

English Point Trail System Nature Walk-Plant Identification

Come join us Saturday, June 10 for a nature walk along the English Point Red Loop Trail. Two walks are scheduled, the first walk is at 11 a.m. and the second walk will be at 1 p.m.

PBCH, along with Idaho Native Plant Society, Calypso Chapter of Coeur d'Alene, will host the event.

Derek Antonelli of the Calypso Chapter will lead the trail walk identifying the beautiful spring plants along the trail.

The Idaho Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest in native plants and communities, collecting, and sharing information of Idaho native plants and fostering an understanding and appreciation of our native flora. PBCH volunteerism is one of the most important activities Back Country Horsemen can use in our effort to perpetuate enjoyable common-sense use of pack and saddle stock in the back country. A central point of our mission statement is to assist government agencies in maintenance and management of public land. PBCH in working with the U.S. Forest Service clearing and maintaining many of the non-motorized trails used by hikers and bicyclists everyday.

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Membership

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out the 2023 membership form and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer christobea@yahoo.com You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year! Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

PBCH Calendar of Events:

June 10, 2023 Nature walk and plant identification at English Point. See president's letter. Open to public. Two walks scheduled. One at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you want to help out on this event please call John Galdi.

June 13 F.O.N.T. Friend of North Idaho Trails, a collaboration of trail users groups, will be having a public Open House and yearly meeting at the Lake City Senior Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Come on down and see what they are all about.

June 21 PBCH meeting. Location the church at 9485 N. Maple St., Hayden. Socialize at 6:30 and meeting starts at 7 p.m. Either attend in person or by Zoom.

July 8, 2023 4th of July Pass work party. Contact Karen Kimball if you are interested in helping out.

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Farragut State Park fun ride



Saturday Ride in the Park

By Joni Lueck

Saturday, May 27, turned out to be a beautiful sunny spring day at Farragut State Park. Nine riders came out to ride for about two hours along trails led by trail boss Ken Thomas. I would like to thank everyone that attended for their participation.

Farragut Riders: Arnie Wilkens, Joni Lueck, Ken Thomas, Tom Knoll, Debbi Funke, Bea Christopherson, Corey Dwinell and his daughter, and Audra LaBelle and John Galdi.

Tip of the day: When riding in a group please be aware of anyone who might be having problems of any sort. Try to work out a reasonable solution and support each other. If you need to get off and walk, be aware that the horse group will travel a lot faster than someone on foot. If someone is having tack issues, or a horse that is spooky or acting up, please wait until things settle down and begin again. Also if someone wants to return to the starting point before the rest of the riders, please ask them if someone can accompany them. That way no one is left on their own and the horse would probably like the company too!

Second tip of the day: Don't sweep out your horse trailer at a trailhead!

Photo at left: The group takes a break for lunch after the ride. Photo courtesy Arnie Wilkens.

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July 22 4th of July fun ride. Trail bosses Bea Christopherson and Arnie Wilkens. Bring your lunch and a chair. Plenty of parking. No water at the trailhead. It will be five or seven-mile loop rides. Email ajwilke@gmail.com or christobea@yahoo.com with questions. Foot in stirrup at 9:30 a.m. This ride is open to the public. Bring a friend. Club will furnish paper products, coffee and water.

July 29 Lost Creek Trail clearing and campout. Trail boss Karen Kimball.

August 13 PBCH Annual hot dog feed and fun ride at Farragut State Park. Trail boss Julie Volpi. Open to public. Email charlieandjulie01@gmail.com

Other events Non PBCH sponsored

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***Scavenger Hunt September 23rd** at Chipmunk Rapids. More information later. By Priest River BCH.

Marie Creek Work Party



Four members cleared the Marie Creek loop on May 13. They were Tom Johnston, Karen Kimball, and Stan and Jamie Smith.

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PBCH Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Twelve members in attendance, five members on Zoom and two guests. Guests were James Young from Life Flight and Sage Laramie, guest of Tom Knoll. Sage is new to the area and can help with exercising horses and animal care. Her number is 970-596-3928.

James Young from Life Flight gave educational talk on Air Ambulance Medical services. Along with describing their services he discussed reciprocation with other air carriers. Medicare covers up to 80% of cost of service and not all supplements cover it. He suggested to keep a signal mirror in your safety kit along with an emergency blanket. Questions and concerns can be directed to him at 509-954-6736 or jyoung@lifeflight.org

Upcoming rides and activities: looking for trail boss for Rustlers Gulch in Washington for a fall ride. Susan Walker tentatively volunteered.

May 27th- Fun Ride, members only at Farragut. Ken Thomas Trail Boss

June 10th- Nature Walk at English Point, Representatives from Watershed, F.O.N.T., U.S.F.S., PBCH, and Derek from Idaho Native Plant Society will be there. PBCH will set up tables with the chapter display board and membership information, and have mule demo with chainsaw transporters for public to see.

English Point Repairs- Parking lot to be closed on May 24th for parking lot repairs

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4th of July Pass Trail Clearing- July 8th

Marie Creek Trail Clearing- June 6th

Lost Creek Trail Clearing and Camp Out- July 29th

Please RSVP to Karen ahead if you can attend.

Priest River BCH Trail Clearing Extravaganza 5/19-5/21

Karen Kimball reported on Marie Creek Trail Clearing May 13th. Tom Johnston, Karen and Stan and Jamie Smith cleared the loop. It still needs some brushing but is clear enough to ride.

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Arnie Wilkens reported on grant- We didn't get the grant but we got valuable experience for the next time.

Tom Knoll has BCH of Idaho hats for sale- \$15 call Tom if interested

Discussion on Garmin for the chapter for out of range use. The yearly cost is \$126 and a \$35 activation. We need someone to be the designated person to keep the Garmin and the AED. Karen Kimball made motion to approve the monies for the Garmin. Russ Rantz 2nd and was approved by chapter.

Motion to adjourn made by Russ Rantz and 2nd by Audra LaBelle at 8:12. Motion carried by chapter members.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Volpi, secretary

Marie Creek Work Party last month

Another work party consisting of Tom Johnston, Stan and Jamie Smith and Karen Kimball cleared the loop at Marie Creek area on May 13.

Rainy Day Work Party



Stan Smith and Pat Graham work to clear trails at English Point Area last month. Also Jamie Smith and Jill Graham helped out.

Rides and Events

These are some past rides, work parties, campouts and other events for our chapter of PBCH.

- *Escure Ranch in Washington fun ride and campout.
- *Obstacle Course Dalton Garden Arena Event open to the public
- *Marie Creek trail clearing
- *Marie Creek fun ride
- *Asotin ride and campout in Washington at Fordyce Trail
- ***Chilco Mt. trail clearing**
- *August Farragut State Park Hot Dog fun ride open to the public
- *4th of July Pass fun ride
- *Antoine Peak ride and potluck in Washington
- *Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area fun ride
- *Squaw Valley near Priest Lake
- *Liberty Lake horse park in Washington fun ride
- *Red Ives work party and campout in Idaho
- *McKenzie Conservation Area fun ride in Washington
- *Pee Wee Creek fun ride and campout in Idaho
- *Heyburn State Park work party and fun ride
- ***Bernard Peak fun ride**
- *Riverside State Park day ride and campout in Washington

If anyone wants to trail boss a ride or event please let any chapter officer know!

Farragut ride trail boss Ken Thomas with Bandit



PBCH Monthly Treasurer's Report May 17, 2023

Income

Dues \$260.00
Sponsor \$ 30.00
Interest \$ 0.07
Total \$290.07

Expenses

Arnie Wilkens Carry case etc. \$ 77.84
Bank Stmt. \$ 2.00
Total \$ 79.84

Current Balances

Checking \$ 1,186.75

Foundation BCHI

Purpose and Definition of The Foundation as related to BCHI.

1. What we are:

The Foundation is a sister corporation to the BCHI and operates under its own bylaws and articles of incorporation within the framework of a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. The Foundation was incorporated in September 1999.

2. What we do:

The Foundation was established to provide an avenue for any BCHI chapter to solicit funds that would go to the Foundation and be distributed to the local chapters within the guidelines specified by the donor of the funds. By allocation of the funds through the Foundation, the donation becomes a tax write-off for the donor and tax-free income to the chapters. This is achievable due to the Foundation's non-profit status. One of the responsibilities of the Foundation Director, or Alternate, is to express its chapter's needs in terms of projects and funds required.

3. What are our goals?

It is our goal that every chapter provide a representative to serve on the Foundation. The Foundation meets once a year at the BCHI State Convention and conducts business throughout the year via email and phone. The Foundation will help local chapters in grant writing, and as requested.

****PBCH did request and receive Lighthouse grant money through the Foundation to build at the trailheads. We have installed hitching rails at a few local trailheads.**

PBCH Foundation chapter director is Jim Kimball.

The Foundation will help donors get the tax write-off they need. In addition, the Foundation will be trying to obtain donations and grants that can be used by all chapters in Idaho. Once able to acquire monies for distribution, all chapters will be notified of how to apply for a share of these monies.

Putting up new signage



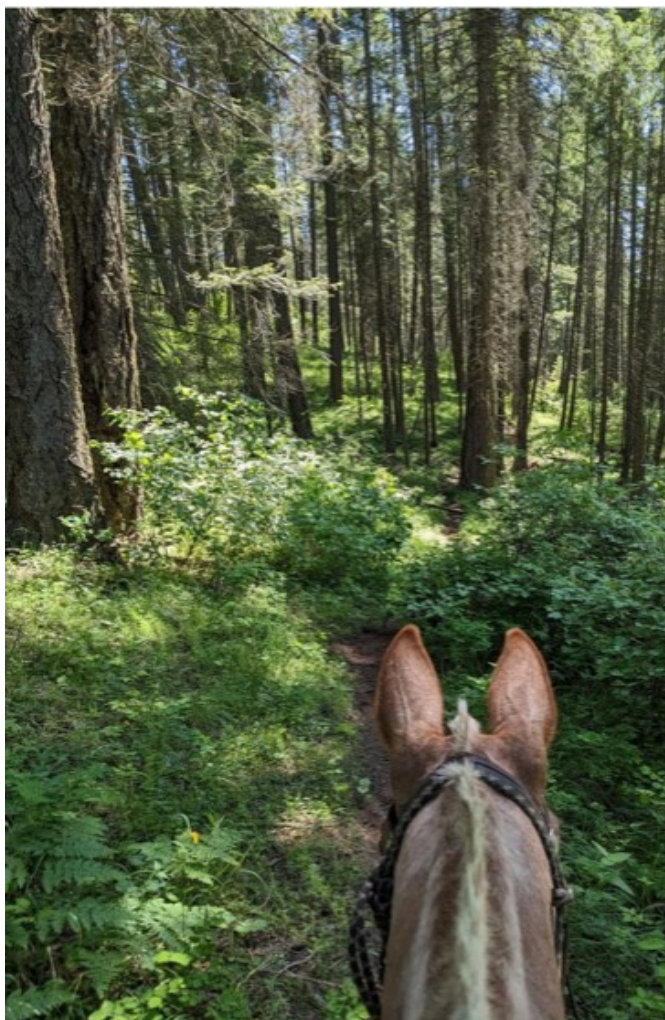
New member Joe Chidiac puts up new signage at Chilco.

Heyburn State Park work party



We had 14 chapter members attend a trail clearing at Heyburn south side June 2-4. The park had been unable to get the south side trails cleared with the exception of Scout Out prior to the Memorial Day weekend. We broke into smaller groups and did a section of the trails. Scout Out, Gandy Dancer and Rocky Top are cleared now. Just Ponderosa still needs clearing but we have plans to go back out in a few weeks. The north side trails were cleared the weekend before by Rene and Scott Sullens. The park is super appreciative for the help as they have to clear trails on foot. A few members also camped overnight and enjoyed pot luck dinners. A big thank you to all that helped out!
Written by and photo supplied by Julie Volpi.

Eyes and Ears on the World



Preparing to Ride



At left: Looking through the ears of her mule. Photo by Rene Sullens.
Top: Getting ready to hit the trail at Heyburn State Park. Photo by Susan



FRIENDS OF THE NORTH IDAHO TRAILS ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

**JUNE 13TH 6 - 8 PM
LAKE CITY SENIOR CENTER**

**THE GOAL OF THIS ANNUAL MEETING IS
TO BRING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.
HIGHLIGHTING THE PARTNERSHIPS AND
GOALS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE
MULTIPLE DIFFERENT MODALITIES OF
RECREATION IN OUR AREA. IT WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL IF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM
EACH AGENCY AND ENTHUSIAST GROUP IS
AVAILABLE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
THOSE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

