

ATTENTION TRAIL RIDERS & TRAIL ORGANIZATIONS

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection is cracking down on illegal ATV/Dirt bike use on trails. They are seeking assistance of the public to assist with the identification of illegal motorized vehicles on state lands. The Larkin Bridle Trail is the first that DEEP and local enforcement is targeting, but

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This is an ongoing survey to collect data. Please report any sightings.

Save this link to your mobile devices and/or copy the URL code in the PDF.

Organizations, please consider posting this information and keeping this up as a featured item on your FB page, send in email/ newsletter

Below is the LINK for instructions to report illegal use on **ALL** state land.

Click on the reporting form for CT trail users. Share the link with others

Thank you!

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/7f72d970441b487b93bbd68d66067ddc>

[ATV/Dirt Bike Rider Information \(arcgis.com\)](#)

QR CODE:



DEEP No Child Left Inside Events – Families in the Parks Program

***Do you have a “Safe “ horse or pony you can bring to these events?
(Contact Diane Ciano)***

May 11, 2024 –Gay City State Park – Hebron, CT - 10am to 3pm

August 3, 2024 - Dinosaur State Park - Rocky Hill, CT 9am-3pm

August 9th, 10th and 11th– Perseids Campout with the NCLI, the Last Green Valley and the Friends of Pachaug State Forest

Other UPCOMING EVENTS

Connecticut Trails Day Events: Saturday & Sunday June 1st & 2nd

CHC encourages organizations to hold an equestrian event the first weekend in June to celebrate National Trails Day. This is sponsored by the American Hiking Society – and CHC encourages equestrians to promote their horse events to the public as a friendly reminder that horses are out there on the trails and equestrians are working to maintain and promote trails.

If your organization planning to host an event, please let Diane Ciano know. Thank you

CT Horse Council - Friday & Saturday June 1st & 2nd, Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp in Natchaug State Forest

CHC-VHP will host trail work days/campout at the, clearing and replacing the Yellow diamond markers that are missing from the timber harvest. There are 3 multiple use trails marked from the camp that are 5, 10 and *15-mile loops that need markers. You are welcome to bring your horse and camp overnight. **Contact: Diane Ciano 203-910-999**

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club and Bridle Path Conservancy Trails Day Work Party & Lunch – Saturday, June 1, 2023 9:00 a- noon.

The Bridle Path Conservancy, in cooperation with LCRVHC and the Connecticut Forest & Parks Association, will be hosting a trail work party event on Saturday, June 1, 9 AM to noon, at the Pattaconk reservoir parking area in Chester. Show some love for the horse friendly Quinimay Trail of Cockaponset State Forest. We will be working on the red trail section of the Quinimay. There will be coffee and donuts at sign in. LCRVHC will provide hotdogs and water for after the work party. People are welcome to bring a dish to share. **Contact: Liz Kennedy 860-227-9814**

June 2nd Sunday, Reddington Rock Riding Club

10:00 am Breakfast ~ 12:00 ~ 1:00 Blessing of the Mounts ~ 2:00pm Trail Ride

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Leisurely Horseback ride 3.25 miles through the Beautiful Shenipsit State Forest. Bring your own horse and join The Reddington Rock Riding Club for a walking trail ride (suitable for all level riders) on a CT Horse Council recommended Trail in the beautiful Shenipsit State Forest. We will stage at the Reddington Rock Riding Club Camp ground 93 Handle Rd., Stafford Springs, CT where there is plenty of room for horse trailer parking. **Contact: Holly Howlett 860-336-1083**

"Share the Trail" Courtesy Education Events

Can you help at one of these events? Or better yet... Can you set up a simple table at one of your local events to help educate around the state?

(We'll give you material to do so – Contact Diane Ciano)

**Friday, June 14th – Hurd State Park: Dog, Hikers & Horses "Share the Trail"
Courtesy Education Event – 5:30PM**

Sunday, July 21, CT Trail Rides Association

Machimoodus-Sunrise State Park

Ginger Tullai Memorial Open Trail Ride and Walk: \$10.00 minimum donation to the Non-Profit The Friends of Machimoodus/Sunrise State Park.

Host: CTRA AVP Christel Maturo 475-414-6840 Trail leader Ruth Strontzer 475-238-5887
Machimoodus-Sunrise State Park [121 Leesville Rd \(Route 151\), Moodus, CT 06469](https://www.google.com/maps/place/121+Leesville+Rd+(Route+151),+Moodus,+CT+06469)

Sunday, July 21, Ride for Open Space – Wyndam Land Trust

Ride the beautiful Trails of the Wyndam Land Trust preserves. All proceeds go to the Trust to further their mission to preserve open space in Windham County. Registration required.

For more info contact Penny Foisey pfoisey@gmail.com

Become involved with your Trail Systems ...

Upcoming Regional Meeting Air Line State Park Trail – May 20th – Windham, CT

Dear Air Line State Park Trail Stakeholder,

After an impressive showing of leadership during the planning process for the Air Line State Park Trail Master Plan, another round of funding was secured through the CT DEEP Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant Program to create an Air Line State Park Trail Regional Organization. This organization would allow the 130+ stakeholders along the trail to coordinate recommendations, maintenance, mutual aid, and funding for the trail, and for the region as a unified voice.

On Monday, May 20th, we are holding an Air Line State Park Trail Regional Meeting at Windham Town Hall from 3:00PM - 5:00PM to bring stakeholders back to the table to discuss the implementation of recommendations outlined in the ALSPT Master Plan. The first of which is forming this Regional Organization.

Your participation in this meeting is a critical first step in establishing a communications network between town departments/officials, trail committees, CT DEEP, volunteers, and other stakeholders.

Please share this message widely within your networks, and if you are unable to attend, please send a representative on your behalf. We cannot stress enough the value of your participation.

Registration is required: <https://ctracd.org/airlinetrail/>

Please direct any questions to Jocelyn Lahey at jlahey@ctracd.org

Thank you,

ALSPT Planning Team

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EVENTS GONE BY:

“Share the Trail” Courtesy Education Events

CHC is looking for members to volunteer and set up tables at parks nearest them or at events. CHC will supply the cards and brochures. Contact Diane Ciano

CT Horse – Volunteer Horse Patrol members Meg Sautter, Kowboy Ken, Diane Ciano, Denise Ciano and Shawnalee Kwashnak were at the Larkin Bridle Trail for a photo shoot with the Naugatuck Police Department. Filming took place to educate bicyclists, walkers, joggers and dog walkers on how to approach a horse and to yield to the horse & rider.



This will be one of several segments of DEEP Public Service Announcements of the illegal use of motorized vehicles that are invading our state and private lands, destroying our trails and endangering horse & riders and other people on the trail.

This PSA will be the first step into going statewide with this message that unauthorized use of ATVs and motorized vehicles not only violates the law but also endangers the safety of horseback riders and other trail users and destroys and damages the environment.



With them was Jennifer Mahr, Selectwoman of Middlebury who has been instrumental in getting the 4 towns, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford and Southbury along with DEEP ENCON police to work together.

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Saturday, May 4th – Machimoodus / Sunrise SP

Connecticut Horse Council and Connecticut Equine Advisory Council members, Danielle Borrelli and Diane Ciano set up a table at Machimoodus State Park to remind dog walkers about leashing their dogs when asked at parks and safety around horses. All dog walkers had their dogs on leash and received dog treats with our card with QR code that brings them to the Share the Trail Brochure for more information.



Saturday, April 13th – Airline Trail - Colchester

Connecticut Horse Council and Connecticut Equine Advisory Council members, Danielle Borrelli and Diane Ciano were out on the Airline Trail in Colchester educating Trail users about horse interactions with bikers, hikers and dog walkers.



Danielle Borrelli



Blind Spots on Horses