

# Horse



# Power

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# Horse Power Preserves Our Role

## Welcome to Ohio Horseman's Council, *by Arden Sims, President*

If you own a horse, you know the value of the friendship and enjoyment you receive from your relationship with your equine. In 2006, Deloitte Consulting conducted a study to put a value on the horse industry for the American Horse Council. They found the industry in the State of Ohio has a direct impact of \$2.2 billion on the state's economy. Of the 307,000 horses in Ohio, 70% are used for show or recreational uses. That's horse power.

OHC's horse power is generated by more than 4,200 members of whom all are volunteers. Your

membership dues directly support a growing industry in our state, the 1,650 miles of bridle trails we maintain in cooperation with landowners and other trail partners, and provides for increased horse power so we can continue to meet the needs of equine owners.

You can participate in any activities OHC sponsors, or you can simply enjoy the quiet and solitude of the friendship of your horse. Whichever you chose, enjoy this publication.

You'll find information about Ohio's bridle trails, legislative issues, OHC sponsored youth events, county chapter contacts and everything else equine.

As you would consider your equine your partner, OHC has many partners who help make our organization's goals achievable. You'll see them mentioned throughout this publication. Look for the gold star because, including our equines, these partners are gold to our organization's success.

*May the power of your horse carry you far,*

*Arden Sims, President  
Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.*



### **HORSE POWER PUBLISHED YEARLY BY OHIO HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL, INC.**

The Council is a non-profit corporation, organized in the state of Ohio in 1972. OHC is a grass roots group of volunteers who partnered with Ohio land managers to establish bridle trails in the state. More than 40 years later, 1,650 miles of bridle trails exist in 106 Ohio locations, and growing. Since OHC's quiet and humble beginnings, the organization now has more than 4,200 members in 67 Ohio counties.

OHC is open to every breed of horse, discipline of riding and age of rider.

OHC's slogan "horsemen helping horsemen" represents commitment to the Ohio horse industry and all equine owners.



## State Officers

Left to right: Arden Sims, President (Washington County); Jo Ellen Reikowski, Treasurer (Stark County); Barb Gerard, Recording Secretary (Ashland County); Eric Estill, Vice-President (Warren County).



The American Horse Council was organized in 1969 to represent the horse industry in Washington before Congress and the federal regulatory agencies. It is a non-profit corporation that represents all segments of the equine industry. Ohio Horseman's Council is a proud member of American Horse Council.

# Member's Rewards

## Membership Benefits When You Join OHC

Membership in the Ohio Horseman's Council entitles you to benefits beyond the enjoyment of riding Ohio's trails or the camaraderie of other equine enthusiasts. Discounts from national retailers, as well as OHC State and Chapter level businesses, are available to you, too.

There are two levels of OHC membership: Basic and Plus.

### OHC Basic:

- All discounts from OHC national, local and state retailers.

### OHC Plus:

- All OHC Basic benefits AND access to **\$1 million equine excess personal liability insurance from Equisure for individuals or families.**

Visit [ohconline.com](http://ohconline.com) to learn more about membership perks which include discounts from American Horse Council partners such as Nationwide, John Deere, Red Brand and others.

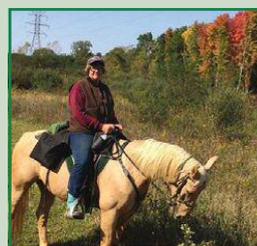
**OUT OF STATE MEMBERSHIPS:**  
If you don't live in Ohio and you want to join OHC, you get the same benefits of membership as Ohio residents. You can join a county chapter where you like to ride, or you can be an "At Large" member, no chapter affiliation.

Membership in OHC provides you with a free, monthly subscription to **Horsemen's Corral**. The Corral is OHC's printer and distributor of the **Horse Power** newsletter.



A membership recruitment promotion held in the last quarter of 2016 awarded both new members and their OHC sponsor or recruiter. Awards included custom saddles, gift cards for special trail riding packages and cash awards to chapters with the most new memberships recruited.

The biggest benefit you receive in joining OHC is the continued preservation of trails throughout the state. Without OHC volunteers working with landowners and trail partners and your membership, 1,600 miles of bridle trails would not exist. JOIN OHC now and enjoy your ride!



### Award winners of the Saddle Up and Support Ohio's Bridle Trails recruitment promotion include:

*Left photo: Winner of a custom saddle: Lynn Plummer, Logan County, New Member.*

*Middle photo: Winner of a custom saddle: Becky Porter, Logan County, Recruiter.*

*Right photo: Chapter winners recruiting the most new membership applications: Mary Alice Kuhn, Treasurer, Carroll County (left) tied for 2nd and 3rd place with Meigs County, both counties winning \$350 each. Ann Frederick, President, Hamilton County (right) first place winner of \$500.*

*Winners of the gift cards were:*

*\$500 - Jerry Dyer, Guernsey County and Teresa Grigsby, Jackson County*

*\$300 - Jon and Ellen Heffner, Montgomery County and Lisa Wynn, Hamilton County*

*\$200 - Dan and Sara Bratka, Hocking County and Terry Newman, Hocking County*



Members winning gift cards and saddles will enjoy their selections from Stagecoach West. All members of OHC can enjoy 15% off purchases from Stagecoach West, so check with your chapter officer for the shopping code to use to secure your discount.

# Volunteers Pave the Way for Ohio's Bridle Trails

## Volunteers and Land Owners - Shared Visions, Shared Success

by Don Wagner, Trails Chairman, Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.

Thanks to all OHC members that take time out of their busy lives and sacrifice riding time to do this important work on our trails and horse camps. Without you we would not have horse trails in Ohio. OHC volunteers donated around 14,000 hours of trail work and camp maintenance in 2016.

Let me share with you some of the work done in 2016:

The first project of 2016 was trail maintenance and a horse camp facelift at Hocking Hills. If you have not been to the **Hocking State Forest** horse camp in 2016 you will be in for a big surprise.

- The trailer parking sites have all been improved: lengthened from 30 to 90 feet to accommodate larger trailers, and angled so they are easier and safer to back into.
- The loop at the end of camp is now larger so big rigs can more easily make the turn.



Volunteers Briget Russell (left) and Linda Mabis (right), from the Defiance County Chapter of Ohio Horseman's Council repair map overlays on the horse trails at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark in the NW region.

- A new information kiosk was built where you enter the camp and new manure pits have been installed.
- In the spring of 2017, two new bathrooms will be finished, and a new shelter will be added.
- The Fairfield County Chapter of OHC has also been busy, working hard on the group camp, with new tie lines and gates. They have also put more stone on the driveway.



- Fairfield also did improvements to the Airplane Rock area, with the installation of steps, handrails and horse ties. Thank you, Fairfield, keep up the good work.



OHC Volunteers from 13 counties helped during the Barkcamp work week.

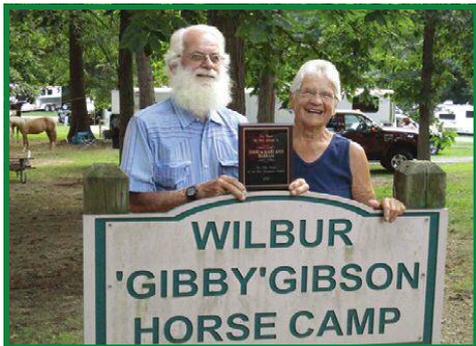
The next project was **Blue Rock State Park and Forest**. Blue Rock was a trial project between the OHC and ODNR and work will continue at Blue Rock in 2017. A short trail will be added so that you do not have to ride the same trail on your way back to camp. There is also a plan to move some of the road riding trails off of the roads, and Muskingum County Chapter of OHC is also putting a shelter in the horse camp in the near future.

Projects were done at **Barkcamp State Park** at the annual Gibby Memorial work week and ride. Tie line improvements were made, a concrete manure pit pad was poured, a bulletin board was put up at the shelter house, and work on the trails and the camp.

The last project I would like to mention was set up by ODNR at **Caesar Creek State Park**. Major repairs, made possible with grant money, were performed on the trails. Most of the work was performed by ODNR with help from Warren County Chapter of OHC members and friends.

This was only a short list of activities our volunteers were engaged in. Enjoy the improvements at these locations and when you ride the trails, think about joining OHC to show your appreciation for these efforts.

—Don Wagner



## Sycamore State Park Volunteers Receive "Gibby" Recognition

In the photo above, Montgomery County members Jerry and Mary Ann Basham pose with their 2016 Gibby Award. The Bashams, fondly known as "Mr & Mrs Sycamore" were the inspiration in the continued development and preservation of bridle trails at Sycamore State Park in the SW region of the state. More than 21 miles of trails can be enjoyed at the park, thanks to their volunteer efforts.

In addition to their trail work, both are active members in their local county chapter holding officer positions and managing a myriad of tasks to keep their chapter healthy.

The "Gibby Award" named for Wilbur T. Gibson, was established to recognize OHC volunteers who have worked diligently to develop and maintain trails. Wilbur T. "Gibby" Gibson was the first recipient in 2001. In laying out the trails at Barkcamp, Gibby petitioned the Ohio State Legislature for support before creating and maintaining the trails on his own. Because of his work, ODNR has dedicated the horse camp at Barkcamp in his honor. He was honored at Harrison State Forest in Harrison County for the same efforts. Both places have trails named for him. Gibby passed in April 2008 but his legacy continues to inspire. Nineteen members have been recognized with this award.

## Shared Vision and Success Leads to Two Lifetime Membership Awards

The Lifetime Membership Award is the most prestigious award given by Ohio Horseman's Council. Twenty-five have been given since 1975 and in 2016 two families were surprised with this special recognition.



*In the picture above left, Medina County members Linda and Jack Weese receive their award. The Weese's played significant roles in the development of and commitment to preservation of more than 47 miles of horseback riding trails within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.*

*In the picture above right, Ashland County members Barb and Mike Gerard are recognized for their commitment to OHC in the development of 27 miles of bridle trails and camping at Pleasant Hill Lake State Park. (Photo courtesy Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio.)*

*While working to develop trails, the Weese's and Gerard's held leadership roles within their chapters as well as committee chairs, officer and director roles at OHC state level positions.*

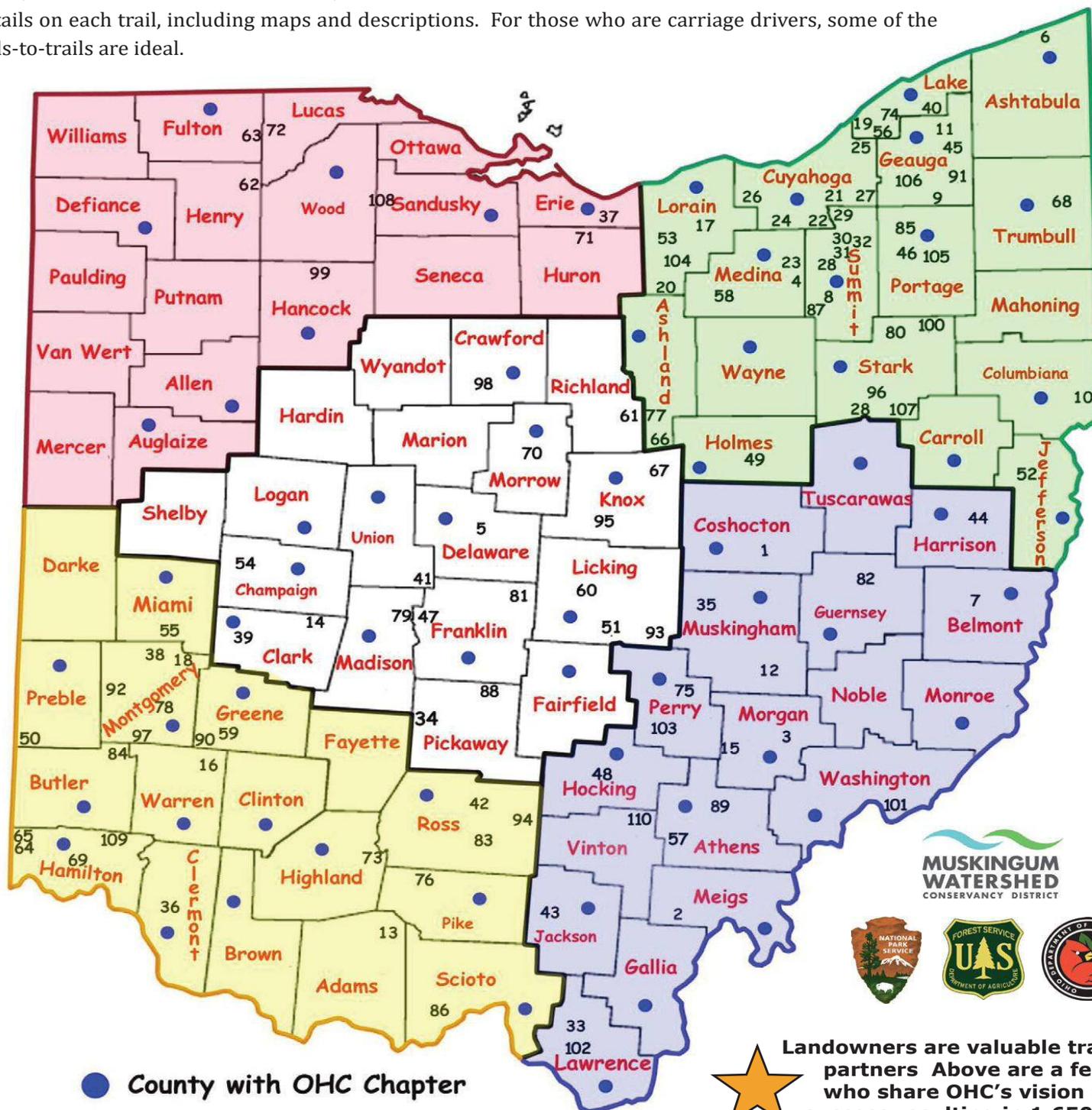


*Past recipients of the Lifetime Membership Award include: (top, far left) Larry Matthews, Washington County 2002; Connie Matthews, Washington County 2012; (top right) Cindy Barnett, Montgomery County 2004; (center, left) Kathy Bruno, Delaware County 1993; (center, right) Wayne and Sandy Baker, Allen County 1990; (bottom, left) Myrna Cellar, At Large, 1987; and (bottom, right) Ray Traut, At Large, 1979.*

# Saddle Up and Ride Ohio's Trails

## Location of Chapters and Trails

OHC volunteers work to maintain some 110 bridle trail locations throughout the state, representing more than 1,650 miles. The trails range from day-use of 2 miles in length, to trails up to 50 miles in length, with full service camping including electric, water, horse wash areas and restrooms, some with showers. Go to [ohconline.com](http://ohconline.com) and select "Trails" from the menu bar to get details on each trail, including maps and descriptions. For those who are carriage drivers, some of the rails-to-trails are ideal.



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WATERSHED  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



# Map Legend

	Trail Name	County	Miles
1	AEP Conesville Horse Area	Coshocton	17
2	AEP Gavin Plant	Meigs	19
3	AEP Rec. Land Equine Area (McConnelsville)	Morgan	30
4	Allardale	Medina	4
5	Alum Creek State Park	Delaware	50
6	Ashtabula Gulf	Ashtabula	8
7	Barkcamp State Park	Belmont	30
8	Bath Nature Preserve	Summit	5
9	Beartown Lakes	Geauga	2
10	Beaver Creek State Park	Columbiana	27
11	Big Creek	Geauga	2
12	Blue Rock State Forest	Muskingham	26
13	Brush Creek State Forest	Adams	10
14	Buck Creek State Park	Clark	10
15	Burr Oak State Park	Morgan	15
16	Caesar Creek State Park	Warren	37
17	Carlisle Reservation	Lorain	7
18	Carriage Hill Metro Park	Montgomery	6
19	Chapin Forest Reservation	Lake	6
20	Charlemont Reservation	Lorain	6
21	Cleveland MetroParks - Bedford Res.	Cuyahoga	18
22	Cleveland MetroParks - Brecksville Res.	Cuyahoga	20
23	Cleveland MetroParks - Hinckley Res.	Medina	10
24	Cleveland MetroParks - Mill Stream Run Res.	Cuyahoga	15
25	Cleveland MetroParks - North Chagrin Res.	Cuyahoga	11
26	Cleveland MetroParks - Rocky River Res.	Cuyahoga	9
27	Cleveland MetroParks - South Chagrin Res.	Cuyahoga	18
28	Congressman Ralph Regula Towpath	Stark	25
29	Cuyahoga Valley NP - Perkins & Riding Run	Summit	13
30	Cuyahoga Valley NP - Valley Trail North	Summit	9
31	Cuyahoga Valley NP - Valley Trail South	Summit	13
32	Cuyahoga Valley NP - Wetmore & Langes Run	Summit	12
33	Dean State Forest	Lawrence	12
34	Deer Creek State Park	Fayette	17
35	Dillon State Park	Muskingham	13
36	East Fork State Park	Clermont	59
37	Edison Woods Preserve	Erie	7
38	Englewood Metro Park	Montgomery	4
39	George Rogers Clark	Clark	5
40	Girdled Road Reservation	Lake	7
41	Glacier Ridge Metro Park	Union	5
42	Great Seal State Park	Ross	17
43	Hammertown Lake	Jackson	10
44	Harrison State Forest	Harrison	25
45	Headwaters Park	Geauga	2
46	Headwaters Trail	Portage	8
47	Heritage Trail Metro Park	Franklin	4
48	Hocking State Forest	Hocking	40
49	Holmes County Bridle Trails	Holmes	25
50	Hueston Woods State Park	Preble	18
51	Infirmity Mound Park	Licking	6
52	Jefferson Lake State Park	Jefferson	18
53	Kipton Reservation	Lorain	2
54	Kiser Lake State Park	Champaign	7

	Trail Name	County	Miles
55	Kyle Park (Tipp City)	Miami	2
56	Lake Farm Park	Lake	2
57	Lake Snowden	Athens	13
58	Letha House	Medina	2
59	Little Miami State Park	Greene	50
60	Lobdell Reserve	Licking	8
61	Malabar Farm State Park	Richland	11
62	Mary Jane Thurston State Park	Henry	5
63	Maumee State Forest	Fulton	7
64	Miami Whitewater Forest Trail	Hamilton	9
65	Miami Whitewater Shaker Trace Bridle Trail	Hamilton	8
66	Mohican Memorial State Forest	Ashland	50
67	Mohican Valley Trail	Knox	5
68	Mosquito Lake State Park	Trumbull	10
69	Mt Airy Forest	Hamilton	8
70	Mt. Gilead State Park	Morrow	7
71	North Coast - Inland	Huron	3
72	Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark	Lucas	15
73	Paint Creek State Park	Highland	25
74	Penitentiary Glen Park	Lake	8
75	Perry State Forest	Perry	8
76	Pike Lake State Park	Pike	40
77	Pleasant Hill Lake Park	Ashland	27
78	Possum Creek Metro Park	Montgomery	5
79	Prairie Oaks Metro Park	Madison	5
80	Quail Hollow State Park	Stark	7
81	Rocky Fork Metro Park	Franklin	3
82	Salt Fork State Park	Guernsey	52
83	Scioto Trail State Forest	Ross	26
84	Sebald Metro Park	Butler	10
85	Shaw Woods	Portage	4
86	Shawnee State Forest	Scioto	70
87	Silver Creek Metro Park	Summit	3
88	Slate Run Metro Park	Pickaway	3
89	Stroud's Run State Park	Athens	20
90	Sugar Creek Metro Park	Greene	6
91	Swine Creek	Geauga	3
92	Sycamore State Park	Montgomery	21
93	Taft Reserve	Licking	7
94	Tar Hollow State Forest	Ross	33
95	Thayer Ridge Park	Knox	6
96	Tri-Co Horse Trails	Stark	50
97	Twin Creek Metro Park	Montgomery	11
98	Unger Park	Crawford	2
99	Van Buren State Park	Hancock	11
100	Walborn Reservoir	Stark	6
101	Wayne Nat'l Forest - Kinderhook	Washington	22
102	Wayne Nat'l Forest - Lake Visuvius	Lawrence	43
103	Wayne Nat'l Forest - Stone Church	Perry	21
104	Wellington Reservation	Lorain	4
105	West Branch State Park	Portage	20
106	West Woods Park	Geauga	2
107	Whiteacre Greer Bridle Trail	Stark	6
108	White Star Park	Sandusky	3
109	Winton Woods - Great Parks of Hamilton Co.	Hamilton	6
110	Zaleski State Forest Bridle Trail System	Vinton	50

# Saddle Up and Ride Ohio's Trails

## Around the State...NW to Central to SW

From the northwest corner of the state, down through the central region and to the southwest, there are more than 600 miles of trails for horseback riders to enjoy. Most trailheads have day parking and many have overnight camping, some with electric and water.



NW



Left: **Oak Openings Preserves Metropark** has 20 miles of sandy, wide trails with day ride parking.

Above: **Maumee State Forest** in Fulton County has 8 miles of level, enjoyable riding trails along with a day ride area for parking.

Right: **Miami Whitewater Forest** Trail has 9 miles of moderate trails of 3 wooded loops and a horseman's day ride parking area.

Right/bottom photo: **Deer Creek State Park** has 17 miles of scenic easy trails with primitive horseman's campground.

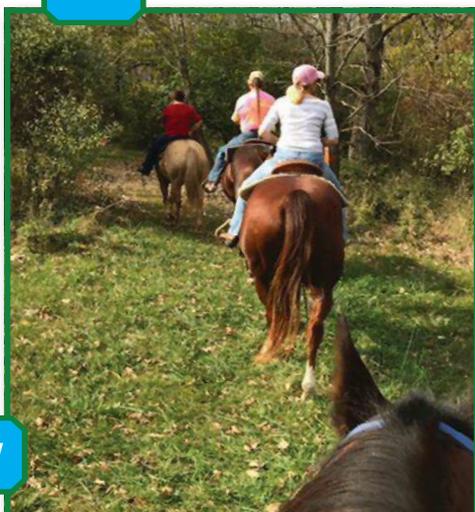
Below: **Pike Lake State Park** has 40 miles of easy to challenging trails through mature woods and a day ride parking area. Private campground nearby.



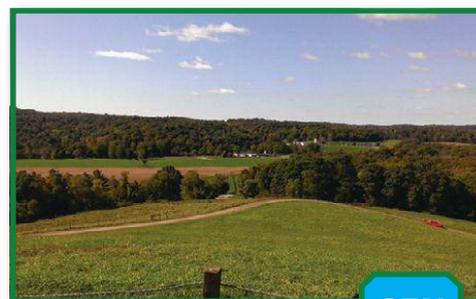
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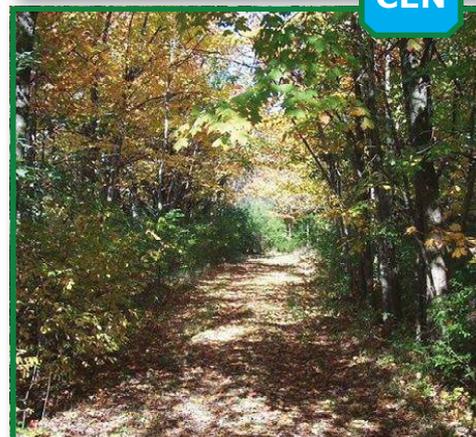
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Above/top photo: **Malabar Farm State Park** has 11 miles of trails and a large primitive campground. Malabar connects to Pleasant Hill State Park.

Above/bottom photo: **Glacier Ridge Metropark** has a 5 mile loop through woods and fields with day ride parking.

Below: **Alum Creek State Park** has 50 miles of easy to challenging trails with primitive horseman's campground.



CEN

## Around the State...NE TO SE

From the northeast corner of the state, down through the southeast region there are more than 900 miles of easy to challenging trails for horseback riders to enjoy. Most campgrounds have tie lines, shelters, restroom facilities and some with water and electric.



NE

Top: **Mohican State Forest** has 50 miles of trails and a large horseman's campground with group camping by permit.

Below/top photo: **Pleasant Hill Lake Park** has 27 miles of scenic trails and can connect to Malabar or Mohican. The horseman's campground is shady, scenic and comfortable for horse and rider.

Below/lower photo: **Jefferson Lake State Park** has a new campground with water, electric and tie lines in the shade. 25 miles of moderate trails to ride with water crossings and hills.



NE



Top: **Beaver Creek State Park** has 27 miles of trails with many water crossings. A large horseman's campground is available.

Top/lower photo: **Cleveland Metroparks South Chagrin Reservation** has 18 miles of trails and a day ride area. Cleveland Metroparks is composed of 7 reservations and 100 miles of trails.

Below: **AEP Conesville (Fallon Park)** has 17 miles of easy to challenging trails and primitive horseman's campground.



SE



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Top: **Hocking State Forest** has more than 40 miles of trails that allow riders to see unusual rock formations and a larger, improved horseman's camp and a group camp.

Top/lower photo: **Shawnee State Forest** has more than 60 miles of challenging trails and a large primitive horseman's campground.

Below/top photo: **Wayne National Lake Vesuvius Region** has 43 miles of challenging, enjoyable riding and a primitive campground as well as several trailheads for day riding.

Below/lower photo: **Blue Rock State Forest** has 26 miles of scenic trails and primitive camping.



## Grant Money Benefits All Equestrians

OHC Annual Monetary Grant Programs are “designed to give assistance for equine-related projects that build relationships and enhance the community.” The \$5000 Matching grant is distributed to one or more chapters depending upon the amounts requested. The awarded funds must be matched in kind by the individual chapter. The Regional Monetary Grant program awards \$750 to a county chapter within each of the five regions. All award recipients must furnish a year-end report detailing their completed projects.

Examples of past projects accomplished through this program include things like improvement to Hocking’s horseman’s group campground and Alum Creek’s platform installations in persistently muddy areas.



**BEFORE**

*Boardwalk construction on a trail at Alum Creek State Park in the Central Region.*



**AFTER**

## 2017 State Trail Rides

### What is a State Trail Ride?

State rides were started to show fellow equestrians the trails system in a particular area. Now the rides are a yearly activity organized and hosted by the local county chapter. Riders can ride in groups or ride alone. Expect plenty of food and equestrian camaraderie. OHC non-members are encouraged to attend and join the fun. Come for a day or camp the weekend.

Visit [ohconline.com](http://ohconline.com) to see a rolling calendar on the left side of the main page. There, you will see all the rides throughout the state including regional rides, fundraisers and other OHC sanctioned events.

### 2017 OHC CHAPTER GRANT WINNERS

#### \$750 Grants

**Wood County**-Van Buren S.P. for stall repairs

**Cuyahoga County**-Cleveland Metropark for parking lot

**Knox County**-Thayer Ridge Park for parking lot

**Pike County**-Pike Lake S.P. for trail repairs

**Lawrence County**-Paddle Creek/Lake Vesuvius for trail repairs

#### \$5000 Matching Grants

**Cuyahoga County**-Cleveland Metropark-\$1000 for parking lot

**Jackson County**-Hammertown Lake-\$1000 for parking lot

**Ross County**-Tar Hollow S.P-\$1000 for stone parking lot

**Preble County**-Hueston Woods S.P.-\$1000 for horse arena improvement

**Delaware County**-Alum Creek S.P.-\$500 for trail repairs

**Fairfield County**-Hocking State Forest-\$500 for tie lines.

**June 9, 10, 11: Caesar Creek State Park**

*Hosted by Greene County*

*Contact: Herb Rider 937-372-9829*

**July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3: Barkcamp State Park, Trail work days**

*Hosted by State OHC*

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**Aug. 4, 5, 6: Barkcamp State Park Gibby Memorial Ride**

*Reservations required*

*Hosted by State OHC*

*Contact: Jack Weese 440-234-9668  
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**Reservations:** *Charlene Santee  
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**Aug. 18, 19, 20: Cuyahoga Valley N. P.**

**Reservations required**

*Hosted by Medina County*

*Contact: Jack Weese 440-234-9668  
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**Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4: Scioto Trail State Forest**

*Hosted by Fairfield County*

*Anita Hoon 614-837-3109  
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**Sept. 15, 16, 17: Mohican State Forest “Chili Cook-Off”**

**Reservations required**

*Hosted by Ashland County*

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**Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1: Oak Openings**

**Reservations required**

*Hosted by NW Region*

*Contact: Jackie Romaker 419-575-3623  
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**Oct. 6, 7, 8: Cleveland Metroparks**

**South Chagrin Reservation**

**Reservations required**

*Hosted by Cuyahoga County OHC*

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**Oct. 13, 14, 15: Hueston Woods S.P.**

*Hosted by Preble County*

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# Horse Power and OHC Youth Members

## OHC Youth Program Educates Future Equestrians

**CAMP WITH OHCYP.** It doesn't matter if you ride or show, or if you've never been in the saddle, there's an OHC youth activity for all future equestrians.

For those who have never experienced trail riding, 3-day horse camps are hosted by OHC. Each camper is assigned a horse that becomes their responsibility and you learn to care for it, groom and feed, and ride. If you have your own horse, you can bring it to camp, too.

**COWGIRLS ONLY WEEKEND.** In 2017, a new camp is offered for "girls only." So, mom, aunt or grandma can join the OHC youth member and get in on the fun!

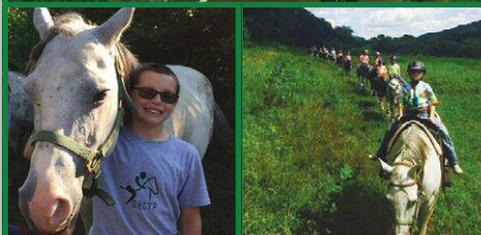
**2017 dates for camping at  
Camp Mohaven, Danville, OH**

**June 2, 3, 4 for advanced riders**

**July 7, 8, 9 "girls only"**

**August 11, 12, 13 for beginner  
to intermediate riders**

**HORSES AND MORE!** OHCYP focuses on horseback riding as well as other fun activities such as rafting, overnight camping, cooking over a campfire and more. If interested, check out the OHC Youth Program Facebook page to join the fun!



*Above and left, OHC youth members ready their horses for a trail ride and photo opportunities at Camp Mohaven.*



*The OHCYP encourages young equestrians to volunteer with OHC at horse events and other OHC-sponsored activities. **SHARE** accomplishments and adventures. **PARTICIPATE** in shows, regional events, horse camp. **LEARN** about the Ohio equine industry and issues affecting all horse owners. **FIND** how these issues affect you as a future leader. **DISCUSS** these issues with other horse lovers your age throughout the state. Follow OHCYP on Facebook.*



*Many chapters sponsor a variety of fun-filled horse events such as fun shows and gymkhana. These family-focused events encourage everyone to have fun with your equine.*



*A Summit County OHC team won first place in Groom and Clean and are shown here with their trophies supplied by OHC. On the right is Sheila Bushong, OHC member and liaison between OHC and this state 4H horse program.*



*Butler County's "Horse Daze", held at Sebald Metropark, was created to introduce the community to equine ownership and features family-oriented activities such as a short trail ride through the park. Similar events have been adopted by other OHC chapters.*

# Chapter Contacts

*The Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc. is governed by state leadership, directors, regional mentors and representatives, committee chairpersons and chapter officers. Each chapter follows the bylaws of the OHC. All positions are volunteer. Contact the chapter president from the list below to ask about membership.*

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*In addition to trail riding, members find numerous ways to enjoy and show off their equines.*

# Got Horse Power? Join OHC.

## OHC membership speaks for you and your horse

**Equine Advocacy.** One of OHC's goals is to promote the welfare of the horse and to protect and promote the rights and interests of horsemen. Our federal, state and local government can often have a major impact on this goal. To that end, the OHC actively works to develop and maintain partnerships with government land managers both at the chapter and state levels. We also interact indirectly with government agencies and the legislative branch of government on the national level through our organization's affiliation with the American Horse Council.

Through diligent monitoring, analyzing and timely reporting, our legislative affairs committee work to keep our members posted on all government actions and initiatives that may impact the welfare of the horse or the rights and interests of the horse owner. OHC is perhaps best known for working with state and local land managers to promote, develop and maintain bridle trails all over the state. Tireless efforts by our member volunteers have led to the successful creation of outstanding bridle trails within our state. Through continued work and diligence, we will have these trails for future generations of horse enthusiasts to enjoy. This advocacy is the reason why Ohio boasts more miles of bridle trails than all the adjoining states combined.

Advocacy also means that OHC was a part of a coalition of livestock industry groups that, having anticipated the proposed passing of new regulations for the livestock industry, proposed their own Care Standards Board legislation which was ultimately passed by Ohio voters. OHC played a key role in drafting care standards for horses.

Furthermore, OHC was also involved in the development of the Ohio Limited Liability Law. In 2012 the OHC President successfully argued the merits of the Ohio Equine Activity Immunity Statute before the Ohio Supreme Court.

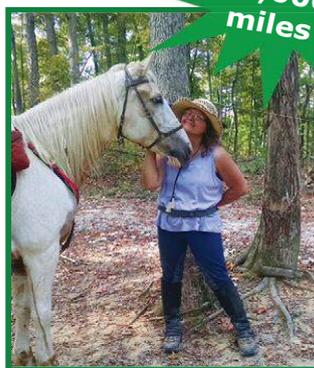
Today OHC continues to maintain an active role with the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board – Equine Advisory Committee, and with the Ohio Department of Agriculture – Equine Task Force. We are charter members of the Ohio Trails Partnership (OTP) and the Ohio Equine Industry Coalition. Working together, members of the OHC draw on a shared conviction to accomplish goals that will benefit our equine community.

**Join OHC today.** *Your membership dues enable the OHC to fund efforts to preserve trails in Ohio and increased horse power so we can continue to meet the needs of equine owners.*

### REPORTING YOUR TRAIL MILES AND TIME IN THE SADDLE

*OHC members are encouraged to log and report miles and saddle hours so documented information can be shared with private and public land managers to continue to maintain, improve and expand trail systems and facilities in the state.*

*OHC recognizes levels of individual equine accomplishments, with awards based on members' reported miles and hours. A variety of activities may qualify, including trail riding, driving, showing and training.*



*Ransae Lindimood-Hall of Montgomery County, was recently recognized for reaching 25,000 trail miles. She says it took her 25 years and is now logging the next 25,000.*

**WARNING**  
UNDER OHIO LAW, AN EQUINE SPONSOR OR PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.  
I.H.B. No. 564 Civil Procedure-Immunity-Equine Activities

OHC strongly supports the Ohio Equine Liability Law, Ohio Rev. Code §2307.321, which provides immunity (with certain exceptions) to owners, operators, trainers, farriers, veterinarians and others for injuries arising from the inherent risks of equine activities. In *Smith v. Landfair*, 135 Ohio St. 3d 89 (2012), OHC appeared as an amicus curiae before the Ohio Supreme Court on the question of who constitutes an equine activity participant for purposes of the statutory immunity. The Court adopted the argument advanced by OHC and found immunity, applying a broad definition of participant to include a bystander who was injured while attempting to assist with an unruly horse. Although the Ohio statute does not require the posting of signs warning of equine activities, OHC encourages the posting of such signs to increase awareness that equines are inherently unpredictable and injuries which they cause may not be compensable.

## Free Advertising for OHC Members

Ohio Horseman's Council  
Membership Business Directory

*OHC members who have equine-related products and services can advertise for free in the OHC Member Business Directory.*

*Send your business card to [merchandise@ohconline.com](mailto:merchandise@ohconline.com) to be included in the next edition.*

# Application for Membership

State Office Use: Member I.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ SR# \_\_\_\_\_ EA \_\_\_\_\_



## Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc. Membership Application for Year 2017 *(Membership Year is from January 1 to December 31)*

( ) New ( ) Previous Member Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ or At Large ( ) *Please Print clearly or type*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner/Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Above is a Change of Address The Corral and Newsletter are included with your membership.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  I do **not** want to receive the Corral

We (I) own \_\_\_\_\_ (No.) equine I want to receive the State Newsletter by  Email  By Postal Mail

If family membership, list **names and ages** of dependents residing in your household. No one can be included unless they live in your household. If member is listed above, do not include in this space.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Age) (Name) 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Age) (Name) 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Age) (Name)

**\*Some Chapters Charge a Chapter Fee\***

OHC Basic Membership <b>(Without Equine Excess Liability Insurance)</b>				
Type <i>(please circle your choice)</i>	Membership Fee	*Chapter Charge*	Insurance	Total
Individual (Age 18 or older; No dependents)	\$20.00			\$20.00
Youth (under age 18; parental/guardian signature required)	\$20.00			\$20.00
Family (Spouse/Partner/Other and/or dependents)	\$30.00			\$30.00
OHC Plus Membership <b>(With Equine Excess Liability Insurance)</b>				
Type <i>(please circle your choice)</i>	Membership Fee	*Chapter Charge*	Insurance	Total
Individual (18 or older; No dependents)	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$40.00
Family (Spouse/Partner/Other and/or dependents)	\$30.00		\$40.00	\$70.00
Associate Membership <b>(List Association Name at top of form)</b>				
<b>(Open to groups or individuals desiring to support OHC; must be affiliated with and sponsored by a chapter.)</b>				
No. of Members _____	Membership Fee \$35.00 + chapter fee*	Association President/Chairperson: _____		

**Primary applicant(s) must sign. Parent or guardian must sign in addition to applicant under age 18. Please date this document. By signing this document, I (we) agree to the terms and conditions of the By-Laws of the Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Card Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Card Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Application & Membership Fees Plus any Liability Insurance Fees Received by OHC Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### VISIT OHC AT THESE UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS

- April 6-9      Equine Affaire, Columbus, OH
- May 7-10      International Trails Symposium, Dayton, OH
- May 11-14     All American Youth Horse Show, Columbus, OH
- November TBD    OHC General Membership Meeting, Delaware, OH

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