Riders' Roundup



OET Members enjoying a trail ride in beautiful Central Oregon.

Ride with Us - Protect Oregon's Trails

Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, maintaining, and expanding access to horse trails and horse camps across the state. We are the unified voice for equestrians in Oregon.

Join a Community That Keeps Oregon Riding Strong

Across Oregon's forests, mountains, beaches and open spaces, equestrian trails and camps don't stay open by accident — they stay open because people like you speak up, show up, and ride together.

Protect What You Love. Be Part of Something Bigger

We advocate at the state and local level to keep trails open and accessible. When decisions are made about land use, we make sure equestrians are heard.

Ride More, Worry Less. Join other passionate riders

From trail clearing to campground improvements, our volunteers work year-round to maintain safe, enjoyable riding spaces.

Your Voice Matters

Public lands are constantly changing. Without a strong and organized equestrian presence, access can be reduced or lost. Together, we ensure that doesn't happen.

More Than Just Advocacy — It's Fun, Too!

Being part of OET means more than meetings and maintenance. It means:

- Organized group rides across Oregon
- Campouts and social events
- Trail challenges and recreational programs
- Volunteer projects that make a real impact

Ride with us! Checkout some of 2026 OET Chapter Sponsored Ride Activities:

June 6 Poker Ride, Sisters Cow Camp
June 6 Horse Camping Clinic, Williamette Mission State Park
June 23-29 OET State Work Party, Quinn Meadows Horse Camp
June 27 Poker Ride, Mildred Kanipe Park
June 28 Joker's Wild Poker Ride, TE ranch
July 3-5 Group Campout, Northrup Horse Camp
Aug 8-9 Group Campout, Wild Mare Horse Camp
Sept 26-28 Campout, Stagecoach Horse Camp

More ride details: **OregonEquestrianTrails.org/calendar**

Sign up and Join us at:

OregonEquestrianTrails.org/membership/registration/

NORTHRUP CREEK HORSE CAMP



Come ride with us!

GROUP HORSE CAMPING TRIPS

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Northrup Creek Horse Camp with North Coast Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) this summer! Enjoy miles of maintained trails over streams, through forests, and along logging roads; plus a small obstacle course.



MAY 22-25	**MEMORIAL WEEKEND** Dutch Oven Potluck
JULY 3-5	**JULY 4TH WEEKEND** Parade, Bunko, BBQ Potluck
SEPT 4-7	**LABOR DAY WEEKEND** Scavenger Hunt Ride

Campsites are limited and require advanced reservation online at www.tinyurl.com/NorthrupCreek

Clatsop State Forest, NW Oregon

Have a question? Email **Ashley.Lertora@gmail.com**

FB Group: North Coast Oregon Equestrian Trails

Mark Your Calendar JUNE 23-29th!

Quinn Meadow!

OREGON EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

LIFE IS BEST WHEN YOU'RE Camping

~Trail Maintenance Parties every day~

Come for one day or come for all

contact email: vpfieldservices@myoet.org

Please join in for our annual all members campout and trail clearing party!

Plan ahead and get a free campsite.

Sawyers, clippers, draggers, swampers are all needed.

Nightly Potluck and campfire songs!

Best of all, bring your horse!

Coastal Horse Camping



OREGON EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

OET Campout hosted by South Coast Chapter

August 8 & 9, 2026

Wild Mare Horse Camp in Siuslaw National Forest, North Bend, OR

Facilities: 12 horse sites with corrals, potable water, vault toilets, picnic tables, firepit

Wild Mare Horse Camp is nestled within the scenic Siuslaw National Forest near North Bend, Oregon. The camp offers a unique opportunity to explore the southern end of the Oregon Dunes and the beautiful Oregon coast beach. Campers are invited to ride through trails among shore pines, Douglas fir, and huckleberry that lead out to the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy camping under a canopy of alder and spruce, while experiencing the spectacular landscape of the Oregon coast.

Reservations: recreation.gov

Information: **Valerie Lantz** 541-290-8194 | **Kellie Beaston** 775-221-5535 | **Kimi Larkin** 541-321-2092

Come join us for a

Poker Ride

at Sisters Cow Camp in Sisters, Oregon

Saturday June 6th





Registration starts Saturday morning at 9:00 AM
First rider out at 9:30 AM, last rider out at 11:00 AM

First poker hand is $15
Additional hands are $5 each

CASH AND PRIZES TO WINNERS

Proceeds go to the Central Oregon Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trail's Mission - clearing trails, maintaining horse camps, and representing rider's concerns using public lands

Lunch available for purchase
For more information contact
Brenda Coats 541-280-3849

Directions to Sisters Cow Camp

*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**.*

*OET operates under a special use permit with the Deschutes National Forest, who is an equal opportunity outdoor recreation service provider



President

Melissa McLaughlin



I had such a good trip to Sheep Springs Horse Camp in April for the annual work party. Packing for myself—with all the necessities for sleeping in my truck and cooking outside—plus food, water, and gear for my horse seemed to take a week of preparation. We had a good, efficient work party where many hands made light work. Time for some great rides, conversations around the campfire, and a rousing dice game after dinner made for a very enjoyable trip. Then, of course, there were several days of cleaning up and putting everything away once I got home. It was worth every minute.

One of my longest-term friends and I take a trip together each summer, and this year I thought it would be nice and relaxing to camp in the forest near a beautiful lake. She isn't a horse person, but I figured that renting a yurt would make it feel more like glamping and she'd enjoy it.

Well, at the last minute she called and said that no running water inside the yurt and a nearby pit toilet were a hard pass for her—too many unknowns and too many "iffy" situations. She offered to find an Airbnb instead (and even pay for it) if I was willing to drop the camping idea. Of course I agreed. The friendship is far more important than where we stay.

Still, I have to admit I was surprised that someone could be uncomfortable with what I considered fairly simple accommodations. It made me realize how accustomed many of us in OET have become to packing what we need, adapting to circumstances, and being comfortable with a little inconvenience. Horse people are particularly good at that. After all, when you bring a horse along, dealing with the unexpected is part of the experience. Horses see the world through a different lens than we do. Their keen senses and independent minds guarantee that not everything will go according to plan. We learn to adjust, improvise, and keep moving forward. All of this gave me a renewed appreciation for my OET friends—the people who don't mind packing light, getting a little dirty, sleeping in a tent or trailer, pitching in at a work party, or making do when things don't go exactly as planned.

OET runs on people like you.

People who ride with a folding saw or clippers. People who volunteer at events, serve on committees, welcome new members, and help maintain the trails and camps we all enjoy. People who don't give up when the job is bigger than expected and who understand that sometimes the best memories come from the things that didn't go according to plan. You are a can-do, make-do, figure-it-out kind of group. You give back, work hard, laugh often, and leave things a little better than you found them.

Thank you for that. Thank you for the miles you've ridden, the hours you've volunteered, the friendships you've built, and the community you've created. Thanks for being my tribe.

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BLM Rescinds the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule

In early May, the Bureau of Land Management officially rescinded an administrative rule that put conservation issues on an equal footing with grazing, logging, mining, and energy development. The Conservation and Landscape Health Rule had required BLM officials to consider watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and ecosystem restoration in land management decisions.

BLM has now decided, however, that protecting millions of acres from industrial development and the effects of climate change would limit access to lands traditionally used for grazing, resource development, and other "productive" uses.

Why Recreational Users Care

The rescinded BLM rule had limited motorized vehicle (including off-highway vehicle) access to backcountry routes, dispersed camping sites, and hunting access roads. Organizations representing motorized off-road recreation have praised the decision to rescind the rule.

Organizations representing conservation and quiet recreation warn that rescinding the rule could increase pressure from industrial development and reduce protection for sensitive landscapes. They argue that healthy ecosystems are directly tied to high-quality recreation experiences.

For horseback riders and backcountry campers across the US, the long-term effects may include:

- Increased oil and gas leasing near recreation areas
- Expanded mining or timber operations
- Greater habitat fragmentation
- More road construction and vehicle traffic
- Reduced protection for wildlife corridors and watersheds
- Increased crowding or noise in previously protected areas

What Happens Next?

Although the federal rule has been rescinded, land management decisions still occur at the local and regional level through BLM field offices, travel management plans, resource management plans, and environmental reviews.

That means access and conservation outcomes will likely vary from one region to another.

In some areas, recreational users could see fewer restrictions on motorized use. In others, conflicts between recreation, conservation, grazing, and energy development may intensify.

The rollback also does not eliminate existing protections such as:

- Wilderness areas
- National monuments
- Wilderness study areas
- Endangered species protections
- National conservation areas
- Existing travel management plans

The Future of Public Lands

The rescission of the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule reflects a broader political debate about the purpose of America's public lands.

One side argues federal lands should prioritize conservation, ecological restoration, and climate resilience in response to habitat loss, drought, wildfire, and declining biodiversity.

The other argues public lands were always intended for multiple uses — including grazing, timber production, mining, energy development, and recreation — and that conservation should not override public access or local economic activity.

For OET members, the practical reality is that public land policy directly shapes where we can ride and what we're likely to encounter on the trail.

The views and opinions expressed by our members and contributing authors to *Riders' Roundup* may be personal and may not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of Oregon Equestrian Trails as a whole.

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.

VP Marketing Outreach



Collette Hayes

Oregon Equestrian Trails continues to grow and thrive as we find new ways to connect with horse communities across our state. Our outreach efforts, promotional events, and member involvement are helping bring new energy and new people into our 56-year-old nonprofit organization.

You are a big part of this success. Our growth comes from inclusiveness, outreach, fresh ideas, and members willing to step forward and help shape the future of OET.

Thank you for being a part of Oregon Equestrian Trails!

Have a fabulous summer!

VP of Field Service



Matt Dolphin

Quinn Meadow Work Party Is Almost Here

OET's annual Quinn Meadow trail work party is coming up June 23–28, and we have a great crew of volunteers getting ready to head to Central Oregon for a week of trail clearing, camp camaraderie, and time in the saddle.

Quinn Meadow Horse Camp, located near Mt. Bachelor in the Deschutes National Forest, is one of those special places that reminds us why this work matters. The area offers beautiful scenery, gentle trails, access to creeks and lakes, and a welcoming camp atmosphere that makes it a favorite for many OET members.

This year's crew is close to full, but we may still have room for another sawyer or two to help with trail clearing. If you have sawyer experience and are interested in joining the work party, please reach out as soon as possible.

The week will include a mix of volunteer trail work, riding, visiting with fellow members, and enjoying camp life together. We are also planning a potluck celebration on Friday, June 26. It will be a great chance to gather, share a meal, recognize the work being done, and enjoy the company of the OET community.

A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up or helped make this event possible. These work parties are about more than clearing trails. They are about stewardship, friendship, and showing up for the places we love to ride.

For questions, or to check whether there is still room to participate, contact: Matt Dolphin, OET VP of Field Services, vpfieldservices@oregonequestriantrails.org

Why We Choose Quinn Meadows for Our State Work Party

By Collette Hayes and Kim McCarrel

Have you ever wondered why we consistently hold our state work party at Quinn Meadows? Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) built and maintains this exceptional horse camp and its surrounding trails in partnership with the Deschutes National Forest Service and Deschutes Recreation.

This premier horse camp offers fantastic riding opportunities, with numerous lakes as destinations and breathtaking views. Additionally, it provides access to the Metolius-Windigo Trail. Quinn Meadows is truly a campground that OET can be proud of! Let's all contribute when we can for this annual gathering and work party.

State OET adopted Quinn Meadows horse camp and its trails many years ago during the time we, members from many chapters, helped construct it back in the late '70s or early '80s. Our chapters have also adopted other horse camps throughout the state, but Quinn was specifically adopted by the state organization for everyone.

We actively recruit volunteers from all over the state to uphold our commitment to Quinn, just as our various chapters invite one another to assist with their respective horse camp responsibilities.

In OET's early days, there were few horse camps near our major metropolitan areas. At that time, members from the valley adopted various horse camps in Central Oregon, as they were among the few available. For instance, Eugene adopted Graham Corral and Whitefish, West Valley took on Sheep Springs, and Mid Valley adopted Cultus, among others. Now there are many more horse camps and trails closer to metro areas.

Winter Riding Challenge

OET Members clocked well over 400 hours for January, February, and March!

With all the beautiful weather many of us are having, not alot of folks had the time to send in their hours! There was likely a lot more riding and outdoor activities so far this year!

2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Chapter	Event	Location	Information
June					
Jun 1	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Jun 6		Central Oregon	Ride	Sisters Cow Camp	Jimmerson Trail Poker Ride. Contact Gayla Nelson darq69@gmail.com
Jun 6		North Valley	Special	Mission State Park Equestrian Campground	Contact: northvalleyoff@oregonequestriantrails.org
Jun 13		North Valley	Ride	Howards Mill	Trail Boss: Faith Roney Contact: northvalleyoff@oregonequestriantrails.org
Jun 15-22		Roseburg	Work Party	Kelsay Valley Horse Camp	Trail Clearing. Contact Kyle Miller kyletheelkhunter@gmail.com
Jun 17	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
Jun 17	11:00AM - 2:00PM	Northwest	Ride	Rogers Camp Trailhead Saddle Mountain Rd. Gales Creek	Boots in stirrups at 11am No host lunch following ride
Jun 20	11:00AM - 2:00PM	Northwest	Ride	Rogers Camp Trailhead Saddle Mountain Rd. Gales Creek	Boots in stirrups at 11am No host lunch following ride
Jun 21	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Silver Falls	Ride	Williamette Mission State Park	Summer Soltice Ride
Jun 23-28		State	Work Party	Quinn Meadows Horse Camp, Bend	Help clear those awesome trails up at Quinn Meadows. Come for one day or come for all! It's up to you and it is free camping. Contact Matt as it gets closer. vpfieldservices@myoet.org
Jun 27	10:30AM Start	Columbia County	Ride	Stub Stewart State Park Buxton Trailhead	Contact Trail Boss Nancy 503-875-4699
Jun 27	9:00AM - 11:00AM	Roseburg	Ride	Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park, Oakland	Poker Ride. First rider out at 9:00 a.m., last rider out at 11:00 a.m. Lunch and drinks available by donation.
Jun 28		Mid-Valley	Ride	TE Ranch, Philomath	Jokers Wild Ride. PokerRideInfo@gmail.com
July					
Jul 1	9:00AM - 2:00PM	North Valley	Special	Molalla	Contact: northvalleyoff@oregonequestriantrails.org
Jul 3-5		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, 87644 Northrup Creek Rd, Clatskanie	Celebrate 20 years of NCHC! Coastal woodlands camp with water, no electricity. Trails include hills and gravel roads, boots or shoes recommended. Dutch Oven potluck.

Jul 6	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Jul 11		North Valley	Ride	Hardy Creek	Trail Boss: Brent and Sandy Branch
Jul 11		Roseburg	Work Party		Fish Packing. Tentative Date roseburgoff@myoet.org
Jul 12		Roseburg	Work Party		PCT Cleanup roseburgoff@myoet.org
Jul 15	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
Jul 15-22		North Valley	Campout	Whitefish Horse Campground	Contact: northvalleyoff@oregonequestriantrails.org
Jul 25	10:30AM Start	Columbia County	Ride	Reehers	Contact Trail Boss Nancy 503-875-4699
August					
Aug 3	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Aug 8-9		South Coast	Campout	Wild Mare Horse Camp North Bend	
Aug 19	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
Aug 22	10:00AM - 2:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 628-400-8556 PIN 573 588 208#	State Board Meeting. Santiam Horse Camp.
Aug 29	10:30AM Start	Columbia County	Ride	Camp Wilkerson	Contact Trail Boss Nancy 503-875-4699
September					
Sep 7		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp 87644 Northrup Creek Rd Clatskanie	Celebrate 20 years of NCHC! Woodland camp with water, no electricity. Trails include hills and gravel roads, boots or shoes recommended. A scavenger hunt will be offered this weekend!
Sep 7	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Sep 16	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
Sep 19	10:30AM Start	Columbia County	Ride	Ft. Stevens, Delaura Bech	Contact Trail Boss Nancy 503-875-4699
Sep 26-27		Columbia County	Campout	Stage Coach Campground	Contact Trail Boss Nancy 503-875-4699

October					
Oct 5	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Oct 17	8:00AM - 1:30PM	Public	Special	Clackamas Co. Fair & Event Center 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby	Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale. New and used tack & other horse-related items. Parking $5, admission $1 per person.
Oct 17		North Valley	Ride	McIver State Park	Trail Boss: Tamara Glover
Oct 21	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
November					
Nov 2	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Nov 7	6:00PM - 8:00PM	North Valley	Potluck	Tamarind Ranch, 19665 S Lyons Rd City 97045	Contact: northvalleyoff@oregonequestriantrails.org
Nov 18	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
December					
Dec 7	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/iqw-kjtu-tuc
Dec 16	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup 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.

Upcoming Dates & Locations - OET State Board Meetings

August 22, 2026 — Santiam Horse Camp, Gates, Highway 22

November 21, 2026 — Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD) Meeting Room, Eugene

January 23, 2027 — Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet. Roth's Fresh Market, Salem

January 24 2027 — 1st Qtr Meeting.Roth's Fresh Market, Salem

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OET Tech Corner

Meet Your Free "Digital Ranch Hand"

By Marty DeVall, OET Web Master

Many of us use our phone's primarily for everyday tasks—sending text messages to family, checking the local weather forecast, or snapping a quick picture of our horses on the trail. But your smartphone has a hidden, powerful capability that can act like a highly educated assistant standing right beside you in the barn, the pasture, or at the trailer.

You don't need a background in computers or a fancy technology degree to use A.I. In fact, if you know how to download a simple game or weather app from the Apple App Store, you already possess the skills needed to install a free digital assistant on an Iphone. This tool is ready to help you research everything from a strange pasture weed to a dense, complicated truck manual. Most Android devices, including all Pixel and Samsung models, include Gemini automatically.

Installing the App on Your IPhone

To bring this technology to your phone, we are going to use an official, completely free app created by Google called **Google Gemini**. Think of it as a conversational partner that has memorized nearly every horse training book, veterinary article, and trail guide ever written.

Since Apple does not currently have a native AI system, it must be added manually to IPhones.Follow these exact steps to get it set up:

1. **Open the App Store:** Look at your iPhone's home screen and tap the bright blue icon with a white letter **"A"**.

2. **Go to Search:** Tap the small magnifying glass icon labeled **"Search"** located in the very bottom right-hand corner of your screen.

3. **Type the Name:** Tap the gray search bar at the very top of the screen, type in the words **Google Gemini**, and hit the blue **"Search"** button on your on-screen keyboard.

4. **Identify the Right App:** Look down the search results for the official app by Google LLC. It features a clean, white background with a colorful blue and purple four-pointed star logo.

5. **Download:** Tap the cloud icon or the button that says **"Get"** next to the logo. To confirm the free download, your iPhone may ask you to double-click the physical button on the right side of your phone, or it may scan your face or thumbprint for security.

6. **Open and Sign In:** Once the download wheel finishes, tap **"Open."** The app will ask you to sign in. Since you already use a personal account for things like gmail or Google Sheets, your email address will likely pop up automatically. Simply tap your personal email address to log in securely.

Showing the AI Your Horse's Issue

The real magic of having an A.I. assistant on your phone isn't just typing questions back and forth—it's the fact that you can **show it photos or attach documents** to explain exactly what you are looking at.

When you open your new Gemini app, you will see a text box at the very bottom of the screen where you can type. Right next to that text box is a critical button labeled **"Add files"** (it may look like a small plus sign or folder icon depending on your updates). When you tap **"Add files,"** a menu will slide up from the bottom offering you three main options: **Camera**, **Gallery**, and **Files**.

Scenario 1: From Your Windows PC to Your Phone

Let's say your vet emailed you a dense, 5-page PDF document detailing your horse's recent bloodwork results, or you downloaded a heavy trailer brake manual onto your home Windows computer. You want the AI to read it, but the file is sitting on your PC.

- **The Bridge:** The easiest way to move that file to your iPhone is to send a quick email to yourself. Open your email on your Windows PC, attach the PDF document, and mail it to your own personal email address. Next, open that email on your iPhone, tap the document attachment, and save it to your phone's built-in **"Files"** app.
- **The Action:** Open your Gemini app, tap the **"Add files"** button, select the option labeled **Files**, and tap on your saved document.
- **What to Ask:** In the text box, type: "*I have attached a PDF of my horse's lab results. Can you read this and explain what 'elevated fibrinogen' means in plain English for an everyday horse owner?*" Within seconds, the AI will scan the entire document and give you a simple, jargon-free summary of the text.

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Leaving a Lasting Impression: OET Horseshoe Trail Signs

By Rory Hammond, Past OET President and Columbia County Chair

A request was passed on to me about the Horseshoe brand sign used by the Columbia County Chapter. Shawn Sawyer was seeking any information about a brand made by her father, and used for OET signs. Her note touched my soul. Its little acts of collaboration that make lasting impressions and inspire people. But I thought I would share this bit of OET history.

In 2006, as Chapter Chair, I had 3 goals, the creation of Dibble Point Horse trail, Development of Camp Wilkerson, and the creation of a Horseback trail at the CZ. (Crown Zellerbach trail).

While working at Dibble Point, it became very apparent that signs were needed. In my horse travels around Oregon, I saw horseshoes used for all kinds of advertisement. It was my idea to use a horseshoe as a OET chapter directional sign. They could be easily mounted and pointed in any direction. While brainstorming the idea with Terry Coffee, the Chapter Secretary, she added the "arrow" inside. While talking about how to make a branding Iron at a chapter meeting, Bob Chrest (Shawn's dad) volunteered to make them! I was so impressed by the quality of the work, I asked that he make more and I gave one to every chapter in the state.

A branded sign was first used at Dibble Point. I branded the first few signs. Then Ron Ball came over and started to mass produce signs. He did a better job of burning them. We first added signs at Dibble Point, then later Camp Wilkerson. Many signs where branded on 1X6 pieces, most of the signs were branded on 2X4 pieces.

After a few years, It became apparent that the signs would fade and became hard to see. As we added more trails, It became difficult to differentiate what trail, So in 2015 We switched to plastic, using different background colors to represent different trail routes.



I have lost track of the Irons that our Chapter used. Ron used to have one at his house. And I know that I passed mine on to my successor. The branding iron was a great motivational and organizing tool, symbolizing direction and should be included in OET folklore.



The very first picture of the directional horseshoe sign in use at Dibble Point.

Another Horseshoe Brand



Marty Devall has an OET branding iron that the North Valley chapter made for the Clackamas Lake CG corral project from 2008 to 2010. It was also used at Milo McIver State Park on eight mounting blocks around the trail.

This picture shows Gary Sischo branding the end of the corral rails.

For more detail of Clackamas Lake Corral Project see https://www.oregonequestriantrails.org/clackamas-lake-corral-project/

From Skittish to Safe: How to Build Your Horse's Confidence

By Collette Hayes, VP Marketing

Helping your horse become safer and more confident takes time, patience, and consistency. A "bombproof" horse is not created overnight, but with thoughtful training and exposure, you can greatly improve your horse's confidence and reactions to unfamiliar situations.

Always remember to ask "why" when your horse reacts to something. Horses are prey animals, and many fears come from instinct. By using baby steps — and sometimes even taking a step backward in training — you help your horse learn that scary things do not have to be dangerous. Your goal is to build trust and reassure your horse that you will help keep them safe.

The more exposure a horse receives, the better prepared they are to handle new experiences without overreacting. Of course, every horse is different. Some horses are naturally more reactive than others, but consistent exposure and calm handling can help smooth out those reactions over time.

While there are many training methods and opinions in the horse world, a few proven basics remain at the heart of developing a safer, more reliable horse:

1. Build Trust
2. Provide Exposure
3. Repeat Consistently
4. Practice Patience

And not always in that order.

Most importantly, think ahead and try to end every training session on a positive note. Even small successes build confidence for both horse and rider, creating a stronger partnership one step at a time.







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OET Tech Corner

Scenario 2: The Pasture Photo Check

Imagine you are out at the barn and notice a strange, crusty patch on your horse's hind leg, or you find a mystery weed growing along your fence line.

- **The Action:** Open the Gemini app, tap **"Add files,"** and select the **Camera** option. Hold your phone steady, snap a clear, well-lit photograph of the issue, and tap "Use Photo."
- **What to Ask:** In the text box, type: "*My horse has this crusty patch on his lower leg after a long, muddy trail ride. What common conditions look like this, and what are standard over-the-counter washing steps for it?*" The AI will look closely at the image, cross-reference it against millions of veterinary examples, and give you a detailed breakdown of possibilities (like rain rot or scratches) and standard care routines.

OET Safety Reminder: Remember, your pocket assistant is an excellent tool for brainstorming, understanding confusing documents, and preparing for the vet's visit, but it never replaces a licensed professional. Use it to build a smart list of questions before the vet arrives, ensuring you can protect your horse, your peace of mind, and your trail-riding legacy.

Note: The capabilities of these AI tools are changing rapidly every few months, so what we use and learn now will likely be quite different by next year.

European Horse Rally - Trail Riding Cup Event

This submission is from an article written by Jackie Decker.. Since 2003, Jackie Decker has taught people to create harmony with the horse, which results in the horse choosing to flow with their intention and body language.

Jackie attended an annual trail riding cup event in Hamburg, Germany.

The competition focuses on three main things:

1. Horsemanship,
2. The harmony between the two partners (horse and rider) and
3. Learning how to navigate through the forest and in public with a horse.

The difference from "normal" horse events is that "winning" is not just coming in first. The scoring to determine the "BEST" reflects good horsemanship, harmony with your horse and handling your horse safely.

There are three different categories of participants, to reach the broadest number of people who have horses.

1. Riders, where the human rides their horse.
2. Hikers, where the human walks their horse, (either because the horse is not able to be ridden yet, is too small, or too old or just doesn't want to be ridden.) This is a great way for someone to introduce green horses to trails or to include an elderly horse who is not physically able to still be ridden, allowing them all to have fun without stress!
3. People who drive the horses. Not every pre-event offers all three categories.

Horses have to be at least four years old.

Children may participate, but on the trail they need to be accompanied by a guardian (their parent or somebody assigned by their parent.) Children are given an easier written exam and easier trail course obstacles.

Each participant has to do all three parts of the event.

1. Written Test

The day starts with a written exam. Test questions focus on knowledge about the basics of the horses, and their safety. This could be anatomy, basic knowledge about horse training, and the care of horses. There are also questions about first aid, and how to behave on a trail ride, navigating trails when you ride in unknown places, or poisonous plants you might find on a trail ride. The test is designed to help the participant become more knowledgeable about things that help in daily life with a horse.

2. Riding

The participants have to navigate through a forest or a trail. Riders, hikers and the people driving the horses have different lengths of trails. A hiker will not hike as far as a rider. The trail ride for a rider will be around 15 to 18 km, while a hiker will do between 10 to 12 km.

In the beginning, each participant gets a map with the route they have to take. The actual trail is not marked because it is important for people to learn to read a map and navigate. They are allowed to use help, for example, you can use apps on your cell phone.

An equipment and health test for the horse is performed before a participant can start on the trail. Participants are supposed to pack as if they would go on a day's ride with a horse. So people need to have bags that contain first aid kits, a halter and lead line for the horse, snacks and water for the people, and a hoof pick.

Focus is on safety and that you have everything you need in case of emergency.

Participants always start in teams of two or more so nobody does the trail alone.

During the trail ride there are multiple stations with short fun games, like carrying an egg on a wooden spoon as you slalom, ring riding, a memory game on times with your horse or sorting out different toxic plants and naming them. Those games are supposed to be fun and lighten the mood and also collect points for your final individual score.

In the middle of the trail,there is a station where people can get little snacks, take a break, have water for the horses, and just relax a bit before they finish the last half of the ride.

3: Trail Course

After returning from the trail ride, participants go through a basic obstacle trail course containing obstacles such as opening and closing a gate, leg yielding over poles, doing a slalom with the horse, weaving cones at a trot, having the reins in one hand or carrying a balloon while riding or crossing a tarp.

Each obstacle is judged by the way the participant and horse overcome the obstacle. We want everything to be harmonious and pro-horse. If you know your horse

doesn't know how to do the obstacle, they don't have to do it. For example, if your horse doesn't like a tar,p and therefore doesn't go over the tarp, it is better to tell the judge that for harmonious riding or because it's better for my horse, I will go around the tarp, or just pass it on a loose rein. You won't earn full points, but the judge will give you points. By contrast, if you force your horse and your horse spooks or jumps away or doesn't do the tarp anyway, that will not be harmonious and you won't get any points at all for that obstacle.

At the end of the event, all the points the participants made from the written exam, the trail (points from the judges & the games on the trail), and the trail course.

An awards Ceremony follows.

The goal of this event is to make sure that everybody has a good time, learns more about horse safety, and how to help their horse overcome obstacles. Participants build bonds with other horsemen and feel appreciated for their effort. We also like to show the other participants, and people that watch the cup, what is possible if you create a good relationship with your horse.

This approach to horse competition helps

- build equine knowledge and skills,
- cooperation with your horse and,
- a sense of fun and camaraderie, shared by the young and inexperienced up to the old and infirm.



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Stub Stewart State Park Multi Chapter Prize Ride

By Collette Hayes, Northwest Chapter

What a great and successful event we had. Many thanks to all the members involved! We had 5 chapters, 26 volunteers and over 70 prizes which included many prizes that were gleaned from local businesses thanks to several members that worked hard to get those. Our Chapter Chair Melissa Wolf got some unusual prizes including a Chocolate Bar experience, OMSI tickets, Langers Farms and more. New NW member Kylee brought a cake to celebrate this 1st Stub Stewart Prize ride! Delina cut the cake and it was shared with everyone. Shawna kept things moving as our raffle ticket caller.

Thank you to the 19 Northwest members, North Coast; Ashley & Linda, North Valley: Deb, Faith and Jane, Columbia County: Nancy and West Valley's new member Marianne Sharp! We had so much fun, we will likely do it again next year!









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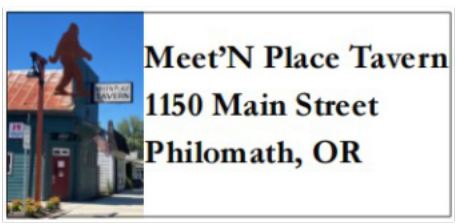


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Chapter	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact
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Columbia County Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Warren Moose Lodge 57317 Old Portland Rd. Warren, OR	Bob Rice columbiacounty@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 366-3736**
Eugene Chapter	*New Day!* Third Tuesday Speaker: 6:30PM Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	EPUD Meeting Room 33733 Seavey Loop Rd. Eugene	Mary Kamm eugene@oregonequestriantrails.org **(607) 434-5295**
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) 913-2943**
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	Melissa Wolf northwest@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 550-2048**
Roseburg Chapter	*New Day!* Fourth Thursday 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	Kimi Larkin southcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 321-2092**
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	Kim Grabill westvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 538-0679**

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

Our May meeting included the addition of seven new chapter members and a presentation by Tracy Trotter, firefighter and paramedic, about medical emergencies on the trail.

Three work parties occurred in May to mark trails in the Ochocos, as well as a campout and work party there May 23-25. Pat Marquis continues to lead the charge creating and signing the Sisters Trails Additions and Realignments (STAR) project connecting Whispering Pine Horse Camp to Sisters Cow Camp. We all will enjoy the benefits of these endeavors this summer. Copious thanks to Pat and all of his dedicated volunteers.

Suzanne Heskett's Duck Hunt featured beautiful weather, lots of happy riders, and 120 ducks perched in trees along the Marquis Trail from Sisters Cow Camp. Brenda Coats is graciously spearheading our Poker Ride on Saturday, June 6th at Cow Camp. A reminder that there is no water provided there yet, so bring your own and refill at the Sisters Forest Service office.

Camille Wood's posting of events on our chapter Facebook page has garnered many positive interactions and, in April, 159 new followers, as well as encouraging riders to join our chapter.

Apparently, social media works!





Lunch break on Ochocos work party.



Placing the ducks



Duck Hunters

Left: Mona Steinberg giving her in the Ochocos

Columbia County Chapter

We are a very busy crew, small but mighty! Our chapter does all it can to get the message of OET out to the public. We have joined the Chamber of Commerce and have our first Meet and Greet scheduled June 5th at the Chamber of Commerce 2194 Columbia Blvd in St. Helens. Our banner is up on the Chamber's railing! This helps us to know and be known by more community business members.

We are "finishing up" this year's maintenance tasks at Camp Wilkerson - filling corrals with sand and trails with needed gravel, as well as doing the last (well last for NOW anyway) trimming on the trails. All trees have been cleared from the trails. The CC Parks Dept has hired a second host to help Annette and Chuck at the park. We welcome them!

We are planning to partner with the CC Parks Dept to put on a Halloween event at Wilkerson, including trick-or-treating (a people event, no horses). Parks has asked us to join them as volunteers on several upcoming events in CC, and we are pleased to provide support. We will be volunteering at the Crown-Zellerbach Trail Run on June 27, as well as helping at this new Wilkerson Halloween event. The Parks Department is also hoping to have a Movie in the Park at Wilkerson June 21 or 22. This is in the planning stage.

Our own Dibblee Beach Halloween Trick-or-Treat Ride is planned for Oct 3rd. Start thinking of your costumes now!

We are happy to report success with our monthly chapter rides: this month we rode at the Nehalem Divide on the CZ trail. Join us next month at Whipplee Creek in WA.

Camp Wilkerson is using a new reservation system, switching from Reserve America to Firefly. If you have made reservations you may want to check to be sure they transferred correctly to the new system.

Please feel free to contact our chapter to arrange for a volunteer trail guide, as availability permits. We love our Wilkerson trails and horse camp and really love sharing.

Eugene Chapter

Our speaker for the month was Jackie Decker who gave a slideshow and presentation on European Horse Rallies. She attended such an event put on by her former exchange student in Hamburg, Germany. The focus of these popular events held throughout the country is on: horsemanship, the harmony between the two partners (horse and rider) and learning how to navigate through the forest and in public with a horse. These events are open to riders, walkers, and carriages and include both people who can no longer ride as well as horses who can no longer be ridden. It is a fun, educational experience which includes both a written test as well as a timed, judged trail course. For walkers, the course is 11-12 kilometers (6.8-7.4 miles). The course is 15-20 kilometers (9.3-12.4 miles). In addition to strengthening harmony between people and their horses, the event also serves as a way to increase interest in trail riding. The event was limited to 36 participants with about 10 volunteers and 2 judges who also volunteered their time.

Dani gave a report on the Bristow Bingo Ride held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Elijah Bristow State Park. There were 37 riders; 24 who bought bingo cards and 13 people who joined OET and were given bingo cards. About half of the income came from the sale of bingo cards and half from the silent auction. There were 11 volunteers from the club, plus Collette Hayes, OET VP of Marketing Outreach. Dani moved and the motion was passed to gift Collette a gas card for giving up her day and helping the club get so many new members.

Della Webb, Ann Moser, Julie Bruck, and Rachel Herrick volunteered at Mount Pisgah Arboretum's Wildflower Festival on May 17th. They had both OET and BCH posters, brochures and flyers.

June 6th is Oregon State Parks Day, featuring free day-use parking for Oregon residents. Leslie noted that any OET member volunteering 100 hours or more for OET will receive an Oregon State Park annual pass.

Our next meeting is June 16th at EPUD. Our speaker is Dr. Anne Swartz, a certified homeopathic veterinarian.

For July and August, we will have potlucks and rides at Elijah Bristow State Park. Potluck starts at 6:30 pm. Ride before or after the potluck. July's potluck and ride will have a Hawaiian Theme…wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt and bring a Luau themed potluck dish.

Mt. Hood Chapter

Members are getting their rigs and horses (and ourselves) into shape for the summer riding and camping season. Our May Chapter meeting hosted Pat and Nikki James of Outlaw Enterprises. They gave an excellent presentation on safe hauling practices, including emergency preparedness and supplies for trailers, vehicles, and horses. Pat and Nikki also gave us an idea of the services they offer at their shop, as well as for equine burial on designated properties, since equine rendering operations have been discontinued in Oregon.

Our annual "Play Day" was held on May 16, with 10 riders/drivers competing for fun and prizes. Sue Gillilan and her mustang, "Sai", were the champions again this year.

The first "official" MHOET camping trip was over the Memorial Day weekend at Stub Stewart State Park. Everyone enjoyed the riding, food and fellowship, and great weather!

Our annual "Puppies and Ponies" event at the Sandy River Delta will be held June 13. As this area (a.k.a. "The Thousand Acres") is multi-use, our event gives hikers and dog owners a chance to meet horses and minis, and learn about safely sharing the trail.







Participants enjoying Mt. Hood Play Day

North Coast Chapter

We had a wonderful work party at our ODF Northrup Creek Horse Camp in mid May. Though it had rained over two inches the days before, 12 intrepid members donned rain gear and didn't let the clouds daunt them. At it was, the sky was extremely kind and sprinkled us only lightly. We were able to mow the meadow area and weed whack around the trail obstacles, rake the campsites and clear the day use and camp area trails. The camp is now open for the season and looks great! One member did a short hike up the east ridge and found several trees across the trail so expect the trails to get cleared in the next few weeks. We are hosting a campout Memorial Day weekend and hope folks can join us for a dutch oven potluck on Saturday, May 24.

Members Ashley Lertora and Linda Brim helped with Northwest Chapter's prize ride at Stub Stewart earlier in the month. They reported it was great fun, well-attended and beautifully organized. Most impressive were all the volunteers who showed up and made it happen! We have loaned them our large event tents since we hadn't used them in years. Glad they can be of use. Way to go NW!!

Ashley L. will host our second 20th anniversary of Northrup Creek over July 4th weekend. She is organizing a BBQ potluck and a bunko game session that weekend. Mark it on your calendars and come join a terrific camp, great trails, and super camaraderie!

A suggestion was posed to ponder some fund raising in the future. We will look into gift wrapping over the winter holidays at a few local Astoria retail outlets. Some members had success with such in the past.

Hoping for rain so we all can get plenty of hay, but not so much rain that it puts a long kibosh on trail riding, here's to a long and fun spring!





NCOET members attacking long meadow grass at Northrup Creek HC Replenishing the spirit and body with good food and good company at the end of the NCOET work party.

North Valley Chapter

NVOET held their meeting on May 5 at Jimmy O's Pizzeria in Oregon City OR.

Our speaker was Marion Griffith. She is our liaison with Port Blakley lands. Her website is "Oregon Trails: Restore, Ride, and Hike." Areas she advocates for are Olson/Unger (Port Blakley), Howard's Mill, and some BLM areas nearby. Her advice to keep these areas open to equestrians: Be respectful of trails. Though they are open year-round, please avoid steep and boggy areas during inclement weather. It is great that the land managers allow us to ride in these areas.

Chapter Chair Brett Branch attended the State Meeting. He reported that OET is not taking an official position on the Riley Park issue, as to usage.

The private property was managed by a trust, designated for equestrian and hiker use, but the land has been transferred to Chehalem Parks and Recreation in Newberg.

See the May Riders' Roundup for more information.

Marty DeVall, Field Services, reported that our Work Party at McIver State Park on April 18 was a success. 20 people from NVOET and MHOET spent 3 hours clearing Scotch Broom from the meadow by the equestrian arena.

Lindy Rutherford reported on our Camping Clinic. It will be June 6 at Willamette Mission State Park. One membership will be offered as a raffle prize.

Shonda Smith reported on the water tank at Graham Corral Horse Camp. The water tank will be installed this Saturday. The first fill up will be by the Fire Department, just before Memorial Day. The contractor will refill June 15, July 15, and August 12. A sign for the tank will be posted with a QR code for donations.

Our meeting June 2 will be at McIver State Park with a potluck (pending weather).

News from Roseburg Chapter

We have great news for you! The Kelsay Valley Horse camp trails are going to be cleared this summer! So saddle up and get up to Kelsay Valley and ride!

Here's the plan: Starting in June the work crews will hit the ground running. From June 15th to the 19th, a Northwest Youth Corps crew will be working. From June 16th to the 21st, a Source One Serenity veterans trail crew will be working. From June 19th to the 21st, the Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon will be clearing trails as volunteers. Finally rounding out the season, another Northwest Youth Corps crew will be clearing trails from October 5th to 10th.

Jon Hjort is providing pack mules to transport the crews' gear into the wilderness areas. An Oregon State Parks grant is funding our project of clearing fifty miles of trail.

To make reservations, go to Recreation.gov and search for Kelsay Valley Horse campground.

Northwest Chapter

May saw the NW chapter growing partnerships! We were joined by other OET chapters to host a prize ride at Stub Stewart and ready Hares Canyon Horse Camp by spreading gravel, cleaning corrals and replacing damaged boards. We partnered with the Outdoor Service Guides to maintain Reehers Horse Camp while OSG tackled the tent campsites, common areas and bushwhacked the Triple C Trail.

Continuing to promote OET, and horses in our community in general, we had a library display in Hillsboro showcasing some OET flyers, tack, collectibles and other eye-catching items to wow the public and let them know OET is here! Summer is upon us with plans to continue to promote OET through farmer's market attendance.

Check the calendar for our upcoming rides! Hope to see you on the trail!





South Coast Chapter

The South Coast Chapter has more good news about Wild Mare Horse Camp located on the North Spit, just north of North Bend. A Chapter trail ride and camp-out on April 25 - 26, included good riding and a camp out complete with a potluck. The USFS has a new camp host at the Camp in Site #1, as of mid-May. The Chapter work parties at Wild Mare included adding more footing in corrals. The rock base is completed. Chips are located and work parties are planned to place the wood chips. A trail clearing work party in May encountered mosquito swarms which hindered progress. Plenty of lopper work remains on the many miles of North Spit trails. If a person gets tired of trimming, then head for the beach!

The South Coast Chapter invited OET members to visit the Wild Mare HC on August 8-9. The camp is fully reserved on these dates. South Coast Chapter members will visit from the Day Use area at Wild Mare. And another trail ride and camp out at Wild Mare is planned for October.

A few South Coast members plan to camp and ride at the Quinn Meadow State Work Party June 24 - 29.

Another South Coast Camp and Ride is planned for July 9-12 at the Horse Creek Camp on Cape Mountain, north of Florence. Make your USFS, Siuslaw R.D. reservation soon!

Outreach activities planned include a membership drive to be held at the new Tractor Supply in North Bend. The South Coast Chapter is also sponsoring the Trail Class in the upcoming Coos County Posse Show at Riley Arena near the community of Hauser. Families and youth participating in the show will also have access to OET information during the weekend show.

The South Coast Chapter will resume monthly meetings on September 16 at Dave's Pizza, 6:30 PM.







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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 and treats provided, too! Lunch only, $10.

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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Trail Questions? Contact:
Tim Lagasse
503-314-7712

Driving Directions: From Molalla, head east on Hwy. 211, go thru Colton, turn left on Unger Rd., turn right on Sheckly. From Estacada, head southwest on Hwy. 211, turn right onto Unger Rd., turn right onto Sheckly.

Proceeds to benefit maintenance of trail systems on Federal & State Lands
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Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides (PNER) Welcomes New Riders!



photo by Jala Neufeld at Ride the Loup, in Okanogan, WA.

Max & Darlene Merlich; members of the OET Central Oregon Chapter. Darlene is the President of PNER.

If you love trail riding and enjoy the camaraderie of camping & riding new trails with other horse enthusiasts, Endurance Riding may be a sport for you! Many of our PNER Rides are now offering Introductory (Trail) Rides. Introductory Rides are designed for riders who would like to sample the "endurance" experience on a short course. The horse will stand for vet check exams and the rider will follow a flagged course with other riders traveling at various speeds on courses ranging from eight to twelve miles.

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Free Horse Camping Clinic!
Willamette Mission State Park
Saturday June 6th, 9am-4pm
Free State Park Day!



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- **Types of Rigs**: from SUV "car" camping to truck campers and bumper-pull trailers to larger Living Quarter (LQ) trailers.
- **What to feed your horse in camp**: certified weed free hay and alternatives, including where to find them
- **Trip Planning**: deciding where to go, reserving your spot, getting permits if needed, and more
- **Securing your horse** at camp and on the trail
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- **Finding your way** around on the trails: maps, GPS apps, etc
- **Saddlebags**: Types and what to carry in them
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SATURDAY, JULY 11

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11:00 AM LAST RIDER OUT

GRAND PRIZE: $200
ADDITIONAL PRIZES AVAILABLE
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COST: $30 PER RIDER
KIDS UNDER 10 YRS $10
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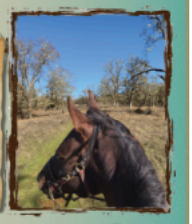
Saturday June 27, 2026

Mildred Kanipe Park

16513 Elkhead Road • Oakland



Fun for the family!!!
First Rider out: 9:00 AM
Last Rider out: 11:00 AM
$5.00/Hand or 5 Hands for $20.00
Prize Drawings and Silent Auction
Cash Awarded to Winning Hands
Concessions Available



Hosted by the Roseburg Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails
Need more info? Contact Rhonda Hjort: 541-430-3453

Directions

North on I-5: Take Exit 138. Merge onto Sterns Lane. Drive 1.4 miles and turn left at S Front St. Drive 2 miles, turn right on Locust St. **South on I-5:** Take Exit 140, Cross bridge into town of Oakland and turn left on Locust St. **Everyone:** Locust St becomes Driver Valley Road. Drive 4 Miles and turn left on Elkhead Rd. Drive 2.7 miles to Equestrian entrance on the left.

Youths under the age of 18 must have a parent/legal guardian on site. Helmets are recommended. It is preferred that a responsible adult accompany youths on the trails.

SORRY
NO DOGS PLEASE!!!!

Reserve Camping Sites With Corrals at:
https://properties.camping.com/Mildred-Kanipe-Campground/Reservations

Oregon Equestrian Trails Mid-Valley Chapter

26th Annual
Jokers Wild Poker Ride

Sunday June 28, 2026



TE Ranch, Philomath, OR
North on 9th St. go 1 mile, Left on Heritage Hills Road, then follow the signs.

$10 per hand or 3 for $20
(Minimum one hand per rider)
Less than 13 yrs. ride free
Minors (under 18 yrs. old) need a parent or guardian signature.

First Rider out 9AM * Last Rider Out 12 PM * Awards at 2:30 PM
No Dogs, PLEASE!

Great Prizes! Top hands pick first, drawing for the rest!
50/50 Raffle too!

Food Available for Purchase from

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Join a chapter near you!

Silver Falls Chapter

Silver Falls Chapter has work parties at Silver Falls Horse Camp, Santiam Horse Camp and sometimes at Willamette Mission State Park. We mainly work on camp opening/ closing and some trail work as time allows.

This year we are doing a fun ride at Willamette Mission every 3rd Sunday. Boots in stirrups by 9:30.

We will also do a Summer Solstice ride June 21st at 6:00 in the evening.

As well, we will have a group walking in the Silverton Davenport Days parade. We often have several miniature horses that are the hit of the day for the crowd!

Our fundraiser for the year is the Canby Tack sale. In addition to selling our extra tack items, we hand out LOTS of OET information.

Roseburg Chapter & 2 Great Camps

Roseburg OET maintains trails at Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park north of Oakland. The park is situated on an 1,100 acre cattle ranch just 15 minutes from I-5. Fourteen equine sites with vault toilets allow campers to explore 14 miles of trails through Douglas Fir forests, oak woodlands, and open oak savannah. Roseburg OET has received preliminary approval for a grant from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to remove invasive species (hawthorn and blackberries) and poison oak along the trails. New maps and signage are also being prepared. Reserve a site at Mildred Kanipe Memorial County Park and Campground at douglascountyor.gov. For the latest maps, go to Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park website mildredkanipepark.org

Roseburg OET also maintains trails and provides camp hosts at Kelsay Meadows Horse Camp near Lemolo Lake. Under a grant from the RTP, 40 of 50 miles of trails have been cleared of downed logs. Trail clearing will continue for another year, so this is a great location for riding in the high country. Reserve a campsite at fs.usda.gov

North Coast Chapter

The North Coast Chapter of OET is fortunate to collaborate with Oregon Dept. of Forestry to maintain and enhance Northrup Creek Horse Camp. Located on the west side of the Coast Range in Clatsop County, Northrup Creek HC was established 20 years ago. You'll find the campground off Hwy 202, near Milepost 35, head 4 miles north of Hwy 202 on Northrup Creek Rd.

This well-designed horse camp is nestled amongst the many fir trees and wildflowers that adorn the area. Northrup Creek, which winds its way through the moss-covered big maples, is just across the road.There are eleven campsites; all of which require reservations, please visit ReserveAmerica.com for reservations. Eight of the sites feature corrals (six 4-horse corrals and two 2-horse corrals), three of which feature pull-through parking, large enough to accommodate sleeper style horse trailers. All other corral sites can also accommodate large trailers but are back in. An additional 3 campsites are for Tent / RV camping only. There are horse manure bins, two sealed vault toilets and a hand pump style well for drinking and livestock water.

The nine mile loop trail takes riders on a beautiful and diverse path up out of the creek valley to flanking ridges. A few sections are on gravel roads and there are some stony parts of the trail so have your horses shod or booted. There are steep hills on both sides of the creek so is best to traverse in dry weather. There are several options for shorter rides, some with more gravel involved. All the choices wind travelers through deep shade, quintessential Coastal forest, and varied terrain. The trail markers are a combination of carsonite posts, wood horseshoe arrows and flagging tape for more challenging intersections.

There is no cell service in camp, but is on the higher ridges flanking the creek.

Link to Northrup Creek Horse Camp brochure: https://www.oregon.gov/odf/recreation/guides/northrup-creek-horse-camp-guide.pdf

North Coast chapter contact: Ashley Lertora, ashley.lertora@gmail.com.