

## New Members Welcome and Appreciated

Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association is an all-volunteer organization, financed by membership dues, fundraising events and donations.



Happy Trails!

Your contributions will make a significant difference in the development and maintenance of equestrian trails throughout the Rogue Valley.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact us at the address, phone number or email on this brochure.

## Please Join RVETA Today

Your membership helps us develop new trail segments, rest areas, picnic tables, water troughs and more — making it more enjoyable for everyone to ride Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails!

Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your gift is tax-deductible.

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*Our skilled crew leaders create a rewarding and positive learning environment at each workday.*

## Be Part of the Action

Due to limited resources within our park system, local government is simply not able to perform all the routine maintenance that is required on our trails.

To assist in this effort, Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association schedules regular volunteer workdays primarily focusing on trail cleanup and grooming, brush clearing and litter pickup. Groups or individuals can also adopt a trail for routine maintenance. Come join us. No experience is necessary.

## Thank You

The realization of our goals would not be possible without the generous support of our members, sponsors and volunteers. Thank you!



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*Creating Equestrian Trails*

*Throughout the Rogue Valley*

## Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association



Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association (RVETA) is an advocacy group made up of local horse owners and trail riders of all ages who seek a safe place to ride without trailering a great distance. We are a diverse group of people who care about the future of Jackson County and the preservation of equestrian access to areas historically used by horses.

We raise funds and work hard to build and maintain natural trails within Jackson County. We promote and organize events and work days to help maintain these trails. We also coordinate with local cities and Jackson County to develop new equestrian trails in the Rogue Valley.

We believe trails are the backbone of our parks and open spaces. Equestrian trails provide us with the opportunity to explore, relax, and learn, all in our own backyard.

Our goal is not just to ensure that we have trails to ride, but to make certain that our children and their children have the same opportunity.

## RVETA History and Accomplishments

Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association (originally Bear Creek Greenway Equestrian Association) was formed in 1994 out of a grassroots effort to add a natural surface trail from the Pacific Crest Trail above Ashland along the Bear Creek Greenway to the Rogue River.

So far we have dedicated nearly 10 miles of equestrian trail in Jackson County. We are currently working to maintain and expand existing trails along the Bear Creek Greenway and develop new trails north towards Grants Pass from our trailhead at Central Point. We are actively working to connect and improve these trails for the equestrians of the Rogue Valley and surrounding areas.

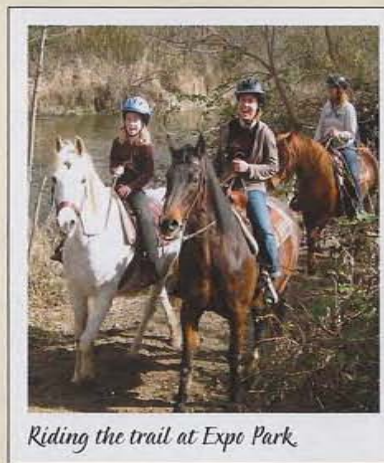
## Our Mission: Creating and Preserving Equestrian Trails

Development is consuming trail networks on farms and private lands. At the same time, existing equestrian trails on public lands are being paved to create trails that are used by bikers, skaters, joggers, dog walkers and baby carriages, and are no longer safe or appropriate for equestrian use.

There are a number of equestrian groups throughout the state, but there is currently no state-wide focus on creating or preserving local equestrian trails. Planning is done at the county level, often by planners who do not have or ride horses.

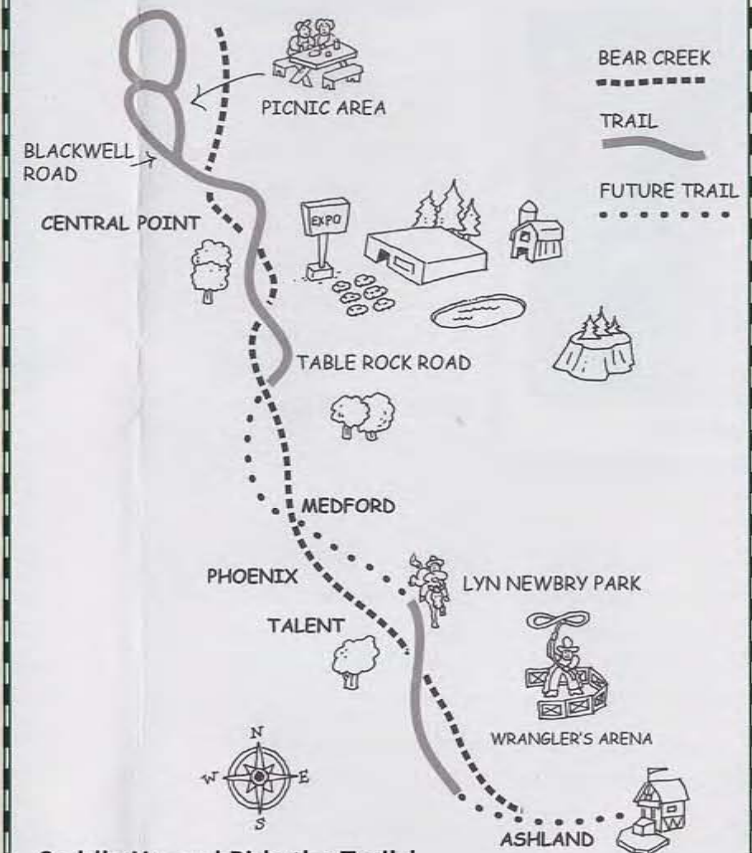
Equestrians have been and continue to be excluded from many trails historically used by horses. Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association is actively advocating to retain existing access and assist in creating additional access to local lands for the future.

As the pace of daily life grows more hectic, Rogue Valley equestrian trails become ever more important, supporting nearby places to ride where you can get away to revive and recharge your spirits, alone or with friends, family or just an equine companion.



Riding the trail at Expo Park.

## ROGUE VALLEY EQUESTRIAN TRAILS ALONG BEAR CREEK GREENWAY



### Saddle Up and Ride the Trails!

The first trail segment runs from Blackwell Road past Expo Park to Table Rock Road. Facilities include a trailer parking area near Blackwell, picnic area with tables and hitching rails with trail access at Expo Park, Upton Road and Pine Street in Central Point.

A second segment of the equestrian trail is open between Lynn Newbry Park in Talent and Wranglers Arena near the North Ashland exit. There is trailer parking at both ends of this trail segment.

As with most trails, connectivity is important. RVETA hopes to convince Medford and Ashland to allow equestrian uses through their cities in order to connect with the Pacific Crest Trail.

