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Bridge Closure at The West Woods:

The West Woods bridge will be under construction beginning this coming Monday, June 16, through May 2026. Bridge closure will depend on the work being conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The West Woods and The West Woods Nature Center 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.



Please also note that horse trailer parking may not always be available due to limited space. The walking distance from the parking lot to the Nature Center is approximately 0.4 mile. Thanks in advance for your cooperation during this lengthy but essential project!

For park information, check their website:
<https://geaugaparkdistrict.org/>

Upcoming Geauga OHC Rides and Events:

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

August 9: Win-Seek Fallen Pines Equestrian Center. This is a really nice obstacle course for any level of rider. There is an indoor and outdoor course.

The session starts at 10am and lasts 2 hours.

The course is located at
5022 Everett Hull Road, Cortland 44410

The price is \$50 per rider with instruction. If we get 10-12 people to participate, the price goes down to \$40 per rider.

There is plenty of trailer parking. Payment expected the day of the event. Cash or Venmo.

<https://www.win-seek.com/>

Cuyahoga County OHC Rides and State Info:

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
Molly 330-603-0820

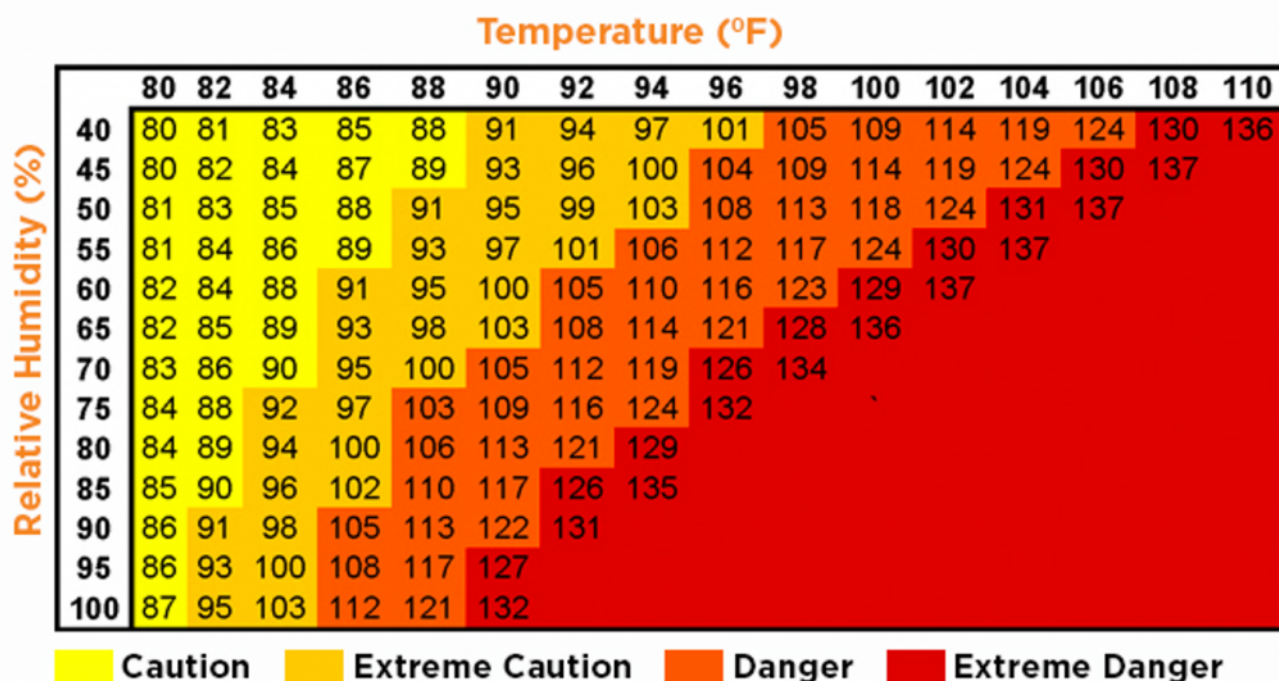
10/3 -10/5 Camp at Mohican with Summit OHC.

10/3 – 10/5 Camp at Beaver Creek. Contact Billy & Cheryl Garn 440-315-8155 Lorain OHC

10/3 – 10/5 State Ride – Hueston Woods State Park; Contact Donn Buckingham 937-417-4358

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WHEN ARE HORSES AT RISK OF HEAT STRESS?



<https://equine.ca.uky.edu/content/horses-and-humans-heat-and-humidity>

University of Kentucky - AG Equine Programs, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Geauga Park District Horseback Activities, from Dottie Dockton:

- 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/](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](#)

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.

<https://www.foundationforgeaugaparks.org/pages/donate>



Foundation *for*
Gauga Parks

Cleveland Metroparks are planning a **paved all purpose trail** from Miles Road to South Woodland. The document below discusses the impact of the trail to the natural beauty of the area. You may send concerns/comments to the Cleveland Metropark

NOTE THE EXTENSIVE CHANGES PLANNED FOR THE POLO FIELD

SOUTH CHAGRIN METROPARK PROPOSED ALL-PURPOSE TRAIL
As of 6/27/25

Cleveland Metroparks are planning a paved all-purpose trail from Miles Road to South Woodland.

- Some portions of the proposed all-purpose trail run along Chagrin River Road, however a majority of the trail cuts through old growth forest, wetlands, and intersects the existing bridle trail at several points. Please see the attached map.
- On October 10, 2024 a community open house was held at Look About Lodge to obtain public feedback on the proposed South Chagrin plans. This event was not widely publicized. Findings from the Look About Lodge open house were presented to the Metro Parks Board on November 21, 2024. Please see attached excerpts from the presentation.
- The Moreland Hill Green Commission and Village residents are **concerned about the proposed trail for several reasons:**
 - Moreland Hills, recently designated a Tree City USA town, is committed to preserving the semi-rural nature of the community and the tree canopy within its boundaries. The proposed trail passes through the heart of Moreland Hills and will result in significant tree canopy reduction by cutting down many old growth trees.
 - The proposed paved trail passes through wetlands and flood prone areas. Adding miles of impervious surface to this area will result in more storm water runoff and impact the Village's infrastructure. Cuyahoga County residents are taxed for creating storm water runoff.
 - Adding a second trail, next to the existing bridle trail, in such a narrow strip of land will ruin the ambiance, solitude, and natural beauty of the area.
 - All-purpose trail and bridle trail intersection points will be detrimental to horses and their riders.
 - In the Winter, the bridle trail is a cross-country skiing and snowshoeing mecca enjoyed by many. As with other all-purpose trails in the Metroparks, this trail will most likely be plowed after each snowfall.
 - Bicyclists will continue to ride on Chagrin River Road since the proposed all-purpose trail is winding. The recently improved bridle trail is perfect for hikers, runners, horseback riders, and those wishing to savor nature.

Please send your concerns/comments regarding the proposed all-purpose trail to:
 Kelly Coffman, Principal Planner at kbc@clevelandmetroparks.com

Link to the attached South Chagrin map and presentation:

https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/getmedia/f60e2a9d-8a38-4adc-809c-12c0110385a8/SC_Draft-with-Area-Plans_reduced.pdf

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/getmedia/f5a640c4-7ae8-4019-a795-ab3c932bdfe2/2024-Reservation-Plans-Final-Presentation.pdf>

Thank you for your support in preserving the natural beauty of Moreland Hills and the South Chagrin Reservation for all to enjoy both today and for future generations.

The OHC has a Junior Ambassador Program. If you know a young person, 17 years or younger (see info below) who might be interested, we need young people to get involved with the OHC!

Our chapter needs a representative to be a mentor - see link below to learn more about the program.

<https://ohconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Jr-Ambassador-Chapter-packet-2.23.25.pdf>



The postcards below describe some of the benefits for Junior Ambassadors. There is much more info here:

<https://ohconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Junior-Ambassador-Information-Packet-3.22.25.pdf>

Join the OHC Jr Ambassador Club!

- Must be 17 years or younger on January 1
- Be named on an OHC family membership as a dependent, or
- A youth membership and sponsored by an adult with parental or guardian approval
- Provide a completed program entry form



Junior Ambassador with highest points in state will receive a \$250 scholarship

Earn points for completing activities

Win prizes!

HAVE FUN!

Make friends!

You don't have to own a horse



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Join today. More info at ohconline.com, or send an email to jrambassadors@ohconline.com, OR just contact me!

Contact or County Chapter information:



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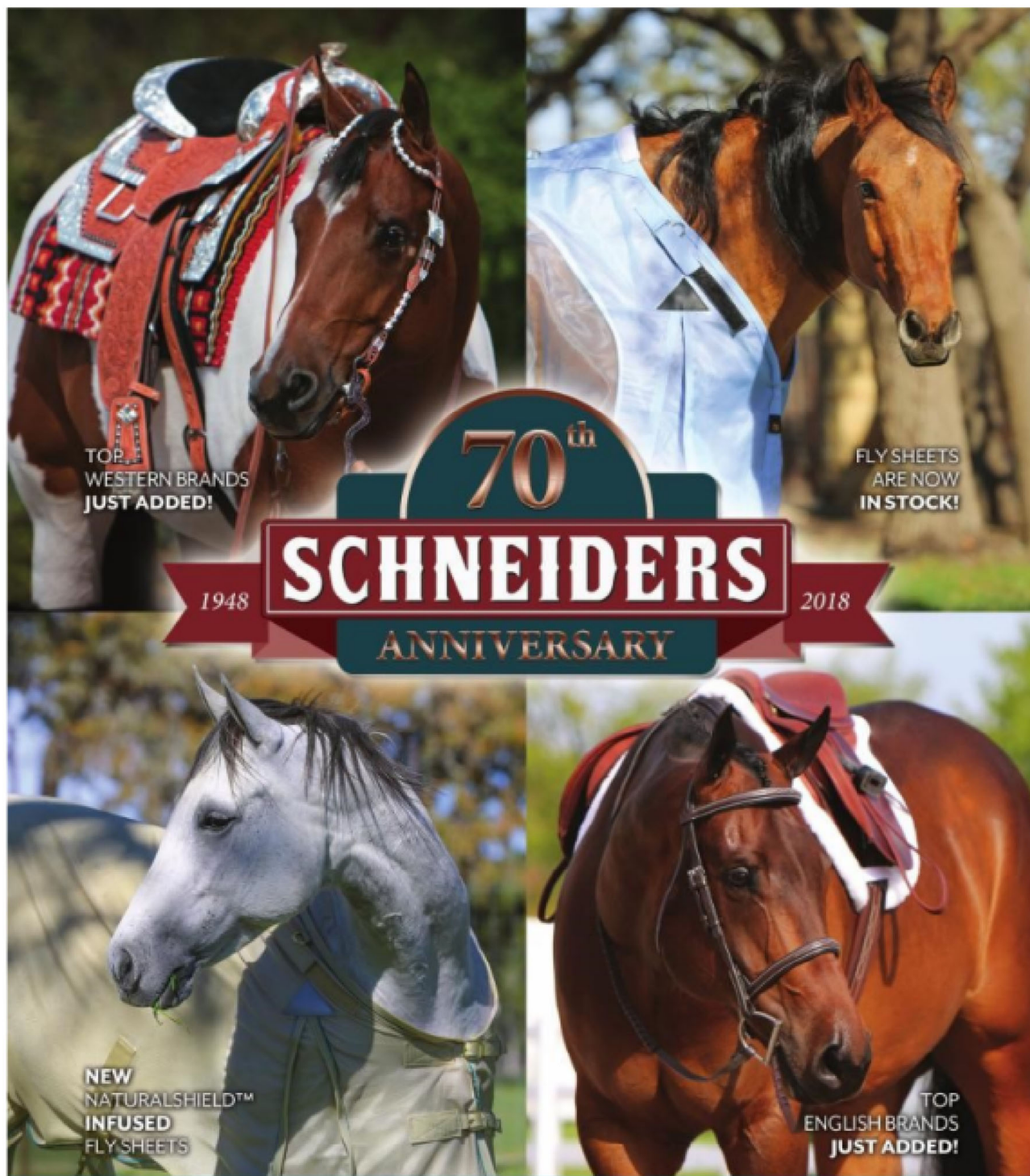
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