

SOUTHERN MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR RIDING TRAILS

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Sorry this is coming at you a few months late, I know the horses are shedding and we are all ready to get back in the saddle and head out on some trails and make some memories. There has been one major change and that is the pricing, see below, and there will be no overnight ride but we will still have a ride in the beautiful Sweden, Maine also ... see below ...

We are gearing up for our 35th season of organized trail rides. The schedule has been arranged. Our first ride of the year will be June 16th in Milton Mills, New Hampshire at Branch Hill Farm. After much discussion, we decided NOT to host our annual overnight ride in Sweden, Maine, but we will have a day ride on August 25th, but will allow people to come in on Saturday, August 24th, to camp and either do a Pot Luck for fend for yourself. More details as we get closer to August. As fall moves in, please join us on September 15th, Gorham, Maine which has also become a favorite ride. Triple C Farm in South Berwick has offered up her farm to host the October ride, there will be more talk on that this summer so stay tuned ... and finally we will end the season with our favorite ride, the Turkey Trot to be held November 3rd also in South Berwick, Maine.

Those of you that have ridden with us in the past know that in addition to the beautiful and challenging trails, we also offer some great meals!! You are also familiar with the type of terrain that we cover, but for “newcomers” we offer these guidelines ... Ordinarily our rides are approximately 12-18 miles in length. The first ride of the season tends to be shorter to facilitate “conditioning.” Our rides are “pleasure rides” and welcome all levels of riders, however, please realize that as the season progresses the terrain and the obstacles tend to become more challenging. The rule of thumb is check with the contact people should you have any questions.

Voted in this year, President remains the same, Julia Fortier, she can be reached at (603) 817-9956, Vice President is Rick Savoy (207) 698-0237, Treasurer is Sandy Garlarneau (603) 923-2389 and Secretary is Tina Hogan (207) 252-0430. Her mailing address for membership and pre-registration form is Tina Hogan, C/O SMART, 322 Webber Road, North Waterboro, Maine 04061

PRICES FOR OUR REGULAR RIDES – INCLUDES:

Coffee/muffins/donuts at registration table. A halfway break includes foods and beverages. And a very nice meal after the ride. **These prices are pre-registered:**

SMART Members:	\$25.00 Ride and Meal
Non-Members:	\$30.00 Ride and Meal
Meal Only:	\$10.00

NOTE: One of the ways we are able to offer such great meals after a ride is by pre-registrations “head count.” SO PLEASE remember SMART must receive your registration form(s) and money no later than Wednesday preceding the ride. (Post marked dates of mailings are not acceptable. NO EXCEPTIONS. You only need to send \$10.00 for pre-registration, and then pay the balance the day of the ride. If for some reason you do not pre-register, you are still welcome to come and ride, however, you will be charged and extra \$5.00.

REMEMBER: IF YOU WANT TO SIT DOWN AT DINNER, DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

We are affiliated with NEHT (NEW ENGLAND HORSE & TRAIL) and NHH&TA (NEW HAMPSHIRE HORSE & TRAIL) So any of you that are riding for mileage in these clubs, we can sign and verify mileage for you.