

LRRETA NEWS

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Tioga Trail Association!
 Linda Erbes - Tioga President
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**FOURTH QUARTER 2015 AND
 FIRST QUARTER 2016**



Up Coming

Please remember our annual dues and renewals!!
 Please remember to join LRRETA as a patron and/or a donor!

LRRETA Trail Rides

1st Saturday of the Month!
 Meet at "Isle de Bois," Lake Ray Roberts Park at 9am. Call Carol Nichols 214-507-9751 or Michelle Ellis 214-491-7941 to confirm plans

Your support of LRRETA with patron dues, donations and volunteer hours is critical to keeping our equestrian trails open and growing.

WE NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOW! Contact any board member if you are interested!

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President's Message

Happy New Year!

2015 was the year of the rain! Lake Ray Roberts went from "75% full" to over "100% full!" Most of Lake Ray Roberts' 26 miles of equestrian trails have been underwater since May 2015. As of January 2, the lake is back to almost 8 feet over "Conservation Level" - the same flood stage as June 2015.

To keep our trails "above water...." we need YOU to support LRRETA. LRRETA provides the leadership, volunteers and funds to help keep the trails open. The flood damage to the trails has been significant. It will take volunteers and money to restore our trails to what we remember when we could take long dusty trots and canters from 380 to Lantana Lodge.

Through the efforts of the Park Rangers, particularly Bryan Daniels and Mark Stuart, and LRRETA volunteers, we were able to get one equestrian trail open in September -- despite historic flooding that closed most of the Park. Deb Trott, Linda Moore and Chuck Manning organized volunteers who worked with the Rangers to get the trail open from Elm Fork, north and south of the dam. LRRETA provided critical funding to rent a skid steer to insure trail was opened as scheduled.

We have more to do -- including finishing the Bridge, expanding the horse camping sites at Isle du Bois, adding trail loops on higher ground, and expanding the trail system to Tioga. We need your support. Your dues or donations provide funds to restore and expand trails. Most grants provide 80% of funding, the other 20% must come from personal and corporate donations.

Saddle up with LRRETA for 2016 --- Let's get out and ride!

"The good rain, like the bad preacher, does not know when to leave off."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

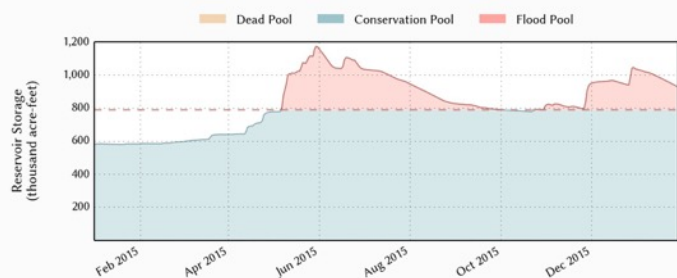
Carol Nichols
LRRETA President



"View from between the ears...." by Carol Nichols



Ray Roberts Lake is 100.0% full as of 2016-01-28



Bridge Update

Contact Tracy Matern at (214) 392-2288 or tmatern1945@gmail.com for the forms to report your time, and/or equipment. Your work on the trail can count as part of the 20% grant match requirement. Reporting donated work anywhere along the trail get your forms before any volunteer work begins!



Happy Trails - South of dam,
Vic Fraser and John Rutan

Trail underwater between
Chimney and Blue Stem

Trail to chimney Carol
Nichols on Annie



Cruella Deville, ridden by
Carole Kowitt, our News
Editor at the chimney.
Carole will be moving to
Yelm, Washington around
the end of February. She
and her husband decided
to downsize and move
there late last year to be
closer to their children and
grand children.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is planning to conduct prescribed burns in the Ray Roberts Lake State Park at the Isle duBois and Jordan Units between January 25th and April 30th, 2016. Please be aware and watchful for this activity and ride safely.

Tioga Equestrian Trails Association - This new trail association was formed on November 4, 2015 and has 25 Charter Members. The board has been formed and voted for on January 6.

The group is a Chapter of LRRETA. Its mission is aligned with LRRETA, "To promote local development and preserve the Western heritage and lakeside beauty of Tioga by developing a system of managed equestrian and hiking trails along the shores of Lake Ray Roberts."

T-Shirts and other stuff to buy and support our trail!

See all at www.sanmar.com

Call Linda Moore with any questions at (940) 206-9355

Great map of the trail at:

www.everytrail.com/guide/greenbelt-corridor-in-ray-roberts-lake-state-park/map#poi-overview

Equine Trail Sports Texas Private Ranches Fall Tournament details:

Your ranking points will be used to calculate your tournament scores. Each time you ride, your points will accumulate.

Your tournament bracket will be determined in the same way your event bracket is determined.

For more details go to: <https://www.equinetrailsports.com/tournaments/>

TRAIL OPEN

Elm Fork (455) to 1 mile south of dam
Elm Fork (455) North to the chimney

TRAIL CLOSED

Isle du bois (Bluestem) North to Jordan Park
Isle du bois (Bluestem) South to chimney
Jordan Park FM1192 to Lost Lake (3 miles North of Lantana Resort)
Wash-out (1 mile South of Elm Fork) to 428
428 South to 380

We will keep you posted as trail repair progresses.

Thank you for your patience!

Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trails Association (LRRETA) Patron Application Form

MEMBERSHIP and PATRONS - Membership in LRRETTA and Greenfest is complimentary. Supporters of the equestrian/hiking trail are PATRONS. Please support your trail by becoming a PATRON and attending the annual Greenfest events!

- Single Patron \$25 annual Household Patron (max 4 people) \$75 annual Lifetime single Patron \$250 (one time) Lifetime Household \$750 (one time)

FULL NAME* _____
BUSINESS NAME* (optional) _____
Address* _____ City* _____ ST* _____
Cell Phone* _____ Home phone* (optional) _____
Email* _____

Additional Patrons (fill in if checking Household Patron):

FULL NAME* _____
FULL NAME* _____
FULL NAME* _____

PLEASE MAIL CHECK WITH PATRON DUES/ OR DONATIONS TO:

LRRETA, 2459 West Blackjack Road, Aubrey, TX 76227

*LRRETA does not share Patron or Donor information