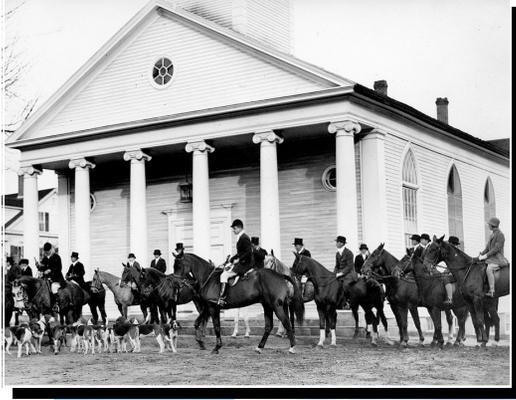


■ POMFRET'S HERITAGE

Horseback riding in Pomfret is a long established tradition. Pomfret was settled and worked when the horse was the only means of transportation. The Pomfret Horse & Trail Association wants to preserve that means.



Pomfret's unique rural character and agricultural heritage are the reason that most equestrians choose to live here. In order to preserve and maintain the century-old system of trails, we feel a responsibility to help protect the ever precious open space in town. In addition to encouraging good horseback riding practices, PHTA strives to inform, educate and expand public awareness of the opportunities available for equine enthusiasts.



■ PRESERVING OPEN SPACE

Open land is the jewel of our town and we, as riders, have come to treasure it because we have seen it as few others have. We have the rare opportunity of saving the character of Pomfret before it's too late.

The Pomfret Horse & Trail Association's goals are threefold: to establish a presence in the community and work with the various town boards in helping to preserve, promote, and acquire open space; to create a sense of community among equestrians and townspeople; and to work toward the preservation and enhancement of our farming heritage.



■ RESPONSIBILITY

The Connecticut Horse Council recommends that horses "leave no trace." That is our goal as well. Pomfret has been very horse friendly and we as horse people want to be good neighbors. By being responsible riders, we hope that landowners will continue their generosity in allowing access to their land.



Because we traverse private property, town land and public roads on our horses, the Pomfret Horse & Trail Association has developed trail use guidelines that include, among others, no dogs, no smoking, riding on the edge of fields, and observing the privacy of landowners when passing close to their homes. Members can be recognized by PHTA medallions attached to their saddles.

PHTA carries a liability insurance policy that protects landowners when members are on their property. Most members also carry personal liability insurance.

The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears.

~ Arabian Proverb



OUR MISSION

The Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, Inc. (PHTA) is a nonprofit volunteer organization formed in 2007 to preserve, protect, and maintain open space and the century-old system of riding and hiking trails in Pomfret, Connecticut. We work closely with



landowners, local land trusts, and the town to maintain access and expand trail networks. PHTA promotes responsible horseback riding practices and minimal impact trail use, holds educational clinics, and sponsors 4H Camp scholarships to promote equitation and safe riding. Our goal is to preserve our rural heritage through community minded trail use, horse keeping, and riding.

Our mission includes:

- Keeping access open to equestrian use
- The creation of new and connecting trails
- Promoting responsible use of trails
- Preserving, clearing, rebuilding and maintaining trails.
- Educating our members on trail etiquette and safety for all trail users
- Facilitating communication, cooperation and goodwill between trail users and landowners
- Advocating for horse owners and riders

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in PHTA is open to all Pomfret residents interested in supporting and maintaining trails and open space in town. This includes land-owners, nature enthusiasts



and equestrians of all ages, levels and disciplines—anyone wanting to help preserve Pomfret’s rural character and agricultural heritage. Membership is also open to equestrians from surrounding towns who want to connect with other riders and support our mission.

Dues are \$35 per year. Membership applications are available on our web site: www.pomfrethorseandtrail.com

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Old Town House off Averill Road (Route 44). For more information, email pomfrethorseandtrail@gmail.com

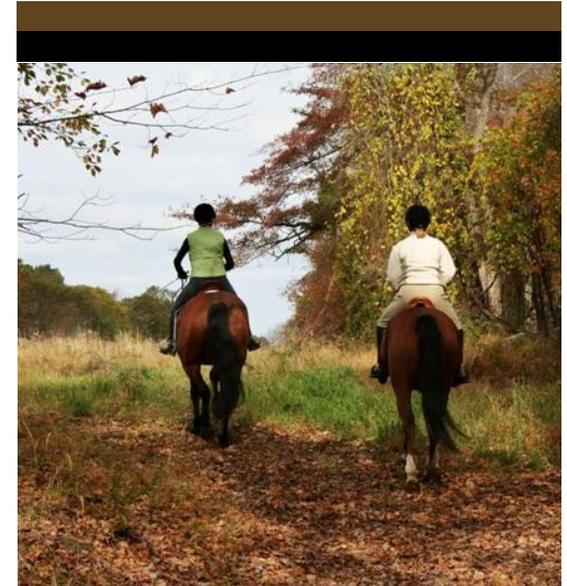
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No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.

~ Winston Churchill

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