

Phipps Field - Upperville Stable Tour

Hi, welcome to Phipps Polo Field and thank you for coming to see a polo game today and supporting the Stable Tour. One of the first things that you will notice is THERE ARE NO STABLES. What you are witnessing first hand is a prime example of a CONSERVATION EASEMENT in the Piedmont. What you see is the the way the field and surrounding property has been for 100 years and the way it will remain for another hundred years or more. Aside from the small equipment shed in the far back, there will never be a house, or a barn, or any structure to compete with the natural beauty that the land has to offer. All there will ever be is just a polo field, Goose Creek and an idyllic setting that is breathtaking any day of the year no matter what the season. In this spot time is truly standing still.

Phipps Field was built almost 100 years ago by the Phipps family who hailed from New York. Searching out a desirable place for polo they decided on this spot and with the help of a team of mules, diverted the flow of Goose Creek to go around the area that is the polo field, thus changing the course of the creek as well as history! You can see the stone walls along the side of the creek in spots as well as along the bank that they used as retaining walls while they undertook the massive task. Over the last 99 years some of the greatest polo legends have taken to the pitch to play a game that is also known as “The Sport Of Kings”. High goal players from all over the US and South America as well as countless local players have all called Phipps Field their home field. Its amazing for such a small sport to have had this much impact on the community. Its hard to find anyone around this area that doesn’t have a tie to a polo player or was a spectator at some point in time.

So take a look around and enjoy the beauty that the field and the creek have to offer. And while you watch and enjoy the game just remember that while the players and spectators today are the current ones, there have literally been 100 years of players here before them striving for the perfect game of polo and spectators standing right where you are cheering them on. Thus the fields motto:

“We play today’s game in the memory of those who played here before us”

