



A tri-annual newsletter of the Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

July 2021

Back Country Horsemen of Oregon Rendezvous

Submitted by Duane Miller



On May 1st and 2nd 40 members of BCHO met at Sisters Horse Camp for our annual Rendezvous. On Friday, April 30th, board members met for the first time in person since the start of the COVID pandemic. The board meeting was followed by a barbecue that evening.

Friday night into early Saturday morning brought a rain storm that left pools of water throughout the camp. The annual membership meeting was postponed until 11:00 am. The agenda was developed to be short so there was time for more open discussion. During the meeting the Gavel was passed from current State President Duane Miller to incoming President Casey Hufstader. Election of officers was held with the only position open being for Vice President Nominee.

The only Candidate presented was Lori Rodriguez, and there being no nominations from the floor her selection was unanimous. Lunch was provided and after lunch the meeting people broke up to socialize, go on trail rides, look at items in the packer store and look at items available to bid on in the silent auction.

The evening was filled with a potluck dinner and entertainment provided by Matt and Racheal Wilson. People hung around the campfire, listened to music and socialized.

Sunday was open for everyone to do as they pleased and many went out riding. I believe this was a good start for future rendezvous of BCHO. Please come and join in the fund at Next years Rendezvous.

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The Purposes of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

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To WORK to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

To ASSIST the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.

To EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

To FOSTER and encourage the formation of new BCHO chapter organizations.

Come to a meeting and make a difference...

Columbia Gorge Chapter

Meets: The 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr., Hood River, OR 97031

7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. | ***Please confirm meeting with contact.***

Contact: Joy Senger, columbiagorge@bcho.org

East Cascades Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Monday of each month at Pleasant Ridge Community Hall, 7067 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond, OR 97756

Potluck at 6:30p.m. and meeting after.

Please confirm meeting with contact.

Contact: Duane Miller, eastcascades@bcho.com

Emerald Empire Chapter

Meets: the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Emerald People's Utility District, 33733 Seavey Loop Rd., Eugene, OR 97405

6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. | ***Please confirm meeting with contact.***

Contact: Melanie Kate-Mason, emeraldempire@bcho.org

High Country Wilderness Packers

Meets: Held by conference call as needed

Please confirm meeting with contact.

Contact: Mat Wooley, hcwp@bcho.org

High Desert Trail Riders Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Monday of at every month at the Community Bible Church, Room 202, 500 N. 10th St., Central Point, OR 97502

6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. | ***Please confirm meeting with contact.***

Contact: Betty Applebaker, hhdr@bcho.org

Sourdough Chapter

Meets: 3rd Thursday of the month at Community Bible Church, Room 202, 500 N. 10th St., Central Point, OR 97502

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Contact: Cate Bendock, sourdough@bcho.org

Steens Chapter

Meets: Held as needed, please confirm meeting and work party dates with contact.

Please confirm meeting with contact.

Contact: SteensBCH@gmail.com

Territorial Riders Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Tuesday of every month at Beavercreek Fire Dept., 22310 South Beavercreek Rd., Beavercreek, OR 97004

7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. | ***Please confirm meeting with contact.***

Contact: Dan Dahlke, territorialriders@bcho.org

West Cascades Chapter

Meets: The 1st Wednesday of each month at Elmer's Restaurant, 3950 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Dinner at 6:00p.m. Meeting at 7:00p.m.

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Contact: Arden Corey, westcascades-pres@bcho.org



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TRBCHO Volunteers Logout Timothy Lake Trails

Timothy Lake is the largest body of water in the Mount Hood National Forest, and it offers spectacular views of the state's tallest mountain. The campgrounds around Timothy Lake provide over 260 designated campsites, making it the third largest camping area in the state.

The TRBCHO has volunteered on the trails at Timothy Lake since 2014 and serves as the caretaker for the stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail in the area from the trailhead for Little Crater Lake to Joe Graham Horse Camp. In addition, some individual TRBCHO members act as caretakers for neighboring sections of the Pacific Crest Trail too. Each May, we plan for a 5-day log out. This allows for member to ride for 1-5 days, depending on what they can contribute.

Territorial Riders works with various groups including Portland General Electric, Pacific Crest Trail Association and the U.S. Forest Service to clear trails around Timothy Lake. Territorial Riders sets up a base camp at Clackamas Lake Horse Camp, allowing us to ride in multiple directions from the camp.

We had to adapt to several changes in the aftermath of the Riverside fire. One issue we had was the campgrounds



Members of TRBCHO on their way to the trails.

water generator was lost to the fire. Portland General Electric provided a 500 gallon water buffalo for water for the horses. Road closures due to the fires last fall required close coordination with the Forest Service to ensure access to Clackamas Horse Camp.

This year, during the 5 day work party, we logged out more than 200 logs over 34 miles of trails. One of the more challenging situations we ran into is shown in the picture below. The tree overturned onto the trail with the root system blocking most of the trail. In addition, there were another couple trees blocking the trail near the top of this tree.

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Logs from the upper portion of the tree were cut away. Smaller logs were placed under about a 30 foot section of tree. The section was cut, which came down on the logs allowing us to easily roll it off the trail.



Finally the dirt was cleaned off the roots to allow us to cut away a large section. This allows rider and pack animals to easily clear the area around the tree rootwad. Dirt was also replaced in the trail to fill the holes caused by the root upheaval.

This year, multiple outlets contributed publicity to BCHO as a result of the efforts of the TRBCHO volunteers, PGE placed a nice facebook post for the group on June 4th, 2021. Also, an article in the local paper, Estacada News, highlighting the volunteer efforts of the group was posted on June 16th, 2021. A link to it is below.



<https://pamplinmedia.com/en/30-news/511508-408997-volunteers-attend-to-timothy-lake-trails-on-horseback>



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In addition to the 5 days originally set aside for clearing, volunteers conducted five additional single day work parties as snow melt permitted, clearing an additional 19 miles of the PCT south of Clackamas Horse Camp. These efforts resulted in the PCT being cleared down to Triangle Lake Horse Camp. At that point, clearing stopped as the PCT south of Triangle Lake is closed from fire damage due to the Lionshead fire.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time to make trails safe for riding and hiking.

Written by: Dan Dahlke

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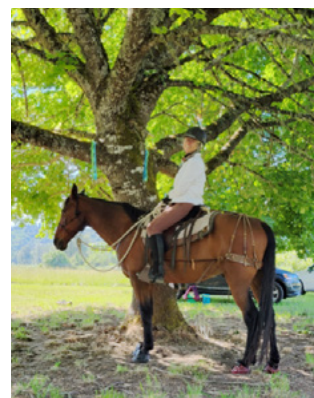


Mt Pisgah LNT Camping and Wilderness Skill Practice Held in June 2021 by Emerald Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

With hay being baled and hauled before, during, and after our event, Emerald Chapter was able to give hands on practice and instruction in: LNT principles at trailheads, highlines, picking campsites, how stock could be fed, how to drive truck and trailers, fire starters etc...

Friday: With two trainers we started with setting up campsites, how to select sites on durable surfaces, skill for putting up highlines, training horses to highlining and hobbling. 11 students brought their own gear for going in on their own horses. We covered packing with rider and pack gear on one horse or walking and leading a horse with saddle panniers. We packed up our animals to go for an experimental trip up on the nearby mountain. Most did fine. A couple found they had some more desensitizing to do with their animals both with gear and with being in larger groups of horses. The arena was used to safely do some of this desensitizing.

The evening was spent with everybody enjoying a potluck dinner, campfire provided by Lane County Sheriff Posse's hard work in the construction of a new campfire pit, picnic tables and beautiful mowed camping area. Very lovely evening. Many members cooked their light weight dinner fare as if they were out on a pack trip, minding every ounce of weight. Testing just how their meals tasted and what changes might be needed. Great safe place to do this kind of practice. We used homemade fire starters and held a discussion of how best to start fires if in more emergent situations. More hobbling training and highline techniques were taught as some horses spent their first nights out on highlines.



Saturday: We had 18 people. There was more practice with feeding, highlining, and hobbles. We held LNT orientation discussions and review of trail, camping, feed, and first aid

kits. We had handouts of human and equine first aid needs, feed and water considerations for stock while in on overnight pack ins, and decisions about where to go based on available graze.

Lane County Sheriff Tim Chase did a presentation of methods, gear and tools to stay out of trouble and then to keep one's self alive until help comes. Tim emphasized



the importance of how the 'IN Reach and Spots' are used when needed. Very educational and helpful. We ended the class time with learning packing techniques, knot tying, throwing hitches, desensitizing stock to packing gear. Then we loaded up and went for another ride. Afterward another lovely evening was spent with good friends.

Sunday: Due to hay that needed to be hauled, most members went home Sunday morning, so our planned desensitizing horses to the presence of drones was cancelled. On Sunday morning I had the privilege of spending an hour riding with Allen Murphy (member of Lane County Sheriff Posse). I heard about planned improvements to the Posse Arena at Mt. Pisgah recreational area. If the Posse didn't have a presence there, we would likely lose our rights to ride at this recreational area. I encourage anybody reading this to review the attached pictures and consider using this venue for their own chapters' outdoor equine events. This is what is going to keep equestrians in this area.

Submitted by Becky Hope, EEBCHO

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The Discussion Goes On – Part 2

Submitted by: Betty Applebaker

Here are some more thoughts to Dan from Dennis Dailey, our past Wilderness Advisor with BCHA. This is a summary with opinions at the end of his long article on the Minimum Requirements Analysis. He goes into detail with a bibliography backing up his thoughts in the full article. I thought this summary might give people a more general idea of his interpretation of the use of chainsaws in wilderness. Dennis spent his career in Wilderness management and researched his information thoroughly. If anyone wants the entire article, I can send it.

The Congressional Record and the Use of Chainsaws in Wilderness

Summary: The agency's reluctance to use motorized equipment is part of a philosophy, pertaining to both the management of existing wilderness and the recommendation of new wilderness, that has been referred to as the purity doctrine. Even though Congress addressed the agency's purity policy in both the House and Senate Reports on the Endangered American Wilderness Bill, and offered "its guidance as to how the Wilderness Act should now be interpreted as it relates to certain uses and activities," the agency has chosen to disregard that clarification of intent. In a 1998 court case (Wilderness Watch, et al., Plaintiffs v. F. Dale Robertson, et al, Defendants), the court directed defendants "to administer the Wilderness with an eye not only toward strict conservation [purity], but also to ensure the use and enjoyment of the American people... The Wilderness Act does not direct defendants to pursue a single, limited purpose, as plaintiffs suggest, but it instead requires them to serve a number of public purposes, and to foster recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historical use. For this reason defendants management decisions must

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consider all these purposes, and defendants must undertake a minimum of administration, in order to make the Wilderness accessible to those Americans who wish to use it.” The purity culture within the agency, however, is so deeply engrained, and so regularly reinforced by the extremist viewpoint, that it has been convenient to ignore the will of the American people as determined by both Congress and the Court.

Senator Church in addressing the purity policy in a speech at the University of Idaho emphasized that “[S]uch policies are misguided. If Congress had intended that wilderness be administered in so stringent a manner, we would never have written the law as we did.” If Congress had intended that motorized use be eliminated or limited to emergency situations, it would have so stated in the Act. Instead it provided the agency the flexibility to use such equipment if it was necessary, reasonable, and appropriate to meet the purposes of the Act.

Although Congressional Reports do not carry the force of law, they are useful in clarifying the intent of Congress when interpreting a law. Legal convention requires that Congressional Reports and Case Law be consulted when interpreting ambiguous or unclear language in a law. Terms like “reasonable, appropriate, efficient” and “rule of reason” appear throughout the Congressional Record, suggesting that the agency has the flexibility to use motorized equipment in situations that: 1) are regularly experienced following catastrophic climatic events (such as fire and insect or disease infestation) and 2) are necessary to correct the huge maintenance and reconstruction backlog and administer the areas for the “use and enjoyment of the American people” as mandated by law.

Appendix: Wording in the law and Forest Service policy on use of motorized equipment in wilderness:

Public Law 88-577 (16 U.S.C. 1133), S4c states: “except as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of this Act ... there shall be no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment ... within any such area.”

Opinion: administering wilderness “for the use and enjoyment of the American people” is the stated purpose of the Act (S2(a)). If the managing agency is unable to do so through use of primitive/tradition tools, use of motorized equipment would appear to be the minimum necessary to accomplish that purpose.

Extracted from Forest Service Manual 2320, dated January 22nd, 2007:

2326.1 - Conditions Under Which Use May Be Approved

Allow the use of motorized equipment or mechanical transport only for:

- a. A delivery or application problem necessary to meet wilderness objectives cannot be resolved within reason through the use of nonmotorized methods
- b. An essential activity is impossible to accomplish by nonmotorized means because of such factors as time or season limitations, safety, or other material restrictions.
- c. A necessary and continuing program was established around the use of motorized equipment before the unit became a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and the continued use of motorized equipment is essential to continuation of the program.

Opinion: prior to designation as wilderness, trails within most wildernesses were maintained using motorized equipment. Since passage of the Act, the agency has interpreted the Act to require that they use primitive or traditional tools for trail maintenance and reconstruction. This interpretation has resulted in the trails progressively deteriorating to the point that the agency reports a maintenance backlog in excess of \$300 million in addition to a recurrent maintenance need in excess of \$200 million. The lack of adequate budget to address these needs would certainly appear to be a “delivery or application problem,” and their inability to provide for the “public purposes of recreational, and historic use” (S 4(b) in the manner that existed at designation, would appear to be “[A]n essential activity [that] is impossible to accomplish by nonmotorized means” because of “other material restrictions.” Rather than simply dismissing motorized equipment, it would appear that they have the obligation to consider all alternatives that would reasonably accomplish the mandate of the law. (See paper titled NEPA, Minimum Requirements and Wilderness Trails)

Betty Applebaker



Emerald Having Spring Time Fun at Cyrus Horse Camp

Submitted by Briana Kemp 5/20/2021

The Emerald Empire Chapter recently had the pleasure of getting together for a fun and adventurous campout at Cyrus Springs Horse Camp near Madras OR. What a lovely change of pace for our members to come together to relax and enjoy the trails and our horses without a work agenda. There was no work all weekend; no clearing trails, no sawing, no tools attached to our saddles, no hot protective gear and most importantly no mosquitos were seen all weekend!! A total of 14 Chapter members plus an additional 2 guests spent the weekend blazing the desert trails led by our lovely guide Kris and her sweet horse Simi. We were so lucky to have someone with expert knowledge of the trail system and landscape in general as many of our rides consisted of multiple trails connected by unmarked dirt roads and or a bit of cross country. We covered approximately 28 miles over the weekend which included a spectacular 16-mile ride with the most expansive view of the cascades I have personally ever seen. The trail was epic, a small single track with a steep drop off into the vast canyon below. Visually it was stunning and terrifying all at once, but with a group like ours with such wonderful horsemanship and care for one another we all made it safely back to camp. We shared a lot of laughs around the campfire, ate some really good food and spent quality time with a group of amazing horses of every breed, shape and size...they were all such good partners on the trail. I think each of us came home covered in dust, smelling of sagebrush, juniper and horse of course...but also with hearts filled with happiness and memories of time spent in the desert!



Events Calendar

| Event Start | Event End | Event Hours PST | Event Title | Event Description | Event Location | BCHO Calendar Name |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| 7/23/2021 | 7/26/2021 | | EEBCH Pengra Pass | | Pengra Pass, Oregon, USA | Emerald Empire BCH Chapter |
| 8/5/2021 | 8/9/2021 | | EEBCH Moolak Lk Pack In | | Winchester Ridge Trailhead, Oakridge, OR 97463, USA | Emerald Empire BCH Chapter |
| 8/5/2021 | 8/5/2021 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 8/20/2021 | 8/23/2021 | | EEBCH Where's Waldo Run | | | Emerald Empire BCH Chapter |
| 9/2/2021 | 9/2/2021 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 9/8/2021 | 9/8/2021 | 08:00AM - 09:00AM | | | | East Cascades BCH Chapter |
| 9/8/2021 | 9/8/2021 | 10:45AM - 11:45AM | Dr Olinger, dermatology co up | | | East Cascades BCH Chapter |
| 9/18/2021 | 9/20/2021 | | ColGorge campout | | Cyrus Horse Camp, Prineville, OR 97754, USA | Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter |
| 9/24/2021 | 9/27/2021 | | EEBCH Taylor Burn area | | Harrelson Horse Camp | Emerald Empire BCH Chapter |
| 10/1/2021 | 10/4/2021 | | EEBCH Taylor Burn Area | | Harrelson Horse Camp | Emerald Empire BCH Chapter |
| 10/7/2021 | 10/7/2021 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 10/16/2021 | 10/16/2021 | 08:00AM - 01:30PM | Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale | The Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale is a fundraiser for the 4-H Horse Advisor Committee. It is held twice each year at the Clackamas County Fair and Event Center in Canby, on the third Saturday of March and October. The sale includes new and used tack as well as other horse-related items. Parking 5\$, admission is \$1 per person. | 694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013, USA | Public Equestrian Events |
| 11/4/2021 | 11/4/2021 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 12/2/2021 | 12/2/2021 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 12/11/2021 | 12/11/2021 | 02:00PM - 05:00PM | ColGorge Christmas party | Finger food potluck | Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031, USA | Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter |
| 1/6/2022 | 1/6/2022 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 2/3/2022 | 2/3/2022 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 3/3/2022 | 3/3/2022 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
| 3/19/2022 | 3/19/2022 | 08:00AM - 01:30PM | Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale | The Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale is a fundraiser for the 4-H Horse Advisor Committee. It is held twice each year at the Clackamas County Fair and Event Center in Canby, on the third Saturday of March and October. The sale includes new and used tack as well as other horse-related items. Parking \$5, admission is \$1 per person. | 694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013, USA | Public Equestrian Events |
| 4/7/2022 | 4/7/2022 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |
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| 7/7/2022 | 7/7/2022 | 07:00PM - 08:00PM | BCHO President Call | Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign. | | BCHO State Calendar |



It's summer, and you know what that means! Flies are out and about, and we want to help you get control of the flies and mosquitoes! The increase in warm weather attracts more flies to your barns, pastures, but most importantly,

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Mt Pisgah LNT Camping and Wilderness Skill Practice



RIDING FOR THE FOREST SERVICE

Emerald Empire members recently provided mounted support for Kevin Rowell, USFS, as he undertook a survey of several trails in the Waldo Wilderness. Kevin is Recreation Specialist for the Middle Fork Willamette Ranger District out of Oakridge. Also riding in with us was Andrea Bayliss, crew leader for the local volunteers known as Camas Trail Crew.

Becky Hope provided horses for Kevin and Andrea.



We covered six or more miles of trail as they made assessments for future work projects. The area is on the western side of Waldo Wilderness, not a heavily used area but beautiful. We reached the Six Lakes Trail which connects the wilderness western boundary to Waldo Lake. A lunch break and swim at Upper Quinn Lake revived us on a very hot afternoon.

Becky and our chapter members have built and maintained good relationships with Kevin and Andrea over many years. Becky and Matt and have provided pack support with their Fjord string on lots of projects. Our chapter has gained the respect of the Forest Service and area volunteer groups as a result. Equestrian interest on the Middle Fork RD have been furthered through these relationships.

Submitted by Jean Clancey, EEBCHO



Back Country Horsemen of Oregon Rendezvous

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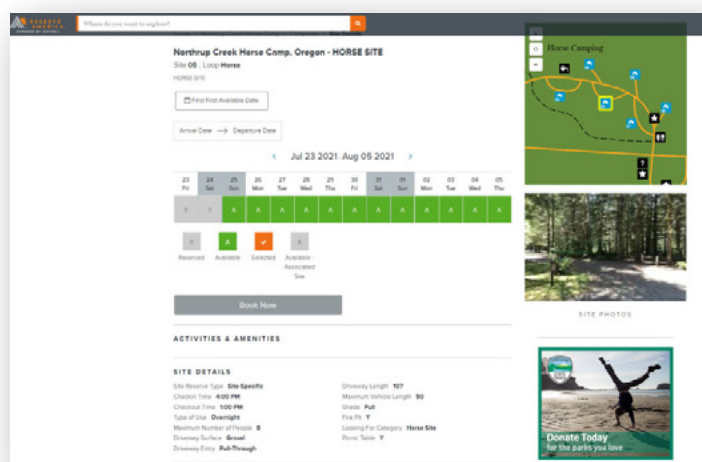
~ VISIT NORTHRUP CREEK HORSE CAMP ~

While we are all planning our escape in the woods this year, I'm told that Northrup Creek Horse Camp may be a place to consider.

Yes you will need to go to ReserveAmerica.Com and reserve your place but it looks like it offers a cool and relaxing vacation. The Reserve America has more than reservations to offer, it also has detailed information about each site with a picture. This web site also offers a phone app.

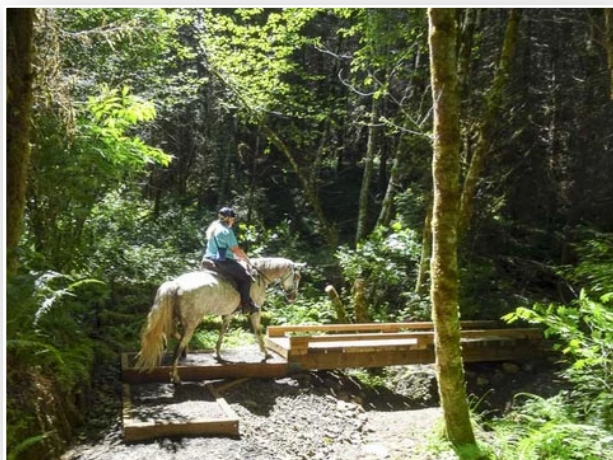
The Horse camp was complete in late 2005 with horses in mind and help from North Coast

Chapter of OET. This hidden camp is located in Clatskanie, OR about 70 miles west of Portland and 35 miles east of Astoria, Turn north on to Northrup Creek County Road at Milepost 35 on Highway 202, travel four miles on Northrup Creek Road to the camp ground. The camp is shaded with large trees and 8 Equine campsites, vault toilets, pump style potable water, manure bins and a picnic area.



The 8.5 mile loop trail system that Northrup Creek Horse Camp offers has diverse vegetation from large

maples, cedars to mossy firs to meadows and streamside areas. The trail its self is well maintained and intersected by a few forest service roads that can provide a shorter loop. Most of the trail is easy but does have several short steeper segments. For those who just wish to take a quick hike on foot, check out the Big Tree Trail.



Don't let summer pass you by without checking out this beautiful camp.

For more information on this camp go to NWHorsetrails.com and the book Riding Northwest Oregon Horse Trails by Kim McCarrel may be of interest.

~ By Sara Lagasse

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership Reminder

Fellow Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

It is that time again to start thinking about renewing our annual memberships. September 1st is the date when renewal begins for the 2022 year! Please note, BCHO now encourages members to either join BCHO or renew your membership online at <https://www.bcho.org/membership-form/>. Just a heads up, a dues increase of \$5 was voted in for 2022 at the 2021 Rendezvous by the membership. A Single Membership will be \$35, and a Family Membership will be \$45 for 2022. Still a bargain though for everything Back Country Horsemen does to keep riding accessible to our members!

If you would still like to join or renew for 2021, membership in a BCHO Chapter helps keep you in touch with folks who are doing rides and projects in your area. In addition, please know that we at the BCHO State level have plans for ongoing education, projects and opportunities to get together that make membership in BCHO so rewarding. Also asking that you take a moment and make what we want to do possible by considering making a Tax-Deductible donation through the Website.

WWW.BCHO.ORG

If you find it easier, you can also still join or submit your renewal through your local chapter as well. Also, chapter specific dues will not be collected during the online registration process. If your local chapter has any chapter specific dues, that amount will still need to be paid to your local chapter in addition to dues paid online to BCHO.

Thank You, Tim Lagasse, BCHO Membership Coordinator

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Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc.

Membership Application

**Yes! I would like to help preserve Horsemen's rights
to use stock on public lands.**

(Print Name)

(Address)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

(Telephone) (E-Mail)

New____Renewal____ (Please check)

BCHO Membership Dues

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| Single | \$30 | _____ |
| Family | \$40 | _____ |
| Patron | \$100 | _____ |
| Benefactor | \$250 | _____ |
| Sustaining | \$500 | _____ |

Select Chapter and add additional Chapter dues, as determined by individual Chapters, see below.

See Map of Chapters, www.bcho.org/chapters/.

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| __ Columbia Gorge, Hood River \$10 | __ Steens, South East Oregon \$10 |
| __ East Cascades, Bend | __ Sourdough, South West Oregon \$5 |
| __ Emerald Empire, Eugene \$5 | __ Territorial Riders, Oregon City \$5 |
| __ High Country Wilderness Packers | __ West Cascade BCH, Salem \$5 |
| Chapter | __ Member At Large |
| __ High Desert Trail Riders, Klamath Falls area | |

Total Enclosed: _____

Our newsletter the Highline, will be emailed to you at the address you entered above.

☐ Check here if you prefer to receive the newsletter by US mail.

MAIL your application to:

Tim Lagasse PO BOX 488 Colton, OR 97017

For questions email membership@bcho.org

Liability Release: Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders and spectators, and also recognizing that Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc., including its chapters, officers, directors and /or members cannot know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Back Country Horsemen of Oregon functions, I do hereby release Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc., its officers, directors and members from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Signed_____Date_____

Signed_____Date_____

***Must be signed by all chapter members 18 years and older.**

Some Dues maybe deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.
Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions.

BCHO website: bcho.org/membership/

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