



# 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 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/>*

*Statement from park website.*



*The pedestrian/horse bridge has been moved to the right of previous location.*



## Upcoming Geauga OHC Rides and Events:

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

**June 28** - 11am-noon FREE Helmet Education class with Lisa Gorretta. Lisa will share the importance of helmet safety, helmet fitting and helmet options.

- Bring your current helmet for a FREE fitting and adjustment check.
- Light snacks and water provided.

Big Dee's 9440 Ohio 14 ,Streetsboro, OH

A headcount of attendees is needed for space requirements and handouts.

Please RSVP to Cindy Wynne at ckwynne1@yahoo.com or text 440.796.5137 by Wednesday, June 25

**June 29** - Rain date for cancelled June 9th ride - watch for email

**July 11-13**- Camping weekend at West Branch - most sites in the equestrian campground are still available. There are about 20 miles of trails. Wooded campsites are primitive, with stock water tank, high lines, restrooms and picnic tables. If anyone is interested in camping and wants to assess the interest of others- contact Jennifer at [jenrsalo@gmail.com](mailto:jenrsalo@gmail.com) or 216.406.7639. More information at: <https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/west-branch-state-park-campground>

**July 17** -Join us for seminar led by Amethyst Barto PT, DPT, Doctor of Physical Therapy specializing in equestrian performance. Discover how off-the-horse behaviors and assessments can improve your symmetry, strength, and body awareness—key elements for a more balanced, effective and safe ride. Perfect for riders of all disciplines! <https://www.acclivitypt.com/>

Burton Public Library, 6pm. 14588 West Park St. Burton, Ohio 44021

**July 26**- 11 am ride-out time at Chapin Forest Reservation- rated easy trails. About 6 miles of trails. RSVP to Jennifer at [jenrsalo@gmail.com](mailto:jenrsalo@gmail.com) or 216.406.7639

## Cuyahoga County OHC Rides and State Info:

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 County

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



## Summer Social Survey

We are planning a summer social at Sharon James Cellars

<https://sharonjamescellars.com/>

Please indicate your preferred date in this short survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/3tmw9pnu>



## 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/>



### **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](#)

## Article submitted by member Barbara Meholick:

Founding EQUUS Medical Editor Mathew Mackay-Smith, DVM, addresses a reader's concerns about equine conditioning in preparation for long summer trail rides.

<https://equusmagazine.com/horse-care/eqfitness1838-8258?lid>

## Bridle Trail Fund

As many of you already know, the construction of the new Tulip Trail at The West Woods was paid for by money from the Foundation for Geauga Parks Bridle Trail Fund (BTF). This is a fantastic new trail and if you have not yet ridden or hiked it yet I encourage you to do so. Please consider donating to the BTF 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>



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## There is still time to participate in the Hike-A-Thon.

*An equine rider can ask that their donations be used for the Bridle Trail fund specifically! They can do this by personalizing their fundraising page and adding a personal message that stipulates donations go to the Bridle Fund. FYI – all registrants will receive an email with instructions on how to personalize their individual fundraising pages.*

# HIKE-A-THON

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**June 15 - July 31, 2025**

Lace up, saddle up, or gear up and make a difference! The **Hike-A-Thon** is your chance to get outside, explore the beauty of Geauga County, and protect the parks, trails, and wildlife we all love. Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or just looking for a fun reason to hit the trail, every step you take helps fund the natural spaces that make our community special. Hike, ride, bike, or run – it's all for a great cause this summer!



Connecting Community with Nature

[FoundationForGaugaParks.org](http://FoundationForGaugaParks.org)

LEARN MORE



### HOW IT WORKS

Register online:  
[FoundationForGaugaParks.org](http://FoundationForGaugaParks.org)

Secure donations for the miles you walk, ride, bike, or run from June 15 to July 31, 2025

Collect donations to benefit the development and preservation of parks and trails in Geauga County



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

A couple of us went to try the obstacle course at Win-Seek Fallen Pines Equestrian Center in Cortland, Ohio. It took us less than an hour to get there from Burton. The club has a date scheduled there in August. I highly recommend it. Doing obstacles with your equine partner is a great way to establish trust. Watch your email for information about this upcoming event.



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Dear Friend,

I think we can all agree, Geauga County is a great place to live, raise children, and enjoy the great outdoors. Our beautiful rivers, streams, forests and farmlands are some of the most pristine in Ohio. Geauga Park District is proud to maintain this character through the responsible management and maintenance of parks and park lands. Park district staff remain committed to serving our residents. Staff work alongside dedicated volunteers, community leaders, and public and private partners to provide meaningful experiences in nature.

Today's 28 excellent parks would not exist without the valuable contributions of our residents.

Accessibility to resident-owned park lands is at an all-time high. Park amenities, special events and activities regularly evolve and improve, all for your benefit. In 2024, Geauga Park District opened Tribute Lodge at Veteran's Legacy Woods Park. The Lodge with its gathering spaces, Freedom Hall and the Club, have proven popular venues for your gatherings. The district is thrilled to provide this event space for family, civic and business gatherings.

Gauga Park District continues to build upon their legacy of preserving, conserving and protecting some of the most pristine natural resources in our County. In 2024, the district opened their newest park, Troy Wetlands in Troy Township. At Veterans Legacy Woods a cold-water stream restoration and creation is currently underway. The district aggressively pursued state grant sources to fund these improvements without burdening local taxpayers.

**Gauga People for Parks is writing today to ask for your support to help us raise funds to support a November 2025 ballot issue for Geauga Park District.** Your contribution will be used to fund mailings, newspaper ads, and social media communications to our resident voters. As a taxpayer funded organization, voter support at the polls is crucial.

Gauga County is a very special place to live, and Gauga Park District is a very special local resource. Please join us today in contributing. Thank you from all of us at Gauga People for Parks.

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**Yes!** I will join you, Gauga People for Parks, in this levy campaign with a contribution of:

\$50      \$100      \$500      \$1,000      \$5,000      Other \_\_\_\_\_

- **Personal checks only, please. No business/corporate checks.**
- Make checks payable to "Gauga People for Parks" and mail to:  
**Gauga People for Parks, c/o Christine Ward, 138 East Cedar St., Jefferson Ohio 44047**

**Please provide your e-mail so we can acknowledge your valuable contribution. Thank you!**

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_



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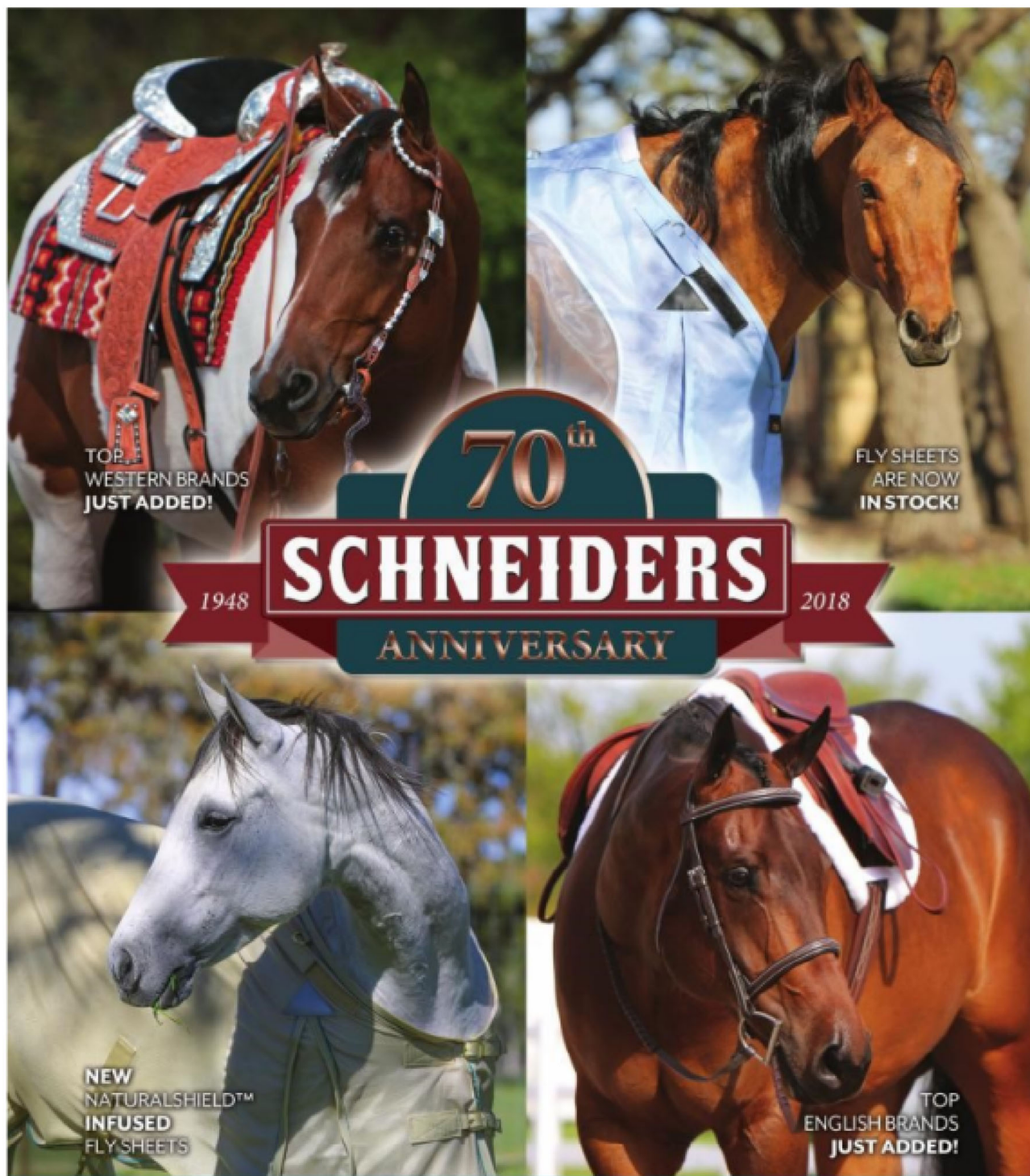
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