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*Early Spring*

**Upcoming 2024 rides**

Three Rivers Horse Trails (Information and address on facebook)

May 16 – Thursday (Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Opening Day)

Tippecanoe State Park

May 17 to 19 / Camp Host – Carol Heingartner

Deam Lake-NTR and Auction (Camping in C section)

May 31 to June 2 / Camp Host – Kathy Shafer

Waterloo State Park – Grass Lake, Michigan (Reservations to Farmlane Campground)

June 21 to June 23 / Camp Host – Open

Potato Creek State Park – TBD

Versailles State Park (Only 9 sites available in park)

September 6 to September 8 / Camp Host – Open

Brown County State Park (In front circle campground by gatehouse)

September 20 to September 22 / Camp Host – John Heldt

O’Bannon State Park

October 4 to October 6 / Camp Host - John Heldt

Salamonie Lost Bridge Campground - NTR

October 25 to October 27/ Camp Host – Kathy Shafer

November Trip will be depending on weather.

Membership Updates:

We lost 7 members in 2023. No renewal and no reason as to why they didn’t want to renew. If you have any ideas on how to keep people engaged in our association, please give a shout out to a board member. It’s nice to see the regulars but it’s really special to see members that don’t come ride with us very often or do not make the meetings.

**Upcoming 2024 rides with the Indiana Trail Riders Association**

O’Bannon Woods / Spring Ride

April 19-21

Contact Nancy Brunnemer at 317-443-8771

Brown County / Spring clean up

April 26-28

Contact Larry Sidell at 812-525-1274

Salamonie Lost Bridge Campground with the ITRA

May 4

This is a pancake breakfast and poker ride with proceeds to power the camp

National Trails Day

June 1

Owen Putman State Forest

Contact Stacy Lowe at 317-919-7262

Greene Sullivan State Forest

June 3

Contact Yvette Rollins at 812-797-4540

Deam Lake

June 8

Contact Barb Ferguson at 812-620-6341

Muncie Light Horse Club Round Up

June 7 -9

Prairie Creek Reservoir

Contact Greg Wilkins at 765-748-6153

Susan Bannwart has been accepted to attend a clinic at the Equine Affair in Columbus, Ohio. She will be taking her MFT Knox (aka: snorty dragon). Susan will have a write up about her experience in the next newsletter.

Update for Versailles State Park

There was a proposal to temporarily close the tunnel that goes under US 50 for repairs. INDOT has postponed this proposal under 2030. This closure would have restricted access to the X, Y and Z trails. Chris Riehl who is a IFTA member and also a director with the ITRA has been meeting with the DNR to re-route X trail towards Cave Hill Road and also to fix the long muddy stretch on B trail near the B/C intersection. The ITRA will be having its annual park clean-up on July 24 to July 28.

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ARTICLES OF INTEREST,

A TACK SALE COMING UP OR SOMETHING SPECIAL YOU MAY DO WITH YOUR TRAIL PARTNERS.

THANK YOU

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Giddy-Up Gals Getaway Ride at Blackwell Horse Camp

May 16-19

This will be the 25th year for this group. It was started by GeGe Showalter for a weekend get-away from husbands and kids. This is a primitive campground but has modern pit toilets and a water hydrant has been added to this campground. Saturday evening will include a pitch-in supper and a meet and greet with a small gift exchange if you wish to participate. Sunday morning there is a cowgirl church service. If you plan on riding in the Hoosier Forest you will need a National Par Horse tag. They have a facebook page to join and keep in touch (Giddy-Up Gals Ladies Ride at Blackwell). Any questions can be directed to Anna Zupancic at [annazupancic@aol.com](mailto:annazupancic@aol.com) or Rita Hilt at [ritajorvt@gmail.com](mailto:ritajorvt@gmail.com)

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**DEAM LAKE NATIONAL TRAIL RIDE REMINDER**

Start cleaning out your tack areas, trailers and barns for the auction on Saturday evening June 1. We will also be taking any nice household goods (especially with a horsey theme) or riding clothes.

Will be having a 50/50 drawing during the weekend. 6 tickets for $5 with half the proceeds going to a winning number and half to the club.

This is a large fundraiser for the IFTA and helps us to pay it forward to other groups in Indiana who help horses in distress, humans with disabilities and the trails we love to ride on.