

LRRETA NEWS

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Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trail Association and Cross Timbers Equestrian Trail Association

SECOND QUARTER 2016

WE NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOW!

Contact any board member if you are interested!

Up Coming

Please remember to **join** LRRETA as a patron and/or a donor!

Use AmazonSmile and designate GBA for a **donation!** Designate GBA when making online purchases at smile.amazon.com/ and they donate .05% of all purchased to us! Adds UP!

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.

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President's Message

Spring has finally arrived! The North Texas horse trail community has been "a buzz" with trail clearing and cleaning expeditions at Decatur Grasslands, Tioga future Trail head sites - Stirrup and Hinton Road, and Jordan Park at Lake Ray Roberts. Thanks to all the volunteers and special thanks to Chuck Manning and Linda Moore for organizing the LRRETA volunteers! We will have more volunteer days scheduled this Spring. The Equestrians "make their mark" with time and money devoted to restoring the trails -- great work! We are blessed to have some of the best sandy loam, mostly "all weather" (except when we have 100 year floods like last spring.....) trails in Texas.

The Bridge and Grant Committees have been hard at work this winter. Tracy Matern, Linda Moore and Tim Beaty have worked to meet the requirements of our \$170,000 TPWD grant so that the money can be spent on the Equestrian Bridge. Bids are being evaluated and construction begins soon.

The CoServe Grant (\$5,000) and the AQHA STEP (Stewards for Trails, Education, and Partnerships) Grant (\$6,000) have provided valuable funds to rent skid steers and dozers to open trails and purchased the new round pen at Isle de Bois. Thanks to Linda Moore for her skillful grant writing to acquire these funds! Also, special thanks to Kay Neubauer and Neubauer Manufacturing for donating the labor associated with the Neubauer-made round pen.

Grants typically require a 20% to 50% match from private donations -- your dues and donations are critical to our plans to restore and expand the trails. Please renew your patron memberships annually, donate when you can, and encourage your friends to join LRRETA at www.lrreta.com.

"We build too many walls and not enough bridges"
Isaac Newton

Happy Trails!
Carol Nichols



New lunging area at Isle De Bois trailhead at Ray Roberts Park!

Working on cleaning up and opening trails!



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!



All ages and horse types are welcome to come ride!



...Dreaming of our coming bridge!!

For water levels in and round the area go to:
<http://www.waterdatafortexas.org/reservoirs/individual/ray->

Partners, Donors, Patrons and Members with LRRETA

Thank you all for your support of our equestrian and hiking trail at Lake Ray Roberts

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/>

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not holes patched, culverts
ed or chip/seal work.
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city council is asking

David Lane, Denton Court, Em-
ily Court (new culvert), Jog-
gers Trail, Joshua Court, Patti
Court, and on Robertson, Elder,
East Ford, West Feed, Hack-
ney, East Hughes, East Locust,
Stone, Walker and North Walnut
streets.
The council also approved

Hughes Street. The new side-
walk will extend east from the
donut shop area to the telephone
pole at the beauty shop. Street
work in front of the donut shop
will also be done to eliminate the
flooding that takes place there
when it rains.
Betty Graham, Keep Col-

with a firm to complete the pro-
ect which was made possible by
a \$90,000 grant.
Once the project is compl-
ed, the downtown Collinsv
area will have a new look.
gazebo and wishing well
remain, but there will be
landscaping and a new flag

LRRETA members participating - Chuck Manning - Leader, Fred Rudsenske, Michelle Ellis, Carol Nichols, Linda Moore, Lynn Jaco, Brigitte Caperton, Gretchen Coyle, Mindy Hogan, Samantha Kinkaid



Courtesy photo

Late last month a group of people from Tioga Equestrian Trails Association, (under the umbrella of LRRETA and Greenbelt) got together for a cleanup day at proposed trail heads on Stirrup and Hinton roads. They removed three trucks of trash and debris. The newly formed trail association is working towards bringing walking and riding trails to the Tioga area with the forward goal of becoming part of a regional trail system around the shores of Lake Ray Roberts. TETA sees the proposed trails as a tourism draw to the area that could bring a boost to Tioga and surrounding area businesses.

Things happening!



Jordan Park trimming



Jamie Erbes - President of LRRETA of Tioga uses new mounting ramp at Isle De Bois, provided by Greenbelt Alliance and LRRETA. Randy Hurt, Vic Fraser and Jeff Glover stand at the ready...



Kriste Klepper, Lynn Jaco, Fred Rudsenske and Vic Fraser enjoy picnic lunch after ride at Blue Stem a Trail Head.



pictures of ramp building, can you name these people?

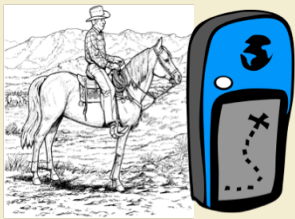
This is one of five ramps that are planned for each of the five trailheads at Lake Ray Roberts. This is part of the Bridge Grant at work! Yes, the bridge is coming soon!



Randy Hurt, Jamie Erbes and Jeff Glover riding at the dam at Elm Fork.



Fred Rudsenske, Kriste Klepper, and Lynn Jaco too!



Come learn to use that GPS and do a real-world treasure hunt on horseback!

Sponsored by:

Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trail Association(LRRETA)

and

Cross Timbers Equestrian Trail Association (CTETA)

Geocaching and Equicaching Workshop

May 7th, 9am to 3 pm (Rain date TBA)

Agenda: 9-11:30 GPS 101, lunch 11:30-12:30, 1:00-3:00 equicaching

Little Blue Stem, Isle du Bois

Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Area (Coggins Req., Park Entry \$7)

BBQ lunch free to members (others \$10 donation), Members bring a side

Training Provided by TPWD Rangers (GPS units provided or bring your own)

Limited to 25 participants

Please sign up at signupgenius.com or Call 940-206-9355 for more information and to reserve your spot

Please **"Scoop Your Poop"**

Camp overnight with your horse and equicache on Sunday, May 8th as well!

Great training for you and your horse- bring a small, inexpensive trinket to leave in the cache box

www.Facebook.com/Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trail Association

Donations appreciated - matching grant funds needed to restore and expand the trails

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

Or go on line to our website to rejoin and/or join!!