reservations
September					
1 Sep	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
6 Sep		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
13-14 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Horse Camp	Wooded campground, wooded trails with some hills. northcoast@myoet.org
13 Sep		Mid-Valley	Ride	Perrydale Trails, Sheridan	Fun Ride and Potluck. Make your own reservations. midvalley@myoet.org
17-Sep	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
October					
4 Oct		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
6 Oct	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
11 Oct		Mid-Valley	Campout	Nehalem Bay campout	Fun Ride and Potluck Sat. midvalley@myoet.org
15-Oct	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
18 Oct	8:00AM - 1:30PM	Public	Special	694 NE 4th Ave, Canby	Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale.New and other horse-related items. Parking $5, admission is $1 per person.
November					
1 Nov		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
3 Nov	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
15 Nov		Mid-Valley	Ride	Elijah Bristow State Park, Pleasant Hill	Fun Ride and Potluck. midvalley@myoet.org
19-Nov	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516

December					
1 Dec	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
6 Dec		Mid-Valley	Ride	Oregon Horse Center	Mt Trail fun ride. Ride then tea/cookies Res. Needed (541) 689-9700
13 Dec		North Coast	Party		
17-Dec	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516

Please visit OregonEquestrianTrails.org/calendar for more details of scheduled Events.

Recreational Immunity Bill Passes Oregon House!

SB 179, the recreational immunity bill, to keep Oregon trails open, passed the Oregon House and has been signed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House. Now it's off to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

Big gratitude to all of our partners on this issue and everyone who submitted testimony and shared their support for the bill with legislators!

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Our Mission Statement

OET advocates for recreational access,
partners with land managers to care for trails and horse camps,
and unites equestrians through
opportunities and information related to trail riding.

June 2025

Public Lands/Field Services Meeting Notes

In attendance: Della Webb (Eugene), Bonnie DePriest and Cindy Albrecht (Silver Falls), Matt Dolphin (Field Services VP), Gloria Rice (Columbia County), Kim McCarrel (Central OR and VP Public Lands). Reports were also submitted by Bianca Chevalier (South Coast) and Barb Adams (Mt. Hood), who couldn't attend the call.

Statewide

E-bikes in State Parks: Members of the Northwest, Silver Falls, and Eugene chapters are working with park managers at Stubb Stewart, Silver Falls, Willamette Mission, and Elijah Bristow State Parks to prohibit e-bike use on trails that are also open to horses. So far, they have received verbal assurances that e-bikes won't be allowed on horse/hiking trails at Willamette Mission and Elijah Bristow. More to come concerning Stubb Stewart and Silver Falls.

Quinn Meadow Work Party: So far, 12 people have signed up for the Quinn Meadow work party. There's still room for a couple more campers; your help will be welcome. Please contact Matt Dolphin at vppubliclands@oregonequestriantrails.org to sign up.

Field Services: Silver Falls had asked Matt about using Boy Scouts to help clear trails. Matt learned that chainsaw sawyers must be at least 18 to be certified, but crosscut sawyers only have to be 16. People younger than 16 can be on one end of a crosscut saw under the supervision of a certified sawyer.

Trail Building Handbook: The Forest Service has issued a 600-page handbook for trail building and maintenance. You can get a free copy for your chapter by emailing askusda@usda.gov and requesting this publication: Trail Maintenance and Construction Notebook FS 1262 February 2025.

Eugene

The chapter earned over $4,000 on its Trailblazer Pace Ride, which attracted about 75 riders. The ride consists of an anonymous rider riding several loop trails and recording the time it takes them to ride each loop. No one knows whether the anonymous rider is on a gaited horse, trotting and cantering, or a slow-walking horse. Ride participants choose one of the loops and ride it at their desired speed. The riders whose ride times come closest to the anonymous rider times get prizes.

The chapter will attend the Friends of Mt. Pisgah meeting next week.

Silver Falls

The chapter plans a fun Summer Solstice ride for chapter members on Friday evening closest to the actual solstice. They will be replacing the chain gates at Santiam Horse Camp, and they'll also be participating in the Silverton parade.

Columbia County

The chapter had a work party at Camp Wilkerson to fix the very slippery ramps on a newly-installed bridge. They went online and bought ribbed mats similar to those on a horse trailer ramp. The mats were cut to fit, glued, and lag bolted to the steepest bridge ramp. If this works well, they will install it on the shallower ramp.

The chapter has now purchased three wheelbarrows for the camp, and all of them have been stolen. Grrr!!

Columbia County is also struggling with a county commissioner who wants to allow mountain bikes and motorcycles to use the trails the chapter has built around Camp Wilkerson. Obviously, the chapter is fighting this idea.

Central Oregon

Chapter volunteers have cleared hazard trees from Sisters Cow Camp. They haven't been able to repair the very long water line that brings water to the camp, so it continues to be dry.

And the Cline Buttes trail signing project (over 100 intersections to sign) is nearly complete, except for the two trails that will be built in the next 12 months.

South Coast

The PNER quarterly newsletter will feature an article highlighting the installation of a new metal corral for the Wild Mare horse camp host. PNER funded this grant to OET, and our volunteers purchased and installed the corral. The chapter also received grant funding for a water holding tank and a mosquito tent for the host site, but had to forfeit that award because Forest Service layoffs limited the agency's ability to complete the project within the required one-year period.

The chapter has a work party scheduled for June to clean out the fire pits at the Wild Mare campground. And they will install signs (from OET) on BLM trails. A July campout will be held at Cape Mountain (Horse Creek campground). on the July 4th weekend. They are collaborating with the local Sheriff's Posse group to host another fund-raising hospitality booth along their annual ride to raise money for charity.

Mt. Hood

The chapter has recruited three new volunteers for the Sandy River Delta's restock and trash teams. With the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area's staff shortages, the chapter's volunteer efforts are more critical than ever. The Forest Service continues to have problems getting the dog waste bags at the Delta, so the chapter has helped purchase a 3-month supply of these essential items. They have also started installing quarter-minus stone on the Delta's Meadow trail.

The chapter's Puppies and Ponies event is scheduled for June 14. This educational event is always fun, and their equestrians shine working with the public. At their June meeting, scheduled for McIver State Park, they will look at the corral area's improvements.

Next Meeting: July 1st at 6 pm.

The Worth of a Horse

Reprinted from Facebook - WARhorses - Women of Age Riding Horses, May 27 Post,

My knees don't bend like they used to do,
And hoisting the saddle feels something new.
The barn gets colder each passing year,
And sometimes I pause, held back by fear.
The grandkids call, the phone won't rest,
Appointments, chores—life's endless test.
A creaking back, a stubborn hip,
A hand that shakes with every grip.
Yet in the stillness of morning light,
When frost turns gold and the reins feel right,
I hobble down where the shadows lie,
And find my truth in a horse's eye.
He doesn't care for time or pride,
Just quiet steps and a patient ride.
And for that grace, I bear the strain—
Each ache, each breath, each drop of rain.
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Source One Serenity Upcoming Volunteer Event!

August 1–3: Fish Lake Trail #1570 Work Party (with Pack Mules!)

We'll be teaming up with Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) for a unique work party on Fish Lake Trail #1570 in the Umpqua National Forest. With pack mules helping us haul gear, this will be a special opportunity to be around animals while doing brushing, tread work, and crosscutting along a beautiful alpine lake.

Come for one day or all three—camping is encouraged! All skill levels are welcome, including families with kids.

RSVP: elena@sourceoneserenity.org

Thank you again for being part of this important work. We're excited to hit the trails with you this summer!

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Death to the Yellowjacket

By Lynda Harding, Roseburg Chapter



You all know these devilish wasps, also known as meat bees. Two species are common in Oregon, the western yellowjacket (Vespula pensylvanica) and the common yellowjacket (Vespula vulgaris).. These yellowjackets nest in the ground or in cavities (like the open ends of pipe panels) and are very aggressive when disturbed. A single wasp is capable of repeated stinging. Some people are allergic to their stings and may need to carry epinephrin to prevent a severe, life-threatening, allergic reaction. Horses don't much like yellowjackets either.

Many methods have been recommended for getting rid of yellowjackets. These include hanging bait, such as bacon, over a pan of soapy water; attractant traps such as Rescue; and destroying nests with boiling water or insecticide. Bait over water may help if you are camping and want to distract the wasps from your beer. Attractant traps look effective, but may not reduce the total number of insects at the end of the season. Attacking the nest requires following a wasp back to the nest (or accidentally disturbing a nest and finding it by being chased and stung) and is dicey (best done at night).

What we need is a simple and effective way to kill the insects in the nest without annoying the workers. One way to do this is to add an insecticide to bait and allow the workers to take it back to the nest. Onslaught insecticide is labeled for yellowjackets, but researchers have found fipronil to be more effective. I haven't been able to determine if using fipronil in this way is legal.

However, fipronil is used in Frontline flea control and has low mammalian toxicity,. A drop or two added to a small can of cat food is palatable and the workers take it back to the nest. It has high transferability, so one wasp carrying bait can kill many others in the nest. Amazon carries fipronil as Taurus SC at $48 for a 20 oz container, enough supply to last for years.

Plastic bait stations can be purchased from https://www.domyown.com for about $14 each, but you can drill holes in the side of a pill bottle or other plastic vial so that the wasps can enter and exit. Run string with a loop through a small hole in the lid, then use an S-hook made of utility wire to hang the vial high enough to keep it away from pets and children.

Smelly wet cat food is a good bait. Researchers have found that yellowjackets prefer chunky bait to pureed. and one research recommends Friskies Tuna. Although I haven't tried it, adding to the bait station a few drops of the attractant used in Rescue traps (heptyl butyrate) may increase the number of wasps visiting the bait (at least for the western yellowjacket). Even though yellowjackets are also attracted to sweet baits, cat food is a better bait because it does not attract and kill honey bees and because the wasps are more likely to take it back to the nest to feed developing larvae.

Add one or two drops of fipronil to a small can worth of cat food in a plastic bag. Resist the temptation to add more, as you don't want the wasps to avoid the poison. Massage the bag to mix completely. You can flatten the bait in the bag, freeze, and break off pieces to place in the bait stations. (The downside is that you shouldn't put poison in the same freezer with food.) Discard and replace the bait in the station when it dries out. Use dedicated or disposable utensils to reduce the chances of contaminating your own food or water. Wear gloves and wash your hands thoroughly after working with fipronil or the poisoned bait.

Bait stations will kill yellowjackets up to a quarter mile away. Start placing the stations after you notice yellowjackets. Some researchers suggest using Rescue traps to monitor wasp levels, then placing bait stations when several yellowjackets have been trapped. This makes sense if you're trying to protect a public park, but for household use, just setting up the stations when you see the wasps seems easier.

While yellowjackets play a role in nature and are important predators of insects, it is not an environmental crime to reduce their numbers where they are a hazard.

Email me at lyndah10@me.com if you have any questions or suggestions and to let me know what worked or didn't work for you.





Horse Fly Hacks

By Holly Swanson, Northwest Chapter

As we all know as horse owners, along with the great riding weather comes the bane of our existence - Flies! They pester, bite and harass our horses and every once in a while make their way into our homes to pester us as well. No matter how clean you keep the stalls and pastures of manure, they manage to be expert at making themselves right at home and continue the torment.

Like me, you probably own a huge arsenal of fly sprays, ointments and sticky traps as well as the fly masks, blankets and leg covers that somehow remove themselves from our horses within a few hours of putting them on. And you've probably all heard of and tried tons of “hacks” to repel, kill, and trap the little suckers. I know that I have. Which leads me to a little hack that I wanted to share. But first the back story:

While visiting the Oregon caves one summer, I noticed that each of the entry ways to the tourist center had a clear baggy full of water hanging at the top of the entrance. When I asked a worker what they were for, they replied that the reflection from the bags kept the flies from flying inside the center! Eager to try this myself, I returned home and hung a bag of water above the barn door where my horse and mini donkey go in and out of the pasture. My horse, Denver, being a curious being, decided to investigate and knocked the bag down, drenching himself and bolting out of the barn in the process. :-).



But this gave me an idea. I purchased a clear shower curtain for about 3 dollars at Walmart. Hung it from the top of the stall entrance and cut a slit up the middle so that Denver and the donkey could easily go in and out.The shiny reflection of the curtain kept the flies from entering the barn and this together with a daily dose of Simplify (feed through fly control) worked wonders! Whenever the ponies feel like escaping the fly onslaught, they just wander into their open barn stalls for relief!

Here's a picture! I would love to hear what your hacks are and if you try this one, I hope it works for you as well!









Nehalem Bay State Park Upgrades

By Melissa McLaughlin, West Valley Chapter

Collette Hayes and I got a sneak preview of Nehalem Bay State Park's extensive upgrade and revitalization. Park Manager Ben Cox gave us a tour around the park, showing us the improvements enabled by an $11 million State General Obligation bond, passed in 2021.

Lots of new paving, much of which covers up all the improvements to water and electrical. There are new and/or upgraded utilities, additional camp host sites, new bathroom buildings as well as one that is in the process of being re-roofed. There are five new seasonal employee housing units.

But the horse camp is what we really wanted to see! Water spigots at every site and a new 2-room bathroom with hot water, electric outlets and flush toilets. The boulders are all gone. Two sites have been completely paved for ADA compliance. We talked about a work party for OET volunteers to cut scotch broom and pile it up for removal (it has a big presence in the horse camp). We would also spread wood chips in the corrals as needed. Pea gravel was problematic when it came time to get rid of the manure. The park has a continuous supply of wood chips.

At some time in the future, Mr. Cox plans to build a manure bin for regular emptying. The park is hopeful that these improvements will keep the park sustainable for the next 50-100 years. An opening date has not been set as there is still much work to do. Check ReserveAmerica.com to know when reservations are being accepted. More details can be found at: https://www.stateparks.org/news-events/nehalem-bay-state-park-on-track-for-july-reopening/

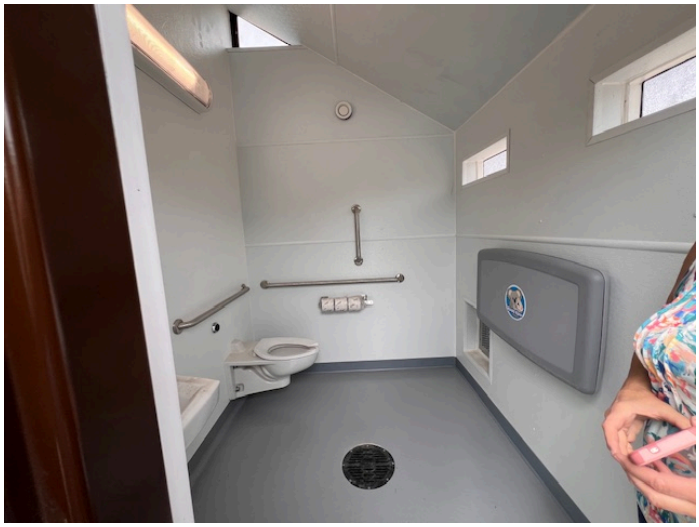




New paved ADA campsite in the horse camp at NBSP.



New restroom building in the horse camp at NBSP.



Interior of new restroom, with flush toilet, in the horse camp at NBSP.

To the left: Placing the new restroom building in the horse camp at NBSP.

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Go West out of Sisters on Hwy 242, go 1 mile, turn left onto FS road 15. Go about 2 miles and turn left at the sign for Sisters Cow Camp.

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***$10 entry fee Each hand $5 Five hands for $20.

Coffee in morning some muffins. Lunch served, donation only. Bring your chairs

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Directions: I-5 Exit 253 Take Hwy 22 East towards Detroit Lake/Bend.
Turnoff of Hwy 22 at Exit 7, OR-214 to Silver Falls Hwy
Stay on Hwy 214 to Silver Falls State Park. Approximately 26 miles from Salem. Watch for Poker ride signs. Go through park check in station and they will direct you to Howard Creek Horse Camp parking.

contact: Jennifer Paulson - Chairperson wcascade29@gmail.com 541-619-5115

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25th Annual Jokers Wild Poker Ride

Sunday June 29, 2025



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$10 per hand or 3 for $20
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Less than 13 yrs. ride free
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OET Chapters

Chapter	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact
Central Oregon Chapter	First Tuesday Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Pleasant Ridge Hall 7067 SW Canal Redmond, OR	Gayla Nelson centraloregon@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 420-1837**
Columbia County Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Warren Moose Lodge 57317 Old Portland Rd. Warren, OR	Bob Rice columbiacounty@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 366-3736**
Eugene Chapter	First Tuesday Speaker: 6PM Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	McKenzie Feed & Pet 4441 Main Street Springfield	Leslye Wing eugene@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 849-9155**
Mid-Valley Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Sizzler 2148 Santiam Hwy SE Albany	Mark Lehnert midvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 730-1653**
Mt. Hood Chapter	Second Thursday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Elmers 1590 NE Burnside Gresham	Mary Blankevoort mthood@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 703-1232**
North Coast Chapter	Second Tuesday Meeting: 5:30 p.m. .	Clatsop County Fairgrounds 4H Clubhouse - across from main complex 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria	Ashley Lertora northcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 325-2733**
North Valley Chapter	First Tuesday Dinner : 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Jimmy O's Pizzeria 1678 S Beavercreek Rd Oregon City	Brett Branch northvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 908-4461**
Northwest Chapter	Third Monday Dinner/Social: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Prime Time Sports Bar & Restaurant 4450 Pacific Avenue Forest Grove	Hope Flint northwest@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 643-7840**
Roseburg Chapter	Third Tuesday Meeting: 6:00 p.m.	Douglas Co. Electrical Co-op 1931 N. Stephens Street Roseburg	Lynda Harding roseburg@oregonequestriantrails.org **(559) 696-7601**
Silver Falls Chapter	Third Monday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Salem Saddle Club Mtg Rm 7005 Lardon Rd Salem	Bonnie DePriest silverfalls@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 981-8124**
South Coast Chapter	Third Wednesday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Dave's Pizza 740 Kooz Bay Blvd Coos Bay	Donna Corum southcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(707) 332-1871**
West Valley Chapter	First Thursday No-host dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	American Legion Post 21 126 NE Atlantic McMinnville	Melissa McLaughlin westvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 560-0771**

Chapters may need to alter meetings or events.
Please contact Chapter Chairs for up-to-date meeting locations and times

Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

No report this month other than an important item from Central Oregon is that THERE IS NO WATER AT COW CAMP, AND WE ARE WORKING HARD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

Columbia Chapter

We had a fun meeting this month. Plans for getting those mats onto the bridge at Camp Wilkerson were discussed again. Cross our fingers for no rain on June 1st! We'll also be making repairs to the host site in the horse campground. This has been out of commission for several years and will be a great (re)addition to the campground. We plan to use it for overflow, for folks who make quick decisions and come out hoping for a spot. At our annual Trick-or-Treat ride this year we are looking to sell food such as hot dogs, and have a scavenger hunt and raffle. We need to work on prizes! We're looking forward to getting out to ride soon!

Eugene Chapter

What a busy, fact filled agenda! We had 16 members attend to hear Christopher R. explain and demonstrate some tool sharpening skills. He strongly recommended taking your tools apart before cleaning and honing them. He also recommended taking pictures after EVERY bolt/nut/attachment removal to ensure correct re-assembly. A lot of questions were answered since we all use lots of sharp tools. Chris operates a mobile tool maintenance service and offered to check in at McKenzie Feed on Friday afternoon, May 16th for any tools members want to leave for him to doctor up. Leave tools and money.

Next in the lineup was John Mullens, State Park Manager for the State Parks in our area. He came to break it to us gently that Elijah Bristow is slated to begin charging a parking fee in the near future. Many of us agreed that it is probably time for us to start supporting our terrific state parks by buying an annual parking pass. Several other parks in the area are expected to begin charging as well. He also touched on the e bike issue. E bikes will now be permitted on State Park trails that bicycles are permitted on. However, since Park Managers have the discretion to limit that usage John explained that the trails at Elijah Bristow are not safe for e bikes and other users to share so he will not allow them there. Narrow trails, blind curves and lots of varied users from toddlers to horses figure into his decision.

And finally(!) all the final details for the 2nd annual TrailBlazer Pace coming up in 4 days! Dani Wright had many details to reiterate and nail down. So many members and others are coming together to make it happen. Good weather will be icing on the cake!

When Leslye Wing reported about the board meeting, she listed the resolution that only saw certified members may use chain saws. While the members agreed to the safety of that there was some grumbling about the time investment required for experienced (and busy) home sawyers to get certified and the duration of the certification. Another important topic was the financial situation of State OET. It sounded like everyone present agreed that the Riders' Roundup should be automatically sent digitally to all members, and a fee should be required for those needing actual paper copies mailed to them. Another suggestion was to raise the annual dues. Several increased amounts were suggested, as well as simply offering same fee for a or family membership.

Lots of facts, lots of exchange of ideas, FUN meeting!

Mid Valley

May meeting had 4 Officers and 15 members and 1 guest present.

Claudia Ingham, our scheduled speaker had a conflict and has rescheduled to present at the July meeting.

Mark Lehnert shared Joe Taylor is continuing to heal at home and wanting to get on his lawn mower.

CPR Training on April 19th : Comments from attendees -

- Kristy Schindler said it was good training. She learned that breathing into the victim's mouth is no longer required as they get enough oxygen with chest compressions. Kent Barker added that a drowning victim still needs breath support.
- Corinne Springer mentioned that she is now certified for the first time and her husband was re-certified.
- Mark Lehnert learned that you can have a tourniquet on for 6 hours and still save a limb. Kent Barker mentioned they would rather see a tourniquet than a blood clot.
- 7 Mile Horse Camp Campout 5/17-18/2025 was canceled due to poor weather

Cultus Horse Camp Cleanup/Campout: July 12th – 13th: Reservations will be required since we are not doing trail clearing this time. Mark Lehnert opposed the idea of us having to pay since the horse camp and most all its upgrades have been provided by the Mid Valley Chapter and that we would be doing campsite cleaning while we were there. Jodi mentioned that we need to be clearing trails, and we also need to give the FS one year's notice when we plan to do work. We did not. Also, there are new concessionaires running the site now that were not in place when our work was done over the years.

Poker Ride Update: 25th annual, June 29th. A Job List and Sign Up was reviewed.The roads will be watered.

Bell Property Clean Up Event. May 31, 9:00AM-NOON; Lunch provided by Steve and Rita (Bell)! 6 to 8 people said they will be attending

South Pyramid – Jodi Knudson gave an update regarding the roads heading into South Pyramid Horse camp. Rd. 2047, the main road is still open, but Rd. 747 remains closed because of last year's burn. Looking at information from the fire's footprint, it's possible the horse camp was used as a staging area for fire crews. Kent Barker described the area for our new members and shared the high skill levels required to ride in the area.

Santiam Horse Camp – Kent Barker shared that the camp is open and now has a water system that is filtered and has been tested. The new filtration system makes the water potable. The filters will be changed regularly.

Heart Of Oregon Corp Crew Hiring Update – These folks will have the appropriate saw certification need prior to the work being done.

$7,850 is likely the lowest they would charge for 1 week of work. That cost covers a crew Monday-Thursday (or Tues-Fri), with 10-hour days; 1 Crew Leader, 4 members, and 2 team leaders. It would also allow for two rigs for shuttles to move people efficiently. Barring any excessive blowdown, they plan to get Benchmark Butte Trail & Winopee Tie Trail completed in that week and move into other areas, especially if there are no restrictions on chainsaws at that time.

After the group discussed the work to be done, timing and cost, it was agreed that we could afford the work given the 2 grants and our own funds. It was voted unanimously to hire Heart of Oregon Corp team to clear the Benchmark Bute and Winopee Tie Trail.

Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday June 11, 2025, at Sizzler Restaurant, Albany Oregon

Mt. Hood

MHOET members have been busy doing good work, and having fun! On May 3, ten of us attended a Gala in support of the Oregon Horsemanship Program, which teaches young people about horse care and skills, and Melody's Haven of Hope, which is a sanctuary for retired program horses. We were proud to support such a worthy cause.

We have initiated our Bottle Drop Give program, and already have earned over $100! Thanks to Sue Gillilan for all her hard work and enthusiasm to get us going on this fundraiser.

Mt. Hood Chapter is working with North Valley to make some safety improvements in the arena fencing at McIver, and ultimately some footing improvements. Committees are forming in both chapters to coordinate these activities.













Mt. Hood members enjoying annual Play Day in May.

On May 10, seven members rode and drove the obstacles in our annual “Play Day”. Competition was fierce, and this year’s trophy winner was Bonnie Whiteman, on her very animated and talented pinto Saddlebred, “Thunder”. Notably, no one’s egg fell out of their spoon. At the price of eggs, this was a significant accomplishment. The games were followed by a delicious potluck, of course.

On to the Memorial Day campout at Stub Stewart State Park, and then summer!

Northwest Chapter

We had a nice turnout for our potluck and arena night. Hope gave a fantastic presentation with hands-on first aid.



Hope brought 2 horses and another member, Elizabeth brought one of hers.

Stagecoach camp cleanup June 1st and 2nd. We had Stub Stewart cleanup in May. 7 members including 3 from other chapters, Thank You! The Vancouver 393 Boy Scouts joined us and helped move gravel. Great Day!

Our Chapter has a lot of great ideas, find out more at our next meeting. June 16th at Prime Time in Forest Grove. Come join us. 6pm dinner/social 7pm meeting.





North Valley

North Valley Chapter held their May meeting at Jimmy O’s Pizzeria, Oregon City OR. Sam Gibson, McIver State Park Manager, was introduced. He also oversees Cazadero, Bonnie Lure, and Tryon State Parks.

He presented Gary Sischo an award for his volunteer work at McIver for 20 years. General questions from the members were invited and answered.

Chapter Chair, Brett Branch, reported on the OET State Meeting. The OET Quinn Meadow Work Party will be June 25-30. Only certified sawyers will be allowed to use chain saws. A letter will be sent out to non-renewing members with a renewal form.

A Finance Committee has been formed for better reporting among chapters to OET. Susan High is on this committee to amend OET returns to the DOJ.

Marty DeVall reported that North Valley mowed around the equestrian parking lot and in the arena at McIver.

Deb DeLorenzo reported by email that the water tank at Graham Corral Horse Camp has been installed and will be filled soon. The corrals need a lot of repair work and some sites do not have corrals at all. This will be a huge work party project and will need to be organized, maybe for next spring.

There was discussion about the McIver State Park Arena. Improvements and repairs will be expensive. There is also the question of maintenance and who will do it. A cost analysis is needed. A survey will be sent out to OET members regarding opinions on this project and projected usage.

Dates of Interest

May 21-27 – Graham Corral Campout – Trail Boss Deb DeLorenzo

June 21 – Howards Mills or Buckner Creel – Trail Boss Faith Roney

July 12 – Hardy Creek – Trail Bosses Brett and Sandy Branch

August 3 – Frog Lake – Trail Boss Susan High.
Frog Lake Parking Lot – 11:00 am – Bring a sack lunch.

September – TBD – Trail Boss Pam Duggan

October 18 – NVOET Breast Cancer Ride – Trail Boss Tamara Glover

October – Halloween Ride – Trail Boss Erin Shadder

November 28 – Black Friday Ride – Trail Bosses Shonda Smith and Tamara Glover

Non-Chapter Work Parties

May 16-20 – Timothy Lake with TRBCHO

June 25-30 – Quinn Meadow – OET – contact Matt Dolphin

Our next Chapter meeting will be June 3 at the Equestrian Picnic Shelter. McIver State Park, Estacada OR

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Need more info: Contact Rhonda Hjort 541-430-3453

Roseburg

A lot of work is being conducted this spring and planned for the summer. The primary focus of the Roseburg Chapter is utilizing volunteers to clear trails and make improvements to Mildred Kanipe Park, as well as using the Recreational Trails Grant to clear over 50 miles of trail at Kelsay Valley.

Kelsay Valley: A clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, to clean up the campground by removing dead trees, cutting brush, and performing general campsite maintenance. From June 20th to 22nd, Eugene Emerald Valley Chapter BCHO and Roseburg OET will commence trail clearing efforts. Starting in July, Roseburg OET will staff the camp with camp hosts for a duration of eight weeks. We encourage individuals to reserve their camping space for this summer and enjoy this campground.

Mildred Kanipe Park: On Tuesday, May 27th, eight members from OET and Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park cleared a trail of blackberries, brush, and poison oak at Mildred Kanipe Park. Additionally, four individuals removed fence posts and old field fencing from Mildred's Forest trail. The fence removal project began last June, with additional fencing still needing to be cleared in another work party. The morning was highly successful, marked by beautiful weather and excellent collaboration between service organizations.

Silver Falls

We did spring work parties at Santiam and Silver Falls. Both camps are ready for use but there may be some chain gates that need to be reinstalled at Santiam.

We have volunteers going to talk to the parks about their e- bike policy, and will report back soon. Fingers crossed!

Our annual Summer Solstice ride is June 20, ready to ride at 6 pm at Willamette mission. (the camp reservation said the camp was full that night , so no overnight available!)

Jeanne Antonucci has volunteered to head up a ride committee later this summer. Contact her if you can help set up rides, please!

We decided NOT to have meetings this summer! We will stay in contact through the google group as well as use of the roster to find riding buddies! See you in September or on the trail!

West Valley Chapter

Sheep Springs camp and trails are ready for the season. 15 logs were removed from trails south of camp toward Camp Sherman and several more removed from the Bear Valley trail. One last log pile was to be removed with help from Central Or chapter. We did some trail brushing and general camp cleanup and had a tasty potluck. About a dozen people came, we had beautiful weather and time for some very nice rides.

The Upper Nestucca trail has been cleared and the parking lot got a new load of gravel and was graded. Trails are dry enough to ride now.

Melissa gave a short presentation on her track system. An inner perimeter fence creates a ¼ mile track. Portable step in fence posts allow her to meter out the pasture grass each day, decreasing hay use and providing a lot more exercise for her 3 horses. Because they have different dietary needs she brings them in at night to feed separately. They move a lot, are fitter and happy to be out with their friends.



OET Trail Banner doing double duty as truck sun shade.

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Jamethiel Morse; member of PNER and the OET North Valley Chapter riding her mare Tarma at the 2024 Santiam Cascade endurance ride

photo by: Jala Neufeld

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Riders must return no later than 2 pm to turn in their results, Prizes awarded after 2 pm.

Shoes for horses recommended, Children are encouraged to wear helmets and dogs must be on a leash. (One player per horse.)

For Lunch, Enjoy a Taco Bar with all the necessary condiments as well as Street Corn and Refried Beans. Ice water, Pink Lemonade and treats provided, too!

Entry Fees: $30 per Rider; Children 12 Years and Under, $20; Cash or Check. Extra Poker Chip hands (maximum 3 extra), $5 each.

Prizes Awarded: Prizes awarded for Individuals or Teams with the most points in the Hunt, for First, Second and Third Place. Judges decisions are final. We will also have Poker Chip draws for other wonderful prizes as well as raffle ticket prizes for the 3rd chance drawings if you don't win in the first two categories, you may still win a prize! He's out there, I swear!

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Seeking Equestrian Representative for RTP Grants Advisory Committee

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking a volunteer to serve a three-year term as the Equestrian Representative on the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grants Advisory Committee starting in 2026.

The ten-member committee evaluates grant proposals for statewide trail projects. The committee meets once or twice a year, virtually or at locations throughout the state.

The time commitment varies and includes reviewing and evaluating 25 to 40 grant applications per year. Committee members serve three-year terms and are eligible to serve a second term.

Ideal candidates representing the interest of equestrian trail users can live anywhere in Oregon with experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Land management
- Recreation planning
- Trail planning or design
- Recreation related volunteerism, or
- A trail enthusiast who is uniquely qualified to evaluate statewide project proposals through other experience and involvement.

Those interested in serving must submit an RTP advisory committee interest form by June 30, 2025. The form is available online and includes more detailed information about serving on the committee: https://form.jotform.com/232364818278162

The competitive grant program is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and administered by OPRD. Grants are awarded to non-profits and government entities for motorized and non-motorized trail projects, including building new trails, improving existing trails and developing or improving trail facilities.

For more information about the advisory committee or application process, contact Jodi Bellefeuille, program coordinator, at Jodi.bellefeuille@oprd.oregon.gov or **503-856-6316.**

These equestrian opportunities do not come open very often.

Note From Kim McCarrel:

Hey, equestrians, here's an opportunity to apply for the equestrian position on the Recreational Trails Program grant committee. It's a great way to learn about how to apply for grants while helping to decide how RTP monies for all types of trails (urban, forest, bike, horse, hiker, motorcyle, snowmobile, etc.) are distributed. I've had this position for the last several years and had a blast. If you have questions about the time commitment, background needed, or any of that, please shoot me an email. And Becky Wolf had the position before me, so she can answer questions as well.



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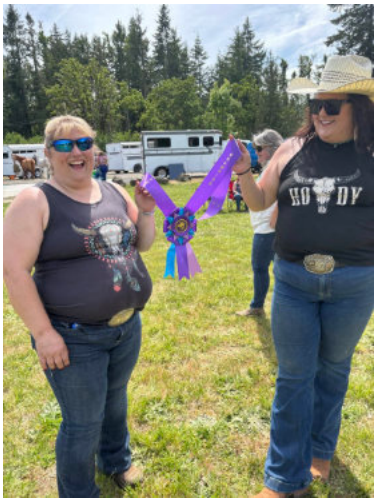
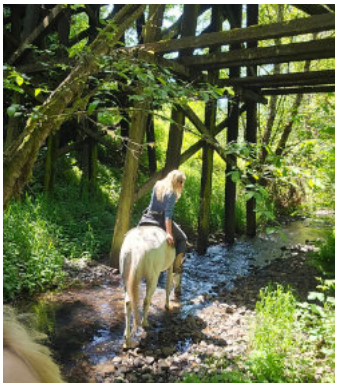




Participants and volunteers in Trail Blazer Ride at Elijah Bristow State Park



Roseburg OET teamed up with The Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park for a "mini work party". A short trail that was choked with hawthorn, poison oak and blackberries was opened way up. Pictures before and after clearing.



Riding at Stub Stewart State Park.

