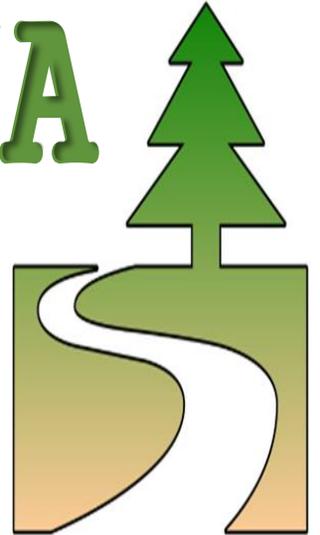




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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON
Preserving Trails and Providing Solutions

May-June 2018

CALENDAR

May 19

BCHW Poker Ride
Joe Watt Canyon, Thorp, WA

June 5

Membership Meeting
6:30 INB Bank, Airway Heights
Inland NW Wildlife Council
Speaking on "Bears"

June 19

PBCH Family BBQ at
Lake Spokane
6:30 pm - RSVP
Bring your favorite side dish or
dessert

July 3

Membership Meeting
Carmichael's House
6:30 pm

July 28

Chapter Ride at Mt. Spokane



Shannon Bamhart and Cooper
Riverside State Park – April 2018

Horses...

"Come to the stable. Come to where the horses are, and the sweet, grainy, pungent smells. A horse has the headiest, most satisfying scent of all animals. Mostly because of what he eats... A horse's breath is a mixture of warm apples and chicken soup. Everything to do with horses, their food, tack, bedding, smells very good. Everything feels good, the leather, a silky handful of oats, the cool metal of a bit, the smooth licked edge of the manger."

Monica Dickens

VOLUNTEER HOURS DUE BY MAY 25!

Please be sure to turn in your volunteer hours to Carol Klar by May 25!

Any time you spend working on BCH stuff (phone calls, trail clearing, work parties, paperwork, whatever) counts towards your volunteer hours. If you have questions, give Carol a call.

BCHA Annual Board Meeting

By Ken Carmichael

The BCHA board meeting was held in Airway Heights Washington April 23-25. This annual event is hosted by a different state each year.

It is a time to be very proud of being a BCHW member. The team that put on the event did a great job. Our national directors Darrell Wallace and Jason Ridlon had the event brought to Washington and helped arrange for the nice facilities. Alternate Director Bill McKenna coordinated all of the volunteers. BCHW President Kathy Young and many volunteers were on site to help. Among those was PBCH member **Doug Bailey** helping with registration and other duties.

BCHW Executive Director Nicole Sedgwick provided the other states with an update on the status of the Your Membership program and I spoke about the Membership Development Program. Darrell is also Vice President of BCHA. BCHW member Mike McGlenn was elected to the Executive Committee of BCHA. BCHW continues to be a leader among the states.

This board meeting provided many opportunities for sharing information among the states and committees. A new feature was a break out into 4 regions to discuss issues. Then each region had the opportunity to discuss these issues with the BCHA 10 standing committees. These are:

- Public Lands - Federal
- Public Lands - State
- Expansion
- Education
- Fundraising
- Volunteer Hours
- Media & Marketing
- Vision
- Membership
- Public Liaison

It is not necessary to be a national director to be on a committee. They welcome all input. I have been working with the Education Committee. All of these committees have made a commitment to work year a round to further the mission of BCH.

I have attended 4 out of the last 5 national board meetings and feel that this was well worth attending. It is great to see so many very professional people volunteering to keep our trails open. It is well worth our efforts and treasure to support Back Country Horsemen of America.

Thank you to all the leaders of BCHW who worked so hard to bring this event to Washington.

PBCH Trail Sign Work Party

In April, Doug Bailey gathered a work party to put "Trail" markers on sign posts. Lots of excitement and fun out at the work location. No injuries were reported. Everyone was on task and much accomplished at the Miller Ranch!





Escure Ranch Campout

By Ken Carmichael

Well we have finished up three weekends where PBCH has had rides. Three weekends ago we rode at Fish Trap Lake, two weeks ago we rode in Riverside State Park and this last weekend we had a great campout at the Escure Ranch.

Doug Bailey went down to the ranch on Thursday and Patti Sander and I met him on Friday morning. This is just a great campsite with CXT toilet, horse water, corrals, highlines, fire pits, etc. Doug loves to Dutch oven cook so we ate really well.

We had a mission in mind for our rides. We are looking at the two track trails where we can put up more of the carsonite signs that Doug and others have been putting decals on. We found several signs that need some repair and some trails where we need more signs. We were also identifying gates to put springs on. People leave gates open and the cattle go through them. We also are developing some new ideas to work with BLM on. These include a manure bunker, "YOU ARE HERE" signs and the information for the kiosk. We could also work on more corrals. BLM has the supplies there to build a shelter over some picnic tables.

We saw lots of wildlife including grouse, pheasant, geese, ducks and deer. Melissa Eames, Cindy Miller and Kati Fitzgerald were there for a short ride on Sunday and saw a rattle snake. We have had a wet spring so we saw lots of water, some of which we need to detour around. Rock Creek is running high so we did not attempt to cross it.

The weather was great for riding with an overcast and slight breeze.

If you want to expand your riding experience and camp with your horses this is the place to do it.

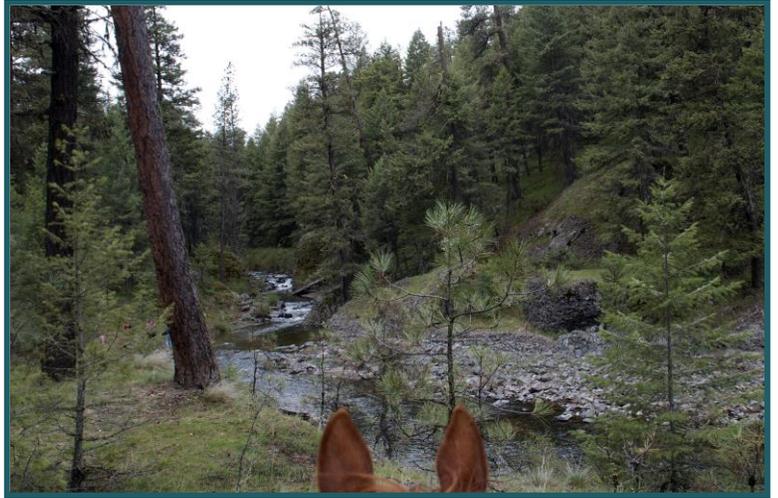
Cindy, Michelle, and Katy arrive late to the Escure Ranch Party, but that didn't slow them down!



Riverside Ride

By Cindy Miller

A group of us began our ride traveling on the Ken Carmichael trail (from Ken and Patti's home) for a beautiful 7.5 mile ride in the area of Pine Bluff and then traveling northeast crossing Deep Creek and heading south to the



Nine Mile Reservoir area. The light rain earlier in the morning, and the

temperature rise, added to the enjoyment with aromas of freshly cut wood chips and fir trees wafting through the air.

The hues of green popped with the lovely fields of balsam root sunflowers. Deep Creek and Coulee Creek were briskly flowing, and the



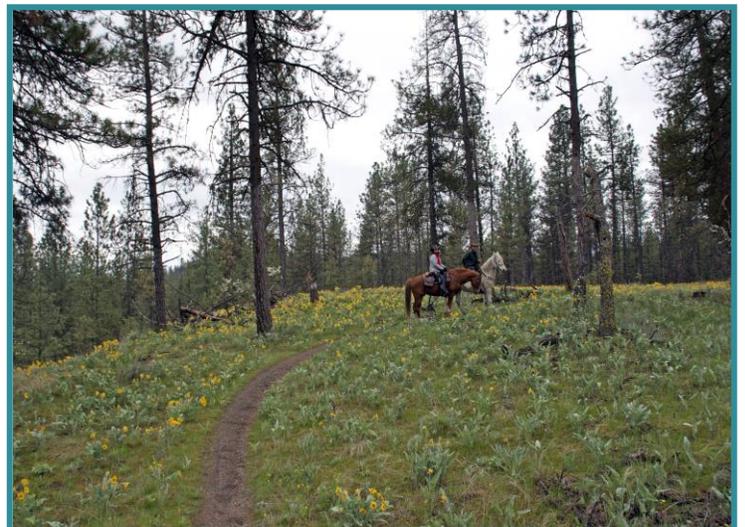
water crossings were fun! The ride along the reservoir was so relaxing.

The water was calm and numerous species of waterfowl were prevalent.

Little goslings were sure enjoying their first swim, I'm sure! An eagle

perched patiently waiting for his dinner. All in all, this is one of the best rides I have experienced in the Park. The trails were superb, and horses and

Riders enjoyed the day with such good Company!



From the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable: It's Time to Invest in America's Great Outdoors

<https://recreationroundtable.org/its-time-to-invest-in-americas-great-outdoors/>

With the summer season upon us, tens of millions of Americans will soon hit the road to take advantage of one of our most valuable resources—America's great outdoors. While the beauty of our lands and waterways is unrivaled, Americans arriving at our national parks this summer will once again find outdated infrastructure that impairs their ability to fully enjoy the experience. Fortunately, our leaders are finally hearing the call to address the massive backlog of upgrades needed to bring public lands into the 21st century.

These calls come at a time when unprecedented numbers of Americans are taking advantage of America's public lands and waterways to experience the myriad benefits the great outdoors provides. With this increased participation, we must invest in our national

provide the greatest meet the needs of the enthusiasts. This upgrading and lodging facilities technological tools enhanced and safer will not only create a will help boost an recreation economy recognized by the



Economic Analysis—responsible for GDP—included the economy in its time

do everything we can to treasures so they can experience possible and nation's outdoor includes everything from campgrounds, boat ramps to integrating modern that allow for an visit to our lands. Doing so better experience, but it already thriving outdoor that is now formally government.

In February, the Bureau of the government body evaluating America's outdoor recreation calculations for the first

<https://www.denverpost.com/2018/02/14/outdoor-recreation-federal-economic-category/>.

The results were stunning. The report found that outdoor recreation makes up 2 percent of the nation's GDP <https://blog.bea.gov/2018/02/14/prototype-statistics-outdoor-recreation-accounted-for-2-percent-of-gdp-in-2016/>, which surpasses other top industries like agriculture, petroleum and coal products manufacturing, and computer and electronics manufacturing. The report also found that the industry has a gross national output of \$673 billion and is growing at a faster pace than the overall U.S. economy. With so much at stake for our economy, the outdoor recreation industry joined together in an urgent call for action by our leaders, and there is evidence that our message is now being heard loud and clear.

Just weeks ago, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced two new initiatives <https://www.apnews.com/efc1eba4bfc8464688905fc84f8757b8>

that will make outdoor recreation a national priority for the federal government for years to come. The first designates a senior-level official at the Interior Department to oversee outdoor recreation and ensure the needs of America's outdoor recreation enthusiasts are being met. The second requires all major offices within the Department to draft plans for developing new outdoor recreation opportunities and expanding the opportunities that already exist. These initiatives come on the heels of the Interior Department's announcement of a new outdoor recreation advisory committee.

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-selects-members-newly-created-made-america-outdoor-recreation-advisory>

First Aid Training Update -

By Carol Klar

Five Ponderosa members completed the First Aid program organized by NE Chapter: Ken Carmichael, Patti Sander, Doug Bailey, Carol Klar, Craig Volosing. Folks completing this class are Red Cross certified for 2 years. This certification is needed for the Sawyer class. It is wonderful that the nearby chapters can cooperate with one another, and share resources of this nature. Thanks to Darrell Wallace of NE Chapter, for working with us on this!

I have made an initial contact with MSgt Wade Wakefield at Fairchild to see about scheduling a Wilderness First Aid class for BCH members, in the fall. Hopefully we can arrange another fun and informative class with MSgt Brandon Biddle, provider of our Survival Skills class last winter.

FergusTM (Equus hilarious)



Sick of Winter?

By Carol Klar

Well, I should have gotten this “to the press” last month, but will share it now, since as I am typing, it is still cold and gray outside. We all have some down time in the winter, and dream about hitting the trails ASAP! After a little research and some Facebook connections, a few friends and I took a 3 day trip down to the Tri-Cities area in March. It is only a few hours away, but having a 10 degree temp increase seems like a different world altogether, especially by the time March blows around. We hit it just right, and had 3 beautiful-weather days. We rode at White Bluffs, Rattlesnake Ridge and Madame Dorian parks. We camped at Horn Rapids Equestrian Area (a nice facility that the local BCH chapter developed), and had convenient access to all 3 parks. (Also, Ken tells me that some BCH improvements will be coming to Juniper Dunes, so another equestrian park will eventually be convenient to that area.



NOTE FROM KEN

As most of you know BCHW produces a **beautiful calendar** each year as a fundraiser. All the pictures are taken by BCH members at work parties, rides and other events.

I will be purchasing calendars at the June 18 BCHW board meeting for PBCH to sell. Personal opinion – every BCH member should have one. They also make great Christmas presents – easy to wrap, don't worry about the color or size. **The cost is \$10.**

I would like to have a better idea of how many the chapter should buy. **Please let me know by the June 5 membership meeting how many you want.** I will then ask Joyce for a chapter check to get them at the BCHW board meeting.

By the way, look at the last BCHW Trailhead News. That cover photo was taken at the BLM Lakeview Ranch (where we will be building corrals) by our own Cindy Miller. She has many pictures published in the calendar as well.

Let's help support BCHW and have a beautiful calendar besides.

Ken Carmichael

Conservation Area Trail Update as of May 21:

A quick update on our seasonal equestrian trail use restrictions.

Based on our field observations, we have lifted the restriction at Dishman Hills Conservation Area, Iller Creek - Stevens Creek, Glenrose, Saltese Uplands, and James T Slavin, Antoine Peak Equestrian use continues to be prohibited.

As a precautionary measure, I would urge equestrian users to continue avoiding newer single track trails as they can be more susceptible to damage while the ground remains relatively wet.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation and we look forward to removing the remaining restrictions as conditions allow. Stay tuned.

Best Regards,
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Introduction and Thanks to New Member Melisa Haplin

By Ken Carmichael

Our Ponderosa chapter continues to grow with new member Melisa Haplin. Melisa lives in the valley.

Right after joining Melisa went a different direction than her horse when they encounters some peacocks. Melisa broke her heal and is wearing a boot on her right foot.

Melisa wants to get involved in PBCH. She came over and we went through several projects that she can do while sitting at home. When she decides exactly what help she provides we will be hearing more from Melisa.

Thank you for joining and being an important part of PBCH.



Other Events And Trail Status !

[Wild West Bingo Ride and Cowboy Cookout May 26.](#)

Farragut State Park, Saturday, May 26, 2018. Put on by the Selkirk Valley Back Country Horseman. Flyer was sent out to the Ponderosa BCH list serve, and you can email for more information at SelkirkVBCH@gmail.com, or call 208-267-0128.

SAFETY

By Don Dyer

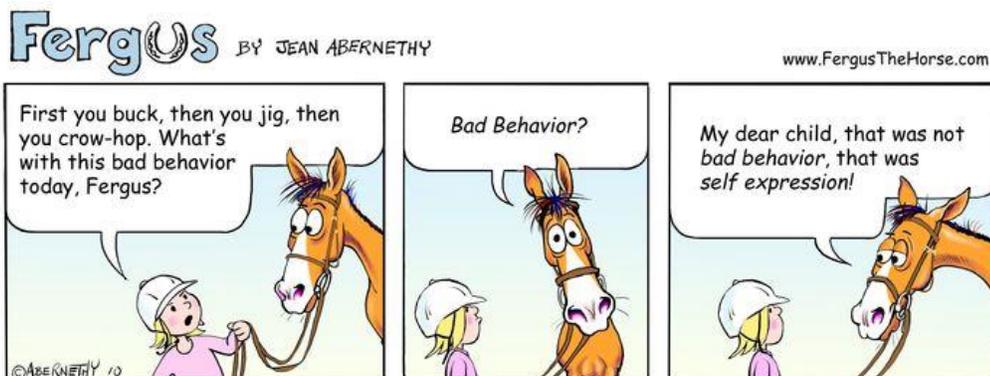
What time is it? Riding time, time to get in the saddle and go, spring has sprung. The ground is drying up, most of you are getting shoes put on, getting your horses in shape trying to get ready to go. Some of you have started making day rides working up to longer rides. Now the big question are you really ready to go? What precautions have you made in case of an emergency? You have made a lot of plans for the funs times, but you need to make plans for the one in a thousand times that things go bad. The vast majority of us rarely make plans for the bad times. I cannot cover everything in one article, so I will have something every month for the rest of the summer.

One of the seven points of LNT is being prepared, a part of the point is letting someone know where you are going. Even if you are going with other people let someone know when you are leaving, approximately when you will be back, and approximately where you will be. The name of the camp ground, the trail head, information about your trip. It does not matter if you are going for a few hours or a few days. Let someone know.

Even if you are just going for a few hours make sure you have a first aid kit for both you and your horse. If you are allergic to bees be sure to include medicine and make sure those you are riding with know where it is.

In the past we have always recommended you ride with a partner, I am going to suggest you ride with at least two other people. Should the worst happen and there be an accident and you get hurt, you need someone to ride for help and someone to stay with you and render assistance to you keeping you comfortable.

Last but not least, keep one thing in mind, SAFETY FIRST! How many rides have you been on and not been hurt. It may be your turn. Riding horses you can count on one thing you will be hurt. he only question is not when, but how bad? Be prepared especially if you are miles from the nearest help, like most trail riders are. I am going to try and keep something in each newsletter the rest of the summer, just keep thinking SAFETY, I cannot use that word enough.

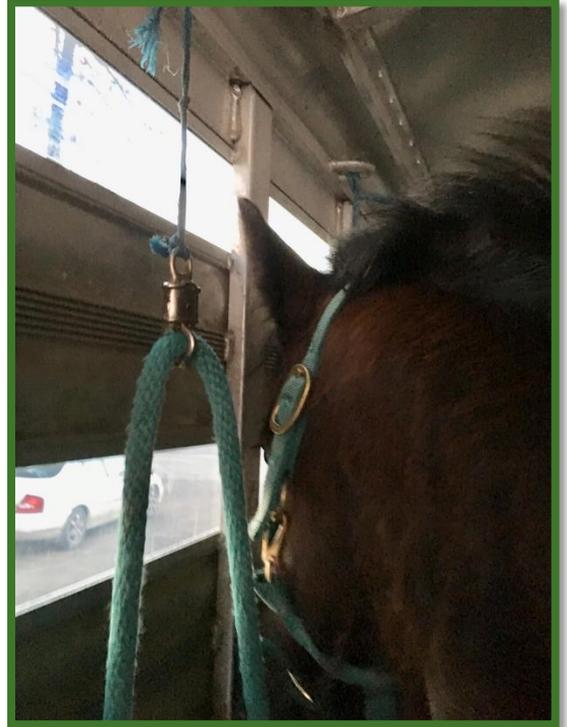


Tips from an Old Horse Gal

By Carol Klar

Trailer tying – One thing that has had my attention since I was a kid, is the art of being safe while trailering my horse. Anyone who has had horses for a lot of years will have some sort of story to tell about a trailering adventure/misadventure. A trailer is such a fertile place for horse or human to be injured, and as much as I hate to admit it, my reflexes are getting slower, so I pay extra attention to procedures that are likely to improve safety.

One thing I have come to realize is that it is better to have a horse able to escape (in most instances) than to make him feel trapped, when he may already be feeling anxious. For the horse's safety and my own, I have installed panic snaps on baling ropes inside my trailer. Below is a picture of how this looks. This way, once the horse is in the trailer, I can quickly and simply, place the rope in the panic snap, and walk out. If the horse should panic or fall, the baling rope is likely to break as needed, or the panic snap can quickly be released. I realize not everyone will think this is a good idea, but for the past several years, it has worked pretty well for me. One word of caution: be sure the end of your lead rope cannot make its way outside of trailer.



JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL HAS A NEW NAME

(Summarized & Reprinted from various sources)

On May 17, 2018 the Parks Commissioners held a meeting in Spokane. One of the agenda items was the renaming of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. This item advances the Commission's strategic goal: "Provide recreation, cultural, and interpretive opportunities people will want."

Ken Carmichael and Darrell Wallace attended the meeting, representing BCHW at the John Wayne Trail Renaming Wake in Spokane on May 17th. The Commissioners adopted the name "Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Initial acquisition of Iron Horse State Park Trail by the State of Washington occurred in 1981. While supported by many, the sale of the former rail line was controversial for adjacent property owners, some of whom felt that the rail line should have reverted back to adjacent land owners. This concern, first expressed at initial purchase of the trail, continues to influence trail operation today.

The trail is located south of and runs roughly parallel to I-90 (see Appendix 1). The 285-mile linear property extends from North Bend, at its western terminus, to the Town of Tekoa, on the Washington-Idaho border to the east. The property consists of former railroad corridor, the width of which varies between 100 feet and 300 feet. The trail tread itself is typically 8 to 12 feet wide and has been developed on the rail bed, trestles, and tunnels of the old Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Rail Road. While State Parks ownership is not continuous across the entire 285-mile railroad corridor it does include 110 miles of continuous ownership from North Bend to the Columbia River near Vantage, and 105 miles of continuous ownership (with short private property gaps) from Lind to the Idaho border.

The renaming process began back in 2016 when land classifications and a long-term boundary were adopted for portions of the trail section east of the Columbia River. As part of this July 21, 2016 agenda item the State Parks Commission:

- Adopted a Resolution reaffirming support for an east-west cross-state trail;
- Directed staff to work with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a transition plan for the DNR-managed trail corridor between the Columbia River at Beverly Bridge;
- Directed staff to work with Iron Horse State Park Trail stakeholders to recommend a new name that considers establishing a broadly recognizable and marketable identity for the trail. Other names that were considered are listed below:
 - **Cascalouse State Park Trail** (a contraction of the Cascade and Palouse geographic areas)
 - **Columbian State Park Trail** (a named passenger train that operated on the trail)
 - **Cross Washington State Park Trail** (descriptive trail name)
 - **Iron Horse State Park Trail** (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway)
 - **Milwaukee Road State Park Trail** (name of the railroad that operated on the trail)
 - **Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail** (geographic description of the trail route)
 - **Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail** (name used to describe the route from Chicago to the Puget Sound)
 - **John Wayne Pioneer Trail** (current name of trail within Iron Horse State Park)

It is sad to see history being renamed, it seems to defy the history of the original vision by equestrian-minded folks who worked to establish the trail. On a positive note; a name is just a name, and the spirit of the trail will remain so long as we all work together to keep it open for equestrians!

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Please contact Dean Giles or Ken Carmichael if you'd like to participate in this important service to your Chapter

From The Editor

I invite you all to send me your stories, tips, jokes, articles, photos, words of wisdom or whatever. I especially would like to encourage our officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts, visions and projects. The goal here is to make the newsletter fun, entertaining and informative.

Patti Sander, Editor

P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter!

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