

The Connecticut Horse Council Trails Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the CT Horse Council Trails Committee is to unify equestrian trail users throughout the state in order to protect and expand the network of open lands available for trail riding.

To build relationships with Land Management Administrations, private land owners and groups that have the same interests or who govern the land that riders want access to .

Goals

- Protect and expand the network of open lands available for trail riding.
- Educate equestrians on trail etiquette and sharing the trail with other user groups.
- Educate individuals as well as organizations of the importance of becoming involved in local planning committees and boards, to help to maintain and preserve local riding trails.
- Solicit association membership to the CT Horse Council from individuals and groups. Encourage individuals and delegates from each trail group to sit on the Trails Committee.
- Encourage trail groups to actively assist land managers in planning and maintaining trails and trails systems.
- Work in partnership with land managers to identify new equestrian trail opportunities.
- Provide a resource to land managers for maintenance of existing and proposed trails and facilities by identifying local user groups that can provide manpower resources to such projects.
- Assist trail groups in working with public land managers and in applying for grant funding..
- Develop guidelines for shared use of trails, through effective lines of communication with other trail user groups in the state.
- Develop educational materials regarding trail use, including trail etiquette and trail safety.