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WHEN YOUR HORSE IS A HARD CATCH



AND YOU HAVE TO START GETTING CREATIVE

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The mission of this organization shall be:

- I. To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- II. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- III. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- IV. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- V. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.
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NEXT MEETING:

**May 8TH 6PM—9PM
ROUND TABLE PIZZA—
SALMON CREEK**

Volunteer hours:

**Don't forget to email Judy Smith
with your volunteer hours.**

Trailridenbuddy@yahoo.com

Note *

**The new dates due will allow Judy the time she has to
get them in by the 1st of the month**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

REPORTING PERIOD	DUE TO JUDY NO LATER THAN...
1st Quarter (Oct 1—Feb 29)	Feb 25th
2nd Quarter (Mar 1-May 31)	May 25
3rd Quarter (Apr 1-Aug 31)	Aug 25
4th Quarter (Sep 1-30)	Setp 25

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From our Director

Kalama work party, May 13th

Nine of us attended the work party. Peter Mahrt and Brian Jansen prepped the new metal corral for installation on the 23rd. Ken Evans, Brian Parr and Matt Welch installed the water troughs and plumbing and then installed the water supply and purged it of air. Works great. Bob Cole, Gary Collins, Norm Welch and Jim Anderson replaced the broken rails on the corrals and cut up two trees that had fallen. It was a good productive day.

Jim



Brian Jansen, Gary Collins and Jim Anderson went to Kalama today and removed the old wood corral from site #3 and installed the new metal corral that the concessionaire, Explore US purchased. We got the corral all set up and all that is left is to pour concrete around the legs. Most likely during the week after Memorial Day weekend.

Jim



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From our President

Thunder and lightning, heavy rain, hail, strong winds, lost awnings, great riding, caught out in the storm, campfire acrobatics, bucking rocks, new nicknames. Just got back from the Cyrus camp and ride, and these are just some of the experiences we had during the week. I'll let others tell the stories and share the photos, but it was a very good time.

Things are getting very busy. In addition to the Cyrus ride, a group of us cleaned up the Kalama Horse camp, fixed corrals, set up the water, and put up the new corral that the camp concessionaire bought. On June 3&4, we have a large work party with WTA and some others to take on cleaning up the trails. Unfortunately, the Cinnamon trail is

closed due to damage caused by last year's fire, and not sure how long it will be before that is restored. We also have rides scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at Escure Ranch in Sprague, WA, and at Glenwood, WA, for June 16-18. On the 18th there is a rodeo at Glenwood that campers can attend.

Finally, the Fun Ride is coming together nicely. We have a lot of great prizes, and so far we have enough campers to fill the camp and then some, so we will be doubling up in the sites as we have in the past.

Thanks to all who have helped get the Kalama camp ready, signed up for the June 3&4 work party, and worked on getting the Fun Ride set up. Without you we couldn't do any of this.

Happy (& safe) trails!



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ANNUAL FUN RIDE

Mount St. Helens Chapter of BCHW

DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2023

WHERE: Kalama Horse Camp

LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES, including
gift cards from national sponsors including Resistol hats and Cinch western wear

Short and long loop rides available along some of the most exceptional trails in this area. Trail maps provided on site.



Campsites have been reserved by the chapter for the Fun Ride. \$41 for Friday and Saturday nights.
Contact: Brian Jansen to make arrangements for camping at bjbjgh@aol.com.

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST served at 7:00 a.m.
FIRST RIDERS OUT at 8:00 a.m. LUNCH available for \$5.00. PRIZES at 3:00 p.m.

Liability waiver must be signed at the time of registration.

Weed Seed Free Hay Required.

For more information, contact:
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DIRECTIONS: Take I-5 to Exit 21-Woodland. Proceed east through town on WA-503 E toward Cougar and continue east for approximately 25 miles (past Yale Park). Watch for road to the left with green road sign to Lake Merrill and Kalama Horse Camp (8100 Road). Proceed on this road for approximately 8 miles and turn right. You will see the entrance to Kalama Horse Camp. There will be volunteers available to help with parking.

NOTE: If you reach Cougar before turning onto the 8100 road, you've gone too far and missed the turn off.

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Website | mountsthelens-bchw.org

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Trail Course Event Clark County Saddle Club



June 03, 2023

11407 NE 174th Circle Battle Ground, Wa. 98604

Time: 9 AM to 3 PM

Cost: Adults \$25.00 Minors \$15.00 Non-member IRS Fee:
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For more information call Fran Duncan 360-254-3249

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Sahara Creek Horse Camp May 5th—7th

262nd Ave. E. Ashford, WA 98304 360-825-1631

DNR says 'free reservations'...with Discover Pass... There are some trail interruption's...as in logging going on...at least until July...but there are 'still 40 miles of trail open'. Closures mostly at the western boundary.

Follow the link saharacreekcampreservations@gmail.com for securing reservations...I plan on doing so directly. I talked to a 'Mr Simmons' of DNR recreation. 360-825-1631. Skip all the 'canned info'...**go to O for operator**...ask for the Rec person for Shara HC...shud be Mister Simmons.

Reservations are available with a minimum of 3 DAYS and a maximum of 3 MONTHS notice. Requests outside of those parameters will not be considered. Reservations are not available over state holiday weekends. All campsites will be open the Thursday before until the Monday after a holiday on a first-come, first-served basis. All motor vehicles and trailers must have valid DOL registration. Each licensed motor vehicle must display a Discover Pass to camp in Sahara Creek Campground (towed trailers do not require a Discover Pass to be displayed). Sites 1-20 are equestrian camping only. Sites 21-30 are open to all non-ORV campers (equestrian campers included). Site 28 is a designated ADA campsite which requires a differently-abled DOL placard to camp in.

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Follow I5 North to US-12 in Lewis County.

- ◆ Exit 68 from I5 North toward Morton/Yakima
- ◆ Right on US-12 E (31 miles)
- ◆ Left on 2nd St (0.6 Miles)
- ◆ Continue on WA-7 N/Morton Rd (16.2 Miles)
- ◆ Right on WA-706(5.1 Miles)
- ◆ Left 262nd Ave E Destination on the Right

(Directions scribed from Google Maps)

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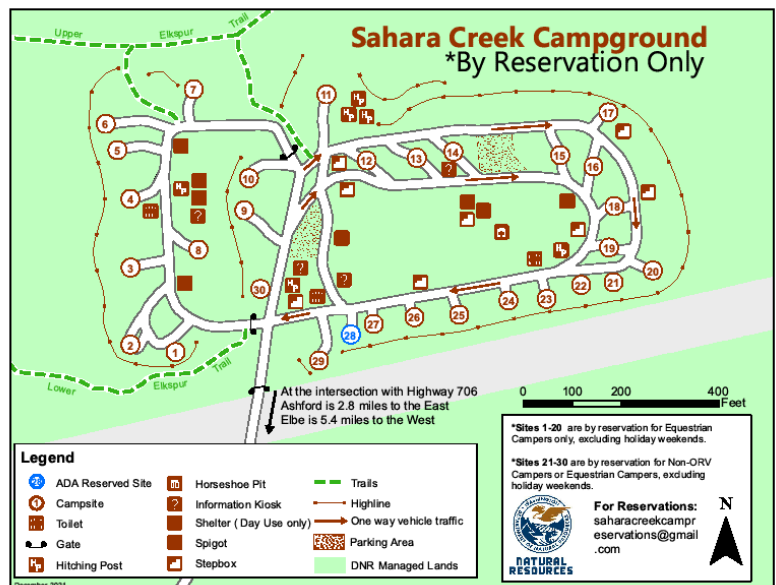
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Escure Ranch from 25th to 29th of May, the Memorial Day weekend.

The equestrian camp was built through a partnership of BLM with the BCH, Ponderosa Chapter. The Escure Ranch is 12,000 acres open range, located roughly 25 miles south of I-90 at Sprague (Exit 245). Formerly a sheep ranch run by Basque shepherders, the ranch contains a stretch of Rock Creek, including Towell Falls as riding destinations.

Some trails follow an old ranch road with views of the valley, basalt outcroppings, aspen, spring wildflowers, and native bunchgrass.

You can find a good map and more information here:

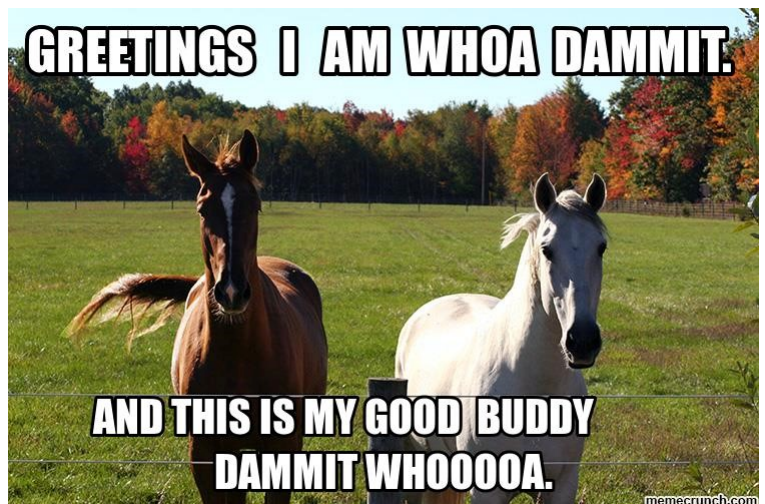
<http://www.horse-previews.com/2021/04/08/escure-ranch/>

What you will find: concrete outhouse, equestrian water (no potable water), 10 corrals, highlines for 7 horses and a manure bunker. There is a wide open, large, flat area to camp, fire rings (bring wood). Since there are no trees bring your e-fence.

This is first come first serve, no reservations and on the long weekend it can be a bit more busy than usual. Ken Carmichael, BCH Ponderosa Chapter and BCHW committee chair most likely will be there that weekend also.

Directions: On state route 395 from Tri-Cities going North to Spokane, take exit 245, Sprague. Go south on WA-23 for 12.5 miles. Turn right onto Davis Road for another 7.0 miles, then turn left onto Jordan Knott Road. After 2.2 miles, on Jordan Knott, you'll arrive at a fork, stay right to stay on Jordan Knott for another 2.5 miles to arrive at the parking area.

**Contact ride host Peter Mahrt (360)
430 3153 for more information.**



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Leave No Trace (LNT.org): A Guide to Minimum Impact Camping and Stock Use Techniques
by Noelle Rodolari May 20, 2023

Principles of Leave No Trace: Get Ready For Horseback Riding this Summer

- Plan Ahead & Prepare.
- Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces.
- Dispose of Properly.
- Leave What You Find.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts.
- Respect Wildlife.
- Be Considerate of Others.



Enjoy the outdoors horseback without damaging the environment with these guidelines:

Heavy traffic on our public lands has polluted water sources, left blackened earth where campfires burned, trampled meadows, and littered the forests and open ranges with trash.

Planning: Lighten loads for you and your pack animals (one pack horse for three riders' gear). First, contact B.L.M. or U.S. Forest Service managers for details on regulations and trail conditions (maps). Look for public land where motorized use is prohibited (less crowded). Put some training time in at home to prevent problems. Condition your horse before a long trip. This will make the trip more enjoyable.

Packing: Try to pack light and lighten the load for your horse. Look for dual purposes in the gear you take. Ropes used for packs might double as high-lines. A pack horse's load should be limited to 20 percent of his body weight (200 pounds for a 1,000-pound horse). Precooked food saves cook time. Measure and repackage portions and get rid of excess packaging. Don't forget a water filter. Bring feed for your horse. Pellets, cubes or grain can be fed in nosebags. Know requirements for weed-seed-free feed. Try lightweight gear and supplies.

Trail Etiquette: As a general rule, equestrians have the right of way on a trail. Be courteous. Keep your horse's head a safe distance from the horse in front of you (red ribbon in tail for kickers). Be supportive of your trail buddies for any short breaks. Warn riders behind you of obstacles. Stick to marked trails.

Campsite Selection: Use durable and level surfaces for tents. Try to place camps far from view, away from dead trees that could fall atop tents. You can find possible campsites by checking with BLM or USFS personnel. **Stock Restraint: Use tree savers.** Practice at home before you go on your trip or ask someone to show you. A high-line should about seven feet for a horse to cross beneath it. Please shovel dirt back in place if horse digs it out. Hobbles, picket lines, or portable corrals (tape more visible) can also be used. Move portable corrals to prevent overgrazing. Horses should be kept at least 200 feet from trails and water sources.

Fire: First, do you really need a fire. If you're cooking with a gas burner, you simply don't need one. Fire sterilizes the ground below it, use barrier. Fires can be built on Kevlar fire blanket (or aluminum). Fire rings—rock circles—might already be in place, please use these. A Kevlar fire blanket (clean oil pan or several layers of aluminum foil), folded to about 4 feet square is good.

Souvenirs: The Archaeological Resources Protection Act and National Historic Protection Act forbid the removal of cultural artifacts. (arrowheads, pottery, or jewelry, cultural or historic value). Fossils and deer antlers, and other parts of the natural ecosystem, also should be left where they're found. Take a picture instead.

Breaking Camp: Run a stick over the ground flattened by your campsite and horse area, in effect erasing your presence by scattering pine needles and cones over the site. Pack out manure and keep it away from water sources. Replace materials where you found them. Plan on packing out your garbage, including food scraps.

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January

February

March

April

May

25—29 Escure Ranch—Tower Falls

June

3 & 4 Kalama WP with WTRA

JIM ANDERSON (360) 835-5719

8—11 Little Big Horn ???

12 Chapter Meeting 7pm

17th: 2nd QTR BOD Meeting

15th—18 Glenwood Rodeo Grounds

30—4 Wilcox/Hayne Meadows

Ken Evans: (360) 263-1529

July

10—Chapter Meeting 7pm

15th Fun Ride

August

NO CHAPTER MEETING

19/20 Kalama w/ WTRA & Lewis Co.

CONTACT: JIM ANDERSON (360) 835-5719

27th Picnic Rock Creek W/ WTRA

BCHW Haney Meadow Regional Work and Ride

Ken Wilcox Horse Camp June 30-July 5th
Come and help restore and ride this great and scenic place with Sponsoring Chapters:

Tahoma, Ellensburg Valley, Trail Dusters, Wenas Valley, Mt. St. Helens and Wenatchee

Haney Meadows is 30 miles north of Cle Elum and 23 miles up HWY 97.

- Take I-5 North to 90 then East to Cle Elum
- Take the last exit out of Cle Elum (or go all the way thru town)
- And head East onto HWY 97 toward Wenatchee and Blewett Pass
- Take FS Road 9716 then 9712 to Haney Meadows

It's also about 30 miles north of Ellensburg off HWY 97 – see above

The Horse Camp and trails are in the Wenatchee National Forest

Trailmeister says there are 19 campsites, fire pits, picnic tables, vault toilet, Highline Posts, and stock water available via a well pump.

Weed free hay required.

September

11 Chapter Meeting 7pm

16th—3rd QTR BOD Meeting

October

9—Chapter Meeting

November

13th Chapter Meeting

December

NO CHAPTER MEETING

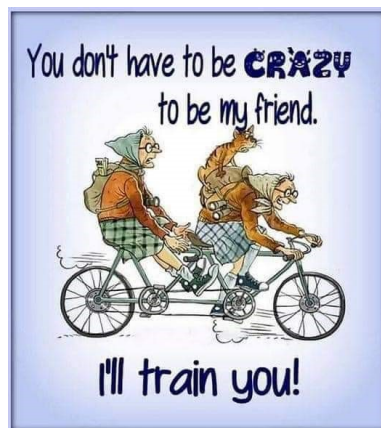
NOTE

Weed Free Hay is required on National Forest Lands.

Always looking for people with a purpose/ideal/desire to take the lead and sponsor a group outing.....best if drive time approx 5 hours or less.

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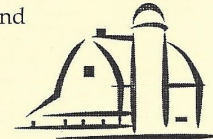
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