



Geauga County Chapter of The Ohio Horseman's Council

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Bridge Closure at The West Woods:

The West Woods bridge will be under construction June 2025 through May 2026. Bridge closure will depend on the work being conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The West Woods will remain open, but all parking will be consolidated to the top entrance lot, and a temporary pedestrian bridge will accommodate foot and horse traffic into the park.

For park information, check their website:

<https://geaugaparkdistrict.org/>

Statement provided by the park.



Diners at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen after the Nora Stanton Memorial Ride on May 17. Attendees included long-time members Joy Keco and Nancy Craun. Ann Toney, Grand Prize winner in the Trail Miles drawing is pictured at left, far end of the table. Awards are presented each year after this memorial ride.



Geauga OHC Trail Miles 2024

GRAND PRIZE!
TRAIL MILES

Ann Toney

RESERVE GRAND PRIZE!
SADDLE HORSES

Michelle Bearer

ABOVE AVERAGE!
TRAIL MILES

Linda Zehe

Top Miles in 7 Geauga Parks: Linda Golding (244 Miles)
Runner-Up: Cathy Vella (95 Miles)

Top Miles in 5 Geauga Parks: Michelle Rossman (276 Miles)
Runner-Up: Michelle Bearer (244 Miles)

5,000 MILES

- Rich Bradshaw
- Michelle Rossman
- Mindi Steiger

1,000 MILES

- Toni Lima
- Karen Uspenski

500 MILES

- Chrissy Henderson
- Donna Kennedy
- Carl Langer

200 MILES

- Judy Smego

Rachel Vanek
Cathy Vella
17 Different Parks

Most trail rides made in different parks in & out of Geauga Co. including out of state!

• Rita Langer

• Kris Lanphear

Upcoming OHC Rides and Events:

*****For details, watch your email*****

June 8 - Ride at The Westwoods 11am

9465 Kinsman Road (Rt. 87), Novelty. Park in the horse trailer parking lot on the right near the front of the park.

The following is from Jessica of the Geauga Park District:

Planning says the bridge will still be there on June 8th so the OHC should have no problems parking in the trailer lot by The West Woods entrance since patrons can park by the Nature Center.

ODOT is bringing in their equipment on Monday, June 9th and staging things near the bridge moving forward from that date.

June 24 - Cow sorting at Rich Bradshaw's - see below

June 28 - Helmet fitting at Big Ds with Lisa Goretta

July 11-13 Camping at West Branch

The Geauga County Chapter of the Ohio Horse Council is having a **special event** on **TUESDAY, JUNE 24** - COW SORTING with RICH BRADSHAW!

Anyone with a horse is welcome! Discipline doesn't matter – Western or English – everyone can join in the fun! No previous cow sorting experience necessary - just a desire to share a great experience with your horse and good friends!

Don't want to bring your horse, no problem! Come and watch the fun!

Cost is \$40 per person. **A minimum of 10 riders is required**, and we need you to **reserve your spot** by **Thursday, June 20**, by sending \$10 to Jennifer Salo via Venmo @Jennifer_Salo-2 (picture of Jen and gray horse) or send a check payable to GOHC to Cindy Orben, 7231 Country Ln, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Balance to be paid at the event.

All OHC members (Gauga, Lake, and Cuyahoga) and guests are welcomed to join us and we'll have a cookout afterwards with hot dogs! Bring a dish to pass if you wish.

COW SORTING

6:00pm, Tuesday, JUNE 24

Rich Bradshaw's Training Stables

15715 Newcomb Road
Middlefield, OH 44062

Cuyahoga County OHC Rides and State Info:

6/7 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - Be sure to enjoy the trails and the pictures to post.

6/6 -6/8 Camp Tuscazoar – Summit OHC is hosting a campout. 6/6 ride out with Greg Monsanty to show off the new Pike Ridge Park Trails.

6/13-6/15 State Ride – Caesar Creek State Park – Mickie Newman
932-232-9256

6/14 Hosted by Lorain – Brecksville Day Rid. Contact Barb Musolf
440-461-0731. Meet at the Meadows Trailhead

6/21 Hosted by Summit County – Murder Mystery Richfield Heritage Preserve

6/20-6/22 Salt Fork State Park; Contact Jim Wallace 330-635-0167 Hosted by Lorain OHC

6/28 Lorain OHC Malabar Day Ride – ride out at 10am. Jim Wallace
330-635-0167

7/3 – 7/6 Camp; NE Regional Ride at Mohican Contact Marline Smalley
740-504-1511

7/10-7/12 Hocking Hills Camping – hosted by Summit County OHC

7/11 (Fri) Rocky River Day Ride – 10am Meet at Lewis Road Arena. Hosted by Lorain.

7/18 – 7/20 Camp at West Branch – Hosted by Lorain; Contact Holly
Thompson 440-225-0173

7/26 (Sat) 10 am North Chagrin Day Rid – OXBOW Trailhead hosted by Lorain

8/1 – 8/3 GIBBY RIDE – Bark camp Sate Park; Contact Charlene Santee
740-670-3470

8/1 – 8/3 Alum Creek State Park; Hosted by Lorain OHC

8/23 (Sat) 10am – Hinckley Day Ride; meet at Worden Ledges Parking Area. Hosted by Lorain OHC

9/5 – 9/7 Alum Creek Campout

9/12 – 9/14 State Ride Mohican State Forest – CHILI COOKOFF Hosted by Lorain OHC
Contact Tim Tuttle 419-512-1216 or Jim Wallace 330-635-0167

Day Ride scheduled for Saturday at 11am.

9/13 (Sat) Glow Stick Ride – West Branch hosted by Portage OHC. Contact Brenda
Brown

9/19 – 9/21 AEP Conesville Horse Area. Ride Reclaimed mining land; 20 miles of trails;
25 primitive equestrian

campsites; hog roast. Sponsored by Coshocton OHC – POT LUCK.

9/26 – 9/28 State Ride at South Chagrin Polo Fields hosted by Cuyahoga, Medina and
Summit OHC Contact Joani 330-730-4652; Raydeen 334-663-7361 or Cathy
216-789-0496

Geauga Park District Horseback Activities, from Dottie Dockton:

- Saturday, June 21, Holbrook to South Chagrin
(Long Ride on Longest Day)
- Saturday, August 23, Trail Horse Nature
Challenge,
Swine Creek Reservation
- Saturday, September 13, Buggy Training, Swine
Creek Reservation
- Saturday, October 4,
Moonlight Ride & Headwaters Horse Ride.



Register online at:

<https://reservations.geaugaparkdistrict.org/programs/>

Please only ride on trails open to horses. Trail usage in Geauga Park District is specified by icons on the trail map for each park you visit. Check the drop-down menu for activities, horseback riding and find the trails open to horses before you ride. [Horseback Riding Trails | Geauga Park District](#)

The equine industry in Ohio is a significant part of the state's agricultural and recreational landscape. The state has a long history with horses, and today, it remains a major player in both the national and regional equine sectors. The industry encompasses various aspects, including horse racing, breeding, training, and recreational activities such as trail riding and shows. Below are key elements that define Ohio's equine industry:

1. Economic Impact

- **Contributions to the economy:** The Ohio equine industry contributes millions of dollars to the state's economy. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the economic impact of the equine industry in Ohio is estimated to be around \$1 billion annually. This includes direct spending on horse-related activities, as well as the secondary industries that support horses, such as feed, equipment, and veterinary services.
- **Employment:** The industry also supports thousands of jobs in Ohio, including breeders, trainers, farm workers, veterinarians, and equine-related service providers.

2. Horse Racing

- **Thoroughbred and Standardbred Racing:** Ohio is known for its horse racing industry, particularly for both Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses (such as trotters and pacers). The state's racetracks offer both live and simulcast racing, contributing to the economy through gambling and tourism.
- **Major Racetracks:** Key racetracks in Ohio include:
 - **Thistledown Racino** (Cleveland area) – Primarily hosts Thoroughbred racing and also features a casino.
 - **Scioto Downs** (Columbus) – Known for Standardbred harness racing and also operates a racino with slot machines.
 - **Miami Valley Gaming** (Lebanon) – Another racino that hosts Standardbred races and offers gaming.
- **Ohio State Racing Commission:** Regulates the horse racing industry in Ohio, overseeing racing operations and ensuring integrity in the sport.

3. Horse Breeding

- Ohio has a strong reputation for breeding both Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses. The state offers incentives to encourage breeding, such as state-funded programs like the Ohio Breeders' Awards Program, which provides awards to breeders of Ohio-foaled horses.
- **Breeding Farms:** The state is home to several established breeding farms, especially in areas like the northern part of the state around Cleveland, and in rural parts of central and southern Ohio.

4. Equestrian Sports & Recreation

- **Competitions:** Ohio hosts a wide range of equestrian events, from dressage and show jumping to western riding and rodeos. Large equestrian events like the **All American Quarter Horse Congress** in Columbus attract thousands of participants and spectators annually.
- **Trails & Parks:** Ohio offers extensive opportunities for horseback riding in state parks and through its **Equestrian Trail Program**. Popular areas for riding include the **Wayne National Forest** and **Hocking Hills**.
- **4-H and Youth Programs:** Ohio has a strong youth presence in the equine industry, largely through the **Ohio 4-H Youth Development program**. The program teaches young people horsemanship, responsibility, and care for animals.

5. Equine Education and Research

- Ohio State University (OSU) has a highly regarded **Equine Studies Program**, which offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in areas related to equine science, animal science, and veterinary medicine. OSU also conducts research on equine health, nutrition, and breeding.
- **Veterinary Care:** Ohio is home to the **College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU**, which is a key institution for the care of horses and other animals. The college offers specialized training for veterinarians focused on equine medicine and has an equine hospital for treating horses, especially in rural areas.

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6. Horse Auctions and Sales

- Ohio hosts several important horse auctions, including those for both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. These sales attract buyers from across the country and internationally, helping to foster Ohio's reputation in the equine marketplace.

7. Horse-Related Tourism

- **Events and Shows:** Ohio has a variety of horse-related events that draw tourists and participants from across the country. The **All-American Quarter Horse Congress** in Columbus, for example, is one of the largest single-breed horse shows in the world.
- **Horseback Riding:** Many visitors to Ohio take part in horseback riding in the state's many scenic locations. The Hocking Hills region, in particular, is a popular destination for riding.

8. Horse Care & Facilities

- Ohio is home to numerous boarding facilities, training centers, and rehabilitation clinics. These facilities provide essential services to horse owners, including stabling, training, and care.
- Many small and family-owned farms are dedicated to the care, training, and breeding of horses, especially in rural areas.

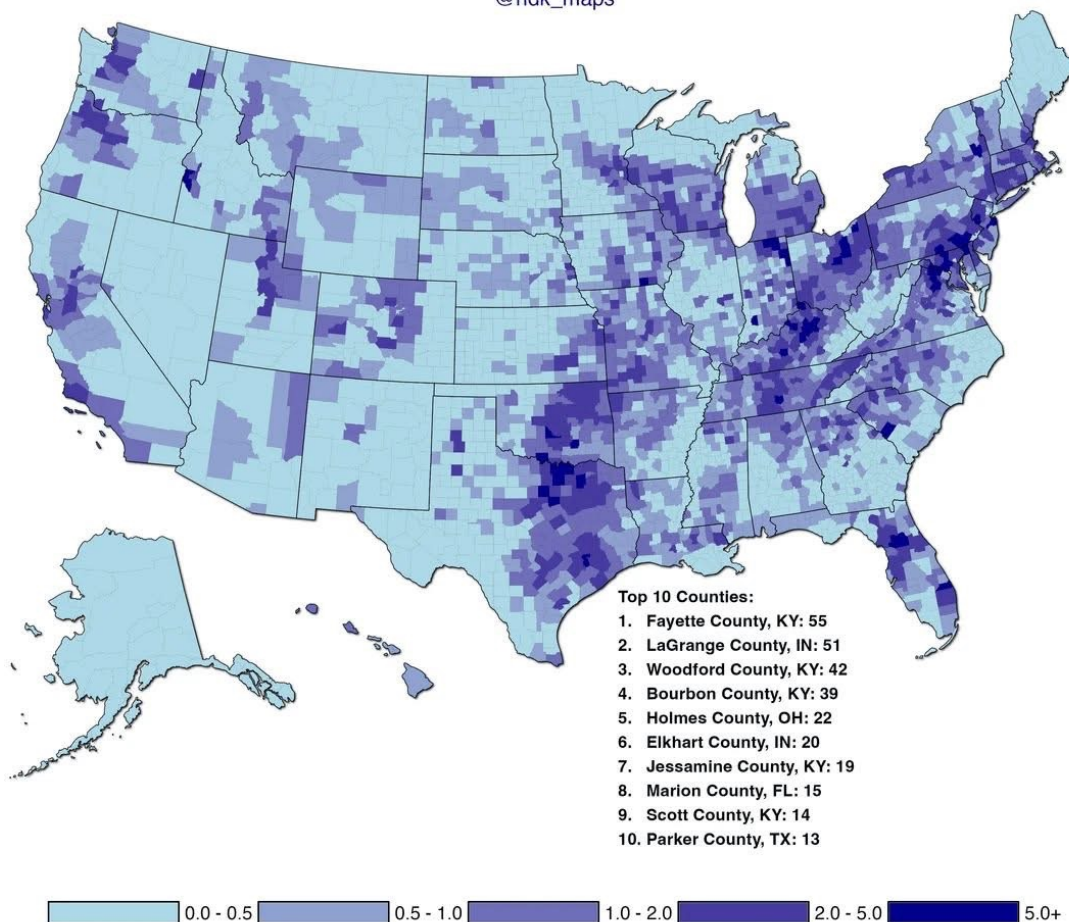
9. Challenges and Opportunities

- **Economic Pressures:** Like many states, Ohio's equine industry faces challenges such as fluctuating horse racing revenues, rising feed costs, and competition from other states with more tax incentives for the equine industry.
- **Environmental and Land Use Issues:** As urbanization grows in parts of Ohio, preserving land for equine activities, including trails and farms, can be a challenge. Horse farms may also face environmental challenges related to managing waste and ensuring sustainable land use.
- **Legislative Support:** Efforts to sustain and grow the equine industry in Ohio are ongoing. Advocacy groups work with the state government to ensure that policies are favorable to the industry, including measures that support horse racing, breeding, and recreational riding.

In conclusion, Ohio's equine industry is diverse and influential, offering strong economic and cultural contributions. From breeding and racing to recreation and education, Ohio continues to be an important hub for equine enthusiasts and professionals alike.

Horses per Square Mile

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Values indicate domesticated populations only.

Source: 2022 USDA Agriculture Census

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Save the Date:

State Ride hosted by: Ohio Horseman's Council Inc.

September 26-28, 2025

Cleveland Metroparks

South Chagrin Reservation Polo Fields

Across from: 3795 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls

Official Flyer Coming Soon

Once the details are finalized, the form will be posted on the Facebook page of each county & shared with Ohio OHC.

**Things are subject to change.*

If you would like the details as soon as the flyer is completed, please be sure to let us know. We will be happy to email it directly to you.

Looking forward to sharing our trails & friendship with you!

For Questions, Contact:

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Molly Eastwood: (330) 603-0820

Raydeen Ryden: (334) 663-7361

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 - Singing
 - Line dancing??
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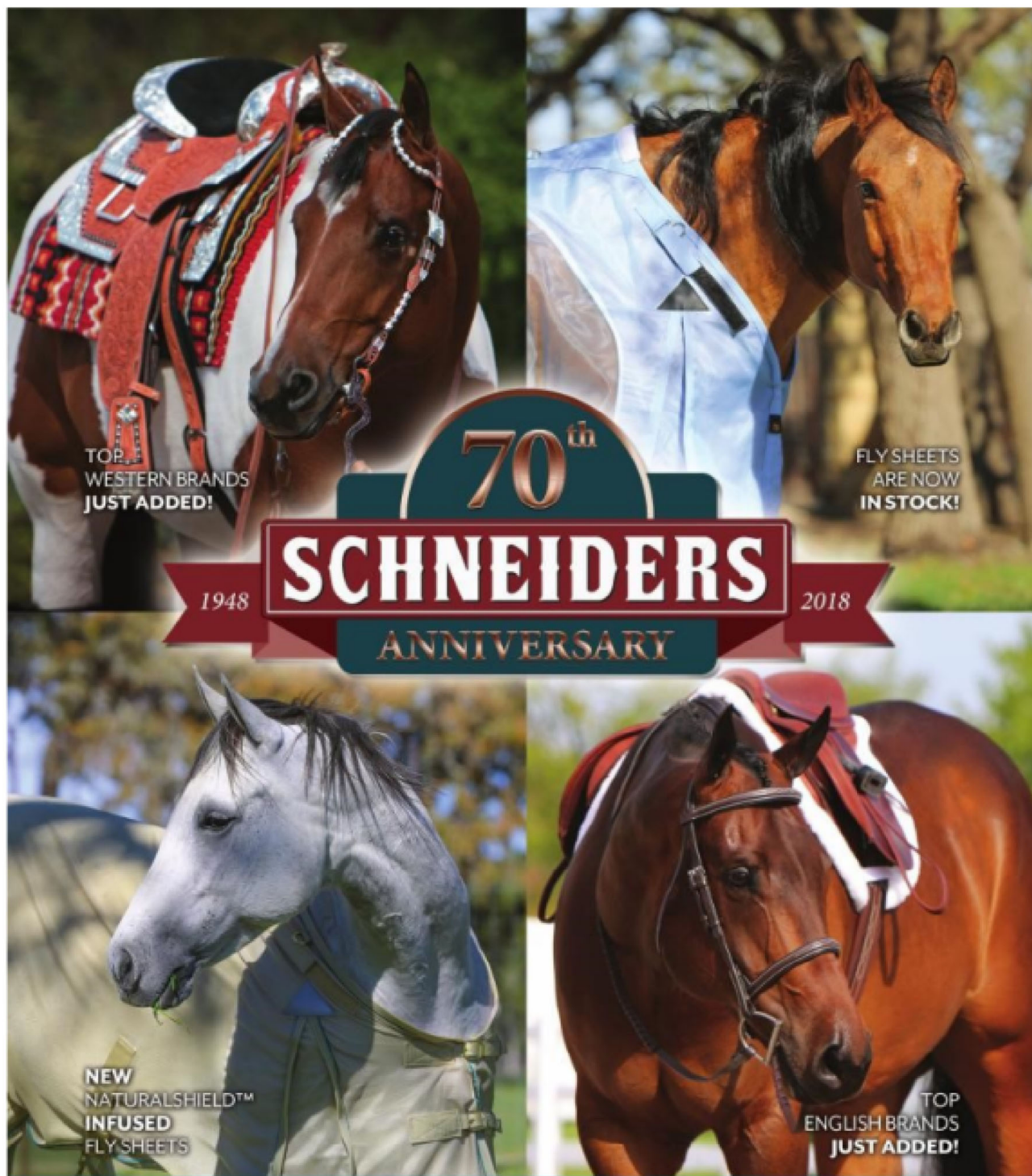
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