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President's Message

We were gifted with some beautiful weather in April. Let's hope May is just as generous.

The GOHC annual banquet was a great success. Thank you to the vendors and members who donated. A list of vendors is attached. Please consider shopping local.

The goody baskets were delivered to Swine Creek, Westwoods and Big Creek. Shout out to Chrissy Henderson, Bill Lanning and Barb Jergens for delivering them on behalf of GOHC.

May 6 is the garlic mustard weed pull with the Geauga Park District. It will be at the Tulip Trail this year. GPD could use your help in clearing the trail of this invasive plant.

The Nora Stanton ride will be held on May 30th. The location is Holbrook Hollows and we'll ride out at 11:00. Watch your e-mail for more information.

Looking ahead – We have Win Seek Fallen Pines Equestrian Center reserved for June 7th. This is a wonderful indoor/outdoor obstacle course located in Courtland, OH. It's well worth attending and a lot of fun. We also have a club ride on June 13th at Headwaters.

I'll be sending out more information as we get a little closer.

Have a great month.
Donna

GOHC 2026 Events

- 5/30/2026 Nora Stanton Memorial Ride 11AM
- 6/7/2026 WinSeek obstacle course
- 6/27/2026 Headwaters 10AM
- 7/11/2026 Flea Market
- 9/1/2026 Fair booth set up
- 9/19/2026 Creekside obstacles (tentative)
- 9/20/26 Regional ride and pot luck 10AM
- 10/24/2026 Halloween ride-Swine Creek 11AM
- 11/7/2026 Girdled Road 11AM
- 11/10/2026 Officer elections

FROM THE TRAIL DESK

Well! We all rode as much and as far as we could, but our total riding activity for 2025 did not compare favorably to our previous levels of success. The annual total of 11,594 miles reported to our State group is not quite accurate (it will remain the official number, however). There was one late submission from Lisa White that raised our actual trail miles to 11,785. Now you see the reason for the constant reminder that ALL miles or hours ridden are worthy of reporting and that YOU, dear rider, are entitled to be proud of them.

One star rider of last season is Steve Mattlin who has racked up his lifetime miles to the 10,000 level. CONGRATULATIONS, STEVE. Once again Steve has declined the signatory patch, thereby donating the cost back to our treasury. Other members who have ridden to new levels in their careers are listed below.

10,000

Steve Mattlin

5000

Stella Grabelsek

1000

Michelle Bearer

Cindy Orben

200

Marty Burke

Sharon Hazen

Debra Kanda

Susan Kray

April Schroeder

The Nora Stanton Memorial Ride is the designated step-off to the 2026 riding season on May 30 at Holbrook Hollows, ride out time of 11 a.m. You may want to set up your system earlier for tracking ride miles and saddle hours.

See you on the trails. Linda

2026 Banquet, April 18th at Holbrook Hollows



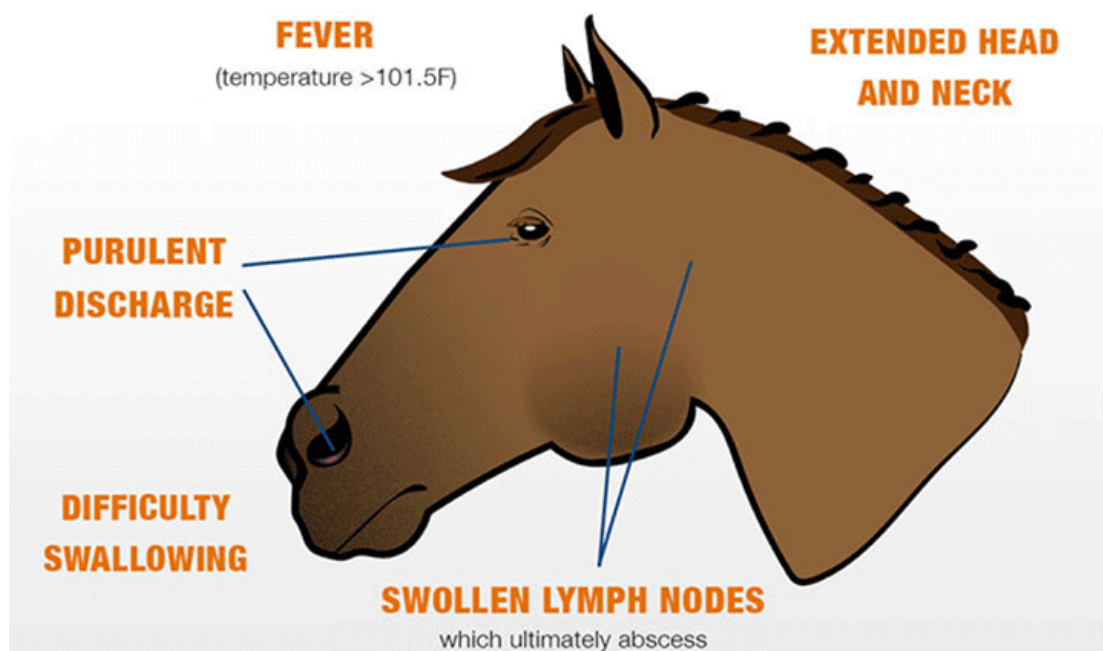
7 Facts About Strangles You Need to Know

From Tufts University, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

Recognized most for its signature symptom, strangles is a bacterial infection in horses similar to strep throat in humans. Are you familiar with how to spot less-obvious symptoms, treat, and prevent its spread?

<https://vet.tufts.edu/news-events/news/7-facts-about-strangles-you-need-know>

Strangles is caused by bacterial infection with *Streptococcus equi* subspecies *equi* (referred to as *S. equi*). The bacteria typically infect the upper airway and lymph nodes of the head and neck.



GOHC Service Opportunity: Garlic Mustard Pull, Wednesday, May 6, 5:30PM, Affelder Entrance The West Woods, 15139 Chillicothe Road

Join us to save the native spring wildflowers blooming along “our trail”, the Tulip Trail, by pulling the invasive garlic mustard. Luckily, the plant is easy to identify – growing about two feet tall with a bundle of small white flowers – and it is even easier to pull out by the roots. In fact, many people even find this task, which can result in feed bags full, to be rewarding and fun! This will be a 2 or 3 mile spring walk including the time pulling the weedy invasive plant.

Please text or call Dottie Drockton at 440-665-0716 to let us know the GOHC will have a good crew to accomplish this task.

P.S. Save your feed bags and bring them with :)

Dottie Drockton

Geauga Park District Horse Programs

Registration is required for these Geauga Park District Programs and is available at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-286-9516

REGISTRATION OPENS March 20 (residents) March 27 (out-of-county):

- Saturday, May 9, The West Woods Horse Ride
- Saturday, June 20, Holbrook to South Chagrin

REGISTRATION OPENS September 20 (residents) September 27 (out-of-county):

- Saturday, August 29, Trail Horse Nature Challenge, Swine Creek Reservation.
- Saturday, September 12, Trail Ride and Buggy Training, Swine Creek Reservation
- Sunday, October 25, Moonlight Ride & Headwaters Horse Ride



Bridle Trail Fund

Please consider donating to the Bridle Trail Fund so we can assist monetarily in the development of more trails. When donating through the online form put “Bridle Trail Fund” in the comments section.

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Thank you to our members who donated auction items and/or their time to the banquet. It certainly takes a village to bring this all together. I appreciate each of you.

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