

# Circle T Trail Riders Newsletter

## February/March 2012

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March 31, 2012 Ride Host/RSVP: Mike Getz 717-799-9001 or [msgg@ptd.net](mailto:msgg@ptd.net)  
 Middle Creek Ready to ride: 10:00 a.m. Ride will leave the parking lot on Furnace Hills Road at Shenks Mill Road.  
 Wildlife Management We will be stopping for lunch - riders should bring a lead rope, halter and some money.

#### Directions:

From PA Turnpike Exit 286 (Denver/Route 222):

Continue to 3rd traffic light and bear right onto Route 272 North for 1.3 miles.

Left onto Route 897 North for 3.1 miles to 4-way stop.

Continue straight on Route 897 North (follow detour signs, make a right onto 897 again).

Go to next stop sign (3 way stop).

Left onto Sportsman Road for 0.2 mile and right onto Hickory Road to stop sign 0.8 miles ahead.

Right on Cocalico Road and quick left onto Furnace Hills Road (sign may be gone).

Parking lot is on left 1.1 miles ahead.

From Shaefferstown (Routes 501/419/897):

Route 897 South to Kleinfeltersville.

From post office, continue south on Route 897 for 2.7 miles to Cocalico Road.

Right onto South Cocalico Road for 0.6 mile.

Right onto Shenks Mill Road to stop sign 0.5 miles ahead.

Right onto Furnace Hills Road and left into parking lot.

April 1, 2012  
Blue Marsh

Ride Hosts: Tracy Hower and John Weaver.

RSVP: Tracy Hower 717-222-1139 [TracyGHower@Comcast.net](mailto:TracyGHower@Comcast.net)

Ready to ride: 10:00 a.m. Church Road parking area.

Anyone interested in camping over after the Middle Creek Ride can contact Tracy for information on available camping location. The camping location will be determined by how many rigs/horses will be staying over.

Notification of camping **MUST** be confirmed to Tracy!

April 15, 2012  
Rain date:  
April 22, 2012  
Mt. Gretna

Ride host: Bonnie Lambert RSVP required: 717-507-7724

Ready to ride: 10:00 a.m. SHARP

There will be beef stew and dessert (probably chocolate cake with peanut butter icing) and some drinks when we get back from the ride. PLEASE call me to let me know you are coming so I make enough stew. The ride will be between 3 - 4 hrs long and we will leave PROMPTLY at 10:00am. If you have any other questions, just give me a call.

Directions: From Lebanon - take Route 72 South to the Mt. Gretna Exit. At the end of the exit ramp at the stop sign turn left onto Route 117 for 2 - 3 miles until you come to Mt. Gretna (look for the Mt. Gretna Roller Rink on your right). After you pass the roller rink **slow down** and turn left onto Pinch Road. You will go up a big hill and when you get to the top of the hill you'll continue on Pinch road for approximately 1 mile, to the State Game Land parking lot on the right. It is very close to the Clarence Schock Memorial Park Environmental Center which is on your left.

Any questions can be directed to me at 717-507-7724.

April 28, 2012  
Valley Forge

Pat Wilson Memorial Ride at Valley Forge.

Ride host: Debbie Brodowski RSVP: 610-380-1956.

Saturday, April 28, 2012 Ready to ride: 11:00 a.m. at the Visitor's Center. This will be an easy 4 hour tour around the park and monuments.

After the ride we will caravan to Green Lane Equestrian Campground for an overnight camp out.

April 29, 2012  
Green Lane

Sunday, April 29, 2012 Ready to ride: 11:00 a.m.  
Ride the whole way around Green Lane Reservoir, about four hours of riding. THIS IS NEW - WE RIDE A CIRCLE AROUND THE RESERVOIR TO OVERLOOK THE DAM AND NO BACKTRACKING!  
There are many local restaurants; food is on your own. Water is available by a central hose at Green Lane. There is a porta-potty serving the campsite.

Camping fee is \$35.00. Per the Green Lane Park Manager, they will allow two rigs per site which brings the cost down to \$17.50 per rig. Whoever signs up for the site is responsible to see to it that the area is left clean and the stalls they use are left clean. Only one registered rig per site, and one guest rig.

To reserve a campsite, contact Green Lane Reservoir Park  
<http://www2.montcopa.org/parks/cwp/view.asp?A=1516&Q=26377>  
Park Supervisor, P.O. Box 249, 2144 Snyder Road, Routes 29 & 63, Green Lane, PA 18054  
Phone: (215) 234-4528 Fax: (215) 234-4027  
Email: [GreenLanePark@montcopa.org](mailto:GreenLanePark@montcopa.org).

To find a partner for your site, get in touch with Eleanor by email [eleanorvallone@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorvallone@gmail.com).  
I'll collect/share that information.

May 11-13, 2012  
Saddle Up!  
For St. Jude

St. Jude Children's Hospital benefit ride.  
Ride Organizer: Tracy Hower 717-222-1139  
As in years past we will be riding to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Plan to join us for a weekend of riding, food and fun. Start lining up your sponsors! We will again be having a picnic after the ride on Saturday, as well as our raffle table. Contact Tracy for ride info, times, etc.

June 8 - 10, 2012  
Steve Frantz's Ride

Steve Frantz 570-345-4978  
Bring a covered dish to share on Saturday night.

Directions: Rt. 81 to Pine Grove exit (old exit #31) to Rt. 443 West 1.8 miles to stone lane on the right (just before the brown Swatara Park sign). Follow lane for ¼ mile to the field at the top of the hill.

Directions: Rt. 72 North of Lebanon, go through Lickdale where Rt. 72 becomes Rt. 443 East. Follow to the Seudberg Church of God and Olde Forge Road on your left. Continue over the bridge to the first lane on the left. Turn LEFT and follow lane ¼ mile to the field at the top of hill.

June 22-24, 2012  
Valley Lea

Ride host: Wayne Burrows [mountainman18053@hotmail.com](mailto:mountainman18053@hotmail.com) We will have a campfire again, for all to sit around. Bring a covered dish for Saturday night. Ride will leave according to the weather, say 9:00 am. The creek is there for water so bring chairs and water shoes to bathe horses, and chairs to sit in the creek if real hot. Please call or email me so we can have a head count. Camping fee is \$7 a night now and that is with electric or not. We have rails to tie to and overhead lines, no round pens.

Valley Lea Riding Club, 1685 Furniss Rd, Drumore PA 17518

From South--Take 222 N from MD or 272 N from Nottingham--Past Robert Fulton Fire Hall (Wakefield) for 1/8 of a mile turn left on Furniss Rd. Go About 3 miles. The Entrance to the Club is the next drive on the right after Drumore Park. Beside the entrance of Drumore Park is easier to access from this direction.

From North--Take 272 S from Lancaster, go through the Intersection of 272 and 372(The Buck) take the 3rd road to the Right Oregon Hollow Rd and then an immediate left-Scalpy Hollow Rd. At the end of Scalpy Hollow Rd at the 2nd stop sign make a left onto Furniss Rd. Go 1/4 of a mile and the Main Entrance to the club is on the Left. The upper entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

From Southern York and Maryland--Take Route 165 from Whiteford MD into York County PA. From there it turns into Route 74. Continue to Route 372 make a right go across the Norman Wood Bridge into Lancaster County. Follow until you come to the Intersection of Route 372 and Route 272(The Buck)--Turn Right take the 3rd road to the Right Oregon Hollow Rd and then an immediate left-Scalpy Hollow Rd. At the end of Scalpy Hollow Rd at the 2nd stop sign make a left onto Furniss Rd. Go 1/4 of a mile and the Main Entrance to the club is on the Left. The upper entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

July 6-8, 2012  
Brandywine

Contact Wayne Burrows at [mountainman18053@hotmail.com](mailto:mountainman18053@hotmail.com) or 610-216-4365.

Ride leader: Jean Hunsicker

RSVP is required for camping and tubing.

Camping fee: \$25.00 per RIG.

Members of Circle T, Western Berks and Blue Spruce riding clubs are invited to ride the Brandywine.

Camping will be at Rosie's, situated along the Pennsylvania and Delaware state lines. The camping area will be open at 12 noon on Friday, July 6, 2012.

We will have a short ride Friday if anyone is interested. Saturday's ride will be about 4 hours long, after which we will tube the Brandywine. Then stay and ride again on Sunday.

Meals are on your own. We are within walking distance from several good restaurants for dinner.

You will need: Water for you and your horse (Wayne will haul about 300 gallons of water for those who can't haul water); Electric fence (there are no trees to picket line to); Large tube to float on the Brandywine.

North to South – all points to Rt. 1 and 202/322. South of West Chester – from intersection of 202 S and Rt. 1. Go south to the Delaware line about 5 miles. Continue South on 202 in Delaware (approx. 2 miles to turn off) till the intersection of Rt. 92. Go through this intersection still on 202 South. When you see a large brick church on your right, get into extreme right lane until you see KOHL'S. Woodlawn Rd. turns RIGHT just after KOHL'S. Come back Woodlawn Rd. past Red Lobster and large Hotel on left to a small horse facility on left at the top of hill. Turn LEFT into drive and straight back into field.

September 14-16, 2012

Fair Hill  
Elkton, Maryland

Ride Leader: Donna Fabrizio [chiarabella@gmail.com](mailto:chiarabella@gmail.com)

Members of Circle T & Blue Spruce Riding Clubs are invited to ride Fair Hill. Fair Hill is a 5,633 acre Natural Resources Management Area with over 75 miles of incredible horseback trails! On Saturday evening, we will tour the Conowingo Hydroelectric Dam. We will go inside the Dam and see how electricity is made by hydro power. We might even be able to see a American Bald Eagle or two.

Field Camping ONLY - no water or electric.

Field Camping Fee is \$20/night

Electric generator's are OK but the Park Ranger asks that "Quiet Time" begins at 10 PM.

Camp fires are OK, just use a fire ring.

Fair Hill requires that horse(s) be stalled. Stall Fee is \$15/night per stall.

Water hydrant is located at the end of the barn. Portable fences, picket lines and tying horses overnight to horse trailers is prohibited.

I have reserved fifteen (15) Field Camping spaces & fifteen (15) Stalls. RSVP me up until September 6th if you want one of these 15 stalls. After these stalls are taken, please contact the Fair Hill State Park office directly to reserve a Stall & Field Camping spot. Fair Hill Park office telephone number is 410-398-1246.

Driving Directions:

From PA Turnpike Morgantown, PA Interchange (1 hour travel time) - Take PA-10 South. Turn Left onto PA-896/Newark Road. Turn Right onto State Road. Turn Left onto Old Forge Road. Continue Straight onto PA-472/Lewisville Road. Turn Right onto PA-841/Chesterville Road and travel 500 feet into Maryland. The road name changes to MD-213 / Lewisville Road. Turn Left onto MD-273 / Telegraph Road. Turn Right onto Entrance 3 Road, and then immediately turn left onto Ranger Skinner Road. Turn Right onto Kennel Road and travel past livestock barns. Turn Right at very first dirt driveway. The horse stall barns will be to your Left.

For those of you who are savy with a TomTom/Garmin GPS, you can plug in the Longitude/Latitude coordinates: 39.697252,-75.857535.

**SAVE THESE DATES...**

September 22, 2012 Circle T Fun Day and picnic	More info to follow.
September 23, 2012 Hamburg ride	More info to follow.
October 5-7, 2012 League of Maryland Invitational Ride	More info to follow.
October 19-21, 2012 Anna Shaak's ride	More info to follow.
October 26-28, 2012 Brandywine	More info to follow.

#### **Basic Rules For Horses Who Have A Barn To Protect**

**THE ART OF SNORTING:** Humans like to be snorted on. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family horse, to accommodate them.

**NEIGHING:** Because you are a horse, you are expected to neigh. So neigh - a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting the barn and communicating with other horses. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing you, "Neigh, neigh, neigh..."

**STOMPING CATS:** When standing on cross ties, make sure you never quite stomp on the barn cat's tail. It spoils all the fun.

**CHEWING:** Make a contribution to the architectural industry.... chew on your stall wall, the fence or any other wooden item.

**FRESH BEDDING:** It is perfectly permissible to urinate in the middle of your freshly bedded stall to let your humans know how much you appreciate their hard work.

**DINING ETIQUETTE:** Always pull all of your hay out of the hay rack, especially right after your stall has been cleaned, so you can mix the hay with your fresh bedding. This challenges your human, the next time they're cleaning your stall - and we all know how humans love a challenge (that's what they said when they bought you as a two year old, right?).

**DOORS:** Any door, even partially open, is always an invitation for you and your human to exercise. Bolt out of the door and trot around, just out of reach of your human, who will frantically run after and chase you. The longer it goes on, the more fun it is for all involved.

**GOING FOR TRAIL RIDES:** Rules of the road: When out for a trail with your owner, never relieve yourself on your own lawn.

**HOLES:** Rather than pawing and digging a BIG hole in the middle of the paddock or stall and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

**GROUND MANNERS:** Ground manners are very important to humans; break as much of the ground in and around the barn as possible. This lets the ground know who's boss and impresses your human.

**NUZZLING:** Always take a BIG drink from your water trough immediately before nuzzling your human. Humans prefer clean muzzles. Be ready to rub your head on the area of your human that you just nuzzled to dry it off, too.

**PLAYING:** If you lose your footing while frolicking in the paddock, use one of the other horses to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself. Then the other horse will get a visit from the mean ol' vet, not you!

**VISITORS:** Quickly determine which guest is afraid of horses. Rock back and forth on the cross-ties, neighing loudly and pawing playfully at this person. If the human backs away and starts crying, swoosh your tail, stamp your feet and nicker gently to show your concern.

*More rules on back cover...*

**Looking for someone to take over the assembly and publication of our newsletter.**

The time has come to pass along the job of "editor." I have enjoyed putting our newsletter together for the past several years, however, I need to ask someone to take over this job for our club.

I will continue to host our web site for now, unless someone would enjoy taking over that as well.

If interested let me know and if I have any info for upcoming issues I will pass it along.

Thanks.

*Jamie MacCallum*

Jamie@MacCallum.us



**For Sale or Lease:** Buck is a 13 year old, strawberry roan, gaited gelding, with no papers. I was told he was as Missouri Foxtrotter when I purchased him over 3 years ago. He is a very good horse to work around, nothing spooks him, use him for pony rides at our community picnic and Nights Out. He has been kept up to date on shots, worming, shoes and good for farrier, vet and to worm. He needs an experienced rider, can be a little forward, likes to go.

If interested call Tracy Hower at 717-222-1139 for more info and price.



**For Lease:** Shadow 17 year old Quarter Horse mare. Very quiet, good to work with, anyone can ride, wants to be used. Loves trail riding. If interested call Tracy Hower at 717-222-1139 for more info.

**For Partial Lease:** Bushwacher is a Missouri Foxtrotter gelding, he is 24 years young. He 15.1 hands, very quiet, and good to work around. Anyone can ride him, has been used to give pony rides at our community picnic and Night Out evening in town.

If interested, call Tracy Hower at 717-222-1139 for more info and details.



**For Sale:** Circle Y Western Saddle, 15" seat, burgundy/brown basket weave in very good shape. \$550.00/obo

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**Rule set #2: For Horses with a Human Family to Support**

- SHOTS:** Humans are characteristically nervous when providing veterinary care for you. In order to soothe your human, raise your head, immediately after the injection, and provide a swinging vine. Genetically predisposed, humans are comforted by swinging back and forth on the lead rope while screaming primeval noises.
- RAIN:** Humans are generally little busy bodies, like beavers, who need to constantly build and modify. During the rain, stick either your head or butt beyond the reach of your roof. Your human will instinctively (being the stimulus/response creatures that they are) move you to a new stall, and make a new roof for you later.
- SHOEING:** Humans are creatures driven by instant gratification. After a good foot trimming or shoeing, trot smartly around afterwards to show your human how nice the shoes fit. The next day, drag one foot when you walk, to provide your little busy body with yet another project to work on.
- CHILDREN:** Human children require much nurturing in order to develop a healthy self-ego. Never offer your right-lead canter to an adult rider. However, permit the child the honor of the right lead. Older children may be denied the first one or two canter cues, in order to prepare them for adulthood. Very young children **MUST** be given the right lead on the very first try.
- MARRIAGE:** Your personal human attendant may also have a spouse, who professes non-equinity. Whenever your attendant brings the non-equus spouse to visit, you are to lavish unimaginable amounts of charm on the non-equus spouse, and more importantly, you must act fearful of your personal human attendant. This process must continue until such time as the non-equus spouse converts to full equinity, or 'teases' your attendant with a 2X4, as a prelude to the mating ritual.
- PASSOVER:** Humans possess a thing called 'a sense of humor'. This is a delightful emotional sensation that is caused by the sight or sound of things that are out of the ordinary. You can facilitate this by providing unusual situations to trigger the laughter response. On the first day of a 3 day weekend, when your attendant shows up with some of his turn-out buddies, fart loudly, then fall to the ground and stick your tongue out. The sights and sounds you provide will stimulate the necessary laughter response.
- THE PASSING OF A LOVED ONE:** When one of your best turn-out friends has gone to the Great Pasture in the Sky, your human attendant will require much comforting, as they themselves fear that they will go next. Humans are instinctively afraid of death. Offer your comfort by making deep hacking and wheezing coughs, that produce voluminous amounts of phlegm. Your human will be greatly comforted, knowing that he's not the next one to go.
- BALLET SLIPPERS:** Your human attendant will often risk his safety by wearing shoes that might not provide full protection from hazardous ranch situations. You can correct (not punish) this behavior by applying pressure to the unprotected foot. Humans are known to move away from pressure, but only after making loud noises. Keep pressure applied until your human responds correctly to this cue.