

# "TWIN TIER TRAIL RIDERS"



**2015**

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To Twin Tier Trail Riders:

Steve Root is still the President, JoAnn Schwab is Vice President, Jeanne Root is Secretary, Sue Dunn is Treasurer, and Donna Rinwalske, Linda Hendricks, Karen Miller and April Smith are still advisors.

We want to thank all our officers for their great job and commitment to keep this club going for our trailer riders. We are always looking for more volunteers to lead rides. We take all ride suggestions and offers from our members to lead rides to put together this schedule for 2015. Our membership is still hanging in the 125 -140 range. We are happy to see this interest in our club and hope to see more riders out on the trails riding at the scheduled rides. Thanks again for the volunteers who take charge of the rides. It takes a team effort to keep this club going and scheduling rides. We like to hear your input for positive and suggested changes. Don't ever hesitate to recommend what you would like to see the club do for you. It is your club.

The Sugar Hill Recreation Area project for additional stalls has been completed. We are looking at funding for some other forest service areas with trail improvements. Our goal for 2015 is for trail improvements and a manure pit at Susquehannock State Park in PA. It takes money and labor to keep the trails usable. When they get washed out and dangerous from the usage, it is a good sign that there is a lot of riding interest but maintenance has to come along to keep the trails open for the usage. This is what our club funds will be put towards for the next couple of years.

In addition to the funding to keep our trails open for our riding experience and enjoyment, we are being asked for more help from our Forest Service people who want to keep the trails open and fight for budget funding to be able to work on the trails for us, has brought to our club, the need for more money to accomplish these goals. We have come to the decision that in 2016, our yearly dues need to be raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00/family/year. Mail them to: Sue Dunn, 3117 Arnold Ave. Horseheads, NY 14845.



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This is still very reasonable and is necessary to keep up with the growing usage and need for more trails and repairs to our current trails. This is our first price increase in over 20 years of existence as a club. So we don't feel it is asking too much to increase it in 2016.

We also will hand out as many News Letters as possible to the members that attend our winter party as well as offer the News Letter and Ride Schedule on-line for those who want to print their own copy out to again save on funds. To anyone who does not have the ability to print out the schedule and News Letter and does not attend the winter party, you just need to request one and we will mail one to you. We won't leave anyone out of not having a News Letter.

We also continue to ask for members that want to volunteer to lead rides from your home, your favorite riding area, or to put on an event that you think our members would enjoy attending.

April Smith of River Run Ranch is still maintaining the web site for us. April and Sue Dunn are Admins for the Facebook page.

<http://twintiertrailriders2009.tripod.com/>

Or

<http://www.facebook.com/TwinTierTrailRiders>

You can go on the website at any time to print out or just refer to the schedule to confirm upcoming rides. These are excellent resources for us to enjoy and use. April will post pictures on here of rides we have had. If you have a really nice picture you think should be posted, you can forward it to April and she can delete old and add new pictures for us. Her e-mail address is [riverrunranch@live.com](mailto:riverrunranch@live.com) If you would like anything posted on Facebook you can contact April or Sue [skyeel@stny.rr.com](mailto:skyeel@stny.rr.com). And any changes that need to be added or cancelled will be updated on the Facebook page.

All members that have an e-mail address and you are not receiving updates, please forward your e-mail address to Jeanne Root at [jroot@npacc.net](mailto:jroot@npacc.net) so we can add you to the list that receive updates via e-mail. This includes updates, horse related happenings, items for sale, changes and additions to the schedule. So it is a great way to keep up on what the club is doing.

A BIG THANK YOU to the new and old members that are doing rides and events for the



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club. This is the backbone to our club to have volunteers to make the events happen and volunteer to, work hard and be dedicated to this club and helping our membership grow and come up with the suggestions for trail rides and other horse related events for the members. E-mail is the easiest way to communicate with all our members.

We try to make rides to have the faster riders in front, slower riders in the back, inexperienced riders with someone they feel comfortable riding next to, and someone to be the drag rider who can keep an eye on riders and not leave riders behind. If we have a group split between slow and faster riders, we then can catch up on the trail at turns or at a lunch spot. Common sense courtesy to let all riders on a trail ride enjoy their ride and not have to feel uncomfortable in the group is a must. So set your goals to be ready to ride at the designated time. That means mounted and ready to ride. If you want to go faster move to the front and away from the group. Pass the other riders in an area that is wide enough to pass safely. Don't let your horse follow too close to the horse in front of you creating a danger zone for getting kicked. Don't use the horse in front of you as a bumper to keep your horse under control. We don't want to put any riders in jeopardy of their horse or the rider being injured. Just keep that safe distance between you and the other horse and use common sense when riding. Don't forget the tying of a red ribbon in a horse's tail if he tends to kick is a good universal warning signal to alert other riders.

There is a contact person for every ride we have scheduled. This person is to confirm the ride is not canceled or if you have any questions or you need directions clarified.

We again stress again that **Twin Tier Trail Riders** does not take any responsibility to check rider's paperwork for traveling with their horses or be in any way responsible for you or your animals. **ALL RIDING IS DONE AT YOUR OWN RISK** and the **Twin Tier Trail Riders take no liability for you, your horse or your property.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU OUT ON THE TRAILS THIS YEAR.....



# Twin Tier Trail Riders **2015** Trail Ride Schedule



Unless other wise stated

All rides will start at **10:00 AM**

All rides will be a saddle bag lunch

See direction sheets for ride contacts or call

Donna Rinwalske 607-857-1451 JoAnn Schwab 607-739-2554

Sue Dunn 607-426-2724 Jeanne & Steve Root 607-425-4128

Please verify ride is still on before planning to attend.

BE SURE TO CHECK our web page at

<http://twintiertrailriders2009.tripod.com/>

All Ride Changes will be noted on our FACE BOOK Page at

<http://www.facebook.com/TwinTierTrailRiders>

*If you have not paid your dues for 2015*

*Please mail your \$5.00 to:*

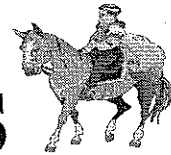
*Sue Dunn, 3117 Arnold Ave, Horseheads, NY 14845*

- **Linda Hendricks** – has extended an invitation to anyone who would like to ride with her locally in Van Etten, N.Y. Just give her a call to set up. Phone is 607-342-3534.
- **Ellen Sisco** - would also like to invite anyone to ride at her farm in Gillette, PA. Phone is 610-805-6867 or e-mail [esisco13@yahoo.com](mailto:esisco13@yahoo.com).
- **March, 5 - 8, 2015 -World Horse Expo, Harrisburg, PA** – April Smith will be doing some clinics on gaited horses – natural hoof care, natural gaiting, and mounted shooting. Also trail safety for you and your horse, and will have a booth at the Expo.
- **April 4, 2015 - PA Grand Canyon Ride, Ansonia, PA** Trail Head, this ride will be through the bottom of the canyon on the old converted RR bed. Level and easy riding, see directions for parking – Contact Beth Weaver, [bwea@epix.net](mailto:bwea@epix.net) or 570-724-4955
- **May 2, 2015 -Dresden Ride**, Very easy flat ride. Good spring warm up ride. Only 3.5 miles out and 3.5 miles back. Contact Donna Rinwalske, 607-857-1451 or [drinwal@hotmail.com](mailto:drinwal@hotmail.com) or Sue Dunn, 607-426-2724 or [skyeey1@stny.rr.com](mailto:skyeey1@stny.rr.com).
- **May 1 - 3, 2015 – Loyalsock State Forest**, Eagles Mere, PA Contact - Jeanne Root at 570-596-3653 or e-mail [jroot@npacc.net](mailto:jroot@npacc.net). Camping permit required. You must get your permit from the State Forest Office at 570-924-3501. Info in the direction section. The camping can fill up quickly. This ride is weather permitting.
- **May 3, 2015 – April Smith - Gaited Horse Clinic** at Ellen Sisco's farm in Gillett, PA. This is a chance for you to bring your own gaited horse to let April help you work with them. \$50.00 per person for a 1 hr. session. Anyone wishing to just come and observe is also welcome for free. 8:00 a.m. start time for first participant, till everyone is done. You must reserve time slots with Ellen at 610-805-6867. If there are any openings left, April will also work with non-gaited horses. There will be a dish to pass dinner afterwards.
- **May 7 – 10, 2015 – Big Elk Lick**, Elk County, PA - Linda Hendricks and Beth Weaver will be camping there if you would like to meet up with them call Beth at 570-724-4955 or [bwea@epix.net](mailto:bwea@epix.net) or Linda at 607-342-3534 or e-mail at [LindaHendricks24@yahoo.com](mailto:LindaHendricks24@yahoo.com).
- **May 22 – 25, 2015 - Susquehannock State Forest**, Potter County, PA. Contact Jeanne Root-limited camping permit. [jroot@npacc.net](mailto:jroot@npacc.net) or 607-425-4128. Day riders call or e-mail to let us know to expect you. Parking is at Horsey Hilton/Twelve Mile Gas Well. Limited camping spots but we can double up on some sites.
- **May 25, 2015 – Memorial Day Parades-** Elmira, N.Y, Elmira Heights, N.Y. and Horseheads, N.Y. Contact JoAnn Schwab 607-426-9446 or [jnrockinrranch@gmail.com](mailto:jnrockinrranch@gmail.com) for info and to confirm they will be riding in the parades.
- **May 31, 2015 – Ricketts Glen State Park**, Near Benton, PA – Off Rt. 220 south 10:00 a.m. start time, Laurie Mosher, [horshaven17@yahoo.com](mailto:horshaven17@yahoo.com), or 607-687-9382.

- **June 6, 2015 – Ellen Sisco's Infinity Farm, Gillett, PA** – there will be 2 rides, morning ride starting around 10:00 a.m. and the group will come back to her barn for their lunch break. Ellen will then have a p.m. ride after lunch. You may come for both rides or just one. Contact Ellen at 610-805-6867 or e-mail her at [esisco13@yahoo.com](mailto:esisco13@yahoo.com). She also has a nice tack shop at her barn.
- **June 13, 2015 – Danby Forest** – contact Crystal Chaffin, 607-227-1020 or 607-589-6789.
- **June 14, 2015 – Hector Land Use, Hector, N.Y.** Michelle DeBell will do a med speed ride at Hector Land Use. She will meet riders at the trail head at 11:00 a.m. But be sure to contact her so she knows you are coming. Call Michelle if any questions and to confirm you are coming so she can plan the ride. 607-387-9557.
- **June 20, 2015 – Mountain Laurel Ride, PA Grand Canyon, Beth Weaver, [bwea@epis.net](mailto:bwea@epis.net)** or 570-724-4955. Karen Miller will do a fast ride. [Cowgirlup\\_41@hotmail.com](mailto:Cowgirlup_41@hotmail.com) or 570-404-0040.
- **June 26 - 28, 2015 – Brookfield Horse Trail Recreation Area, Judy Hinman 315-861-7696,** will lead anyone wanting to camp in the horse camp on a trail ride. Let her know if you intend to join the riding.
- **July 3 - 6, 2015 - Susquehannock State Forest, Potter County, PA** Contact Jeanne Root-limited camping permit. [jroot@npacc.net](mailto:jroot@npacc.net) or 607-425-4128. Day riders let us know to expect you. Parking is at Horsey Hilton/Twelve Mile Gas Well.
- **July 17, 2015 – Jenksville Trail system,** contact Linda Hendricks at 607-342-3534 or Kelly Clark. 607-591-3669 or 607-657-2661 Camping available if anyone wants to stay overnight to do rides. Anyone wanting to stay for more than one ride can camp at Kelly's, but please contact her to confirm.
- **July 18, 2015- Hammond Hill,** contact Linda Hendricks at 607-342-3534 or Kelly Clark 607-591-3669 or 607-657-2661
- **July 19, 2015- Tuller Hill Ride,** contact Linda Hendricks at 607-342-3534 or Kelly Clark 607-591-3669 or 607-657-2661
- **July 25, 2015 – Sugar Hill Recreation area - 10:00AM - Medium speed ride,** Donna Rinwalske, 607-857-1451.
- **July 25, 2015 – Sugar Hill Recreation area - 1:00 PM - 2 hour +,** Slow ride but gaited horses welcome. This ride is in honor of Celeste's daughter Reigna who was also a dedicated horse person. Contact Celeste Shearer, 607-962-3734 607-936-1303 or [cfourhorses@aol.com](mailto:cfourhorses@aol.com).
- **August 7 - 9, 2015 – Michaux State Forest - Big Flat parking lot at Michaux State Park.** Port a potties available, NO water available, camping available, dish to pass dinner on Saturday night. Contact Loren Whitehead-Swival at 717-432-3953 or 717-877-9183 Loren and Tina will get a camping permit for everyone, so they will need responses back to confirm how many are coming.
- **August 21 - 23, 2015-Loyalsock State Forest, Eagles Mere, PA.** Contact the Loyalsock State Forest Office for a camping permit. Day riders do not need a permit. Contact Jeanne Root 570-596-3653 or [jroot@npacc.net](mailto:jroot@npacc.net)
- **September 4 - 7, 2015 - Susquehannock State Forest, PA. MUST contact Jeanne Root to be on the camping permit 570-596-3653.** Confirm by August 1, 2015. Additions will be if space is available. Day riders are welcome, just confirm with Jeanne that you are coming. Parking is planned for Horsey Hilton/ Twelve Mile Gas Well parking lot. Over flow can get permits for the Twelve Mile Parking lot just above the Horsey Hilton Camp
- **September 12, 2015 - Reins of Hope- Sugar Hill Recreation Area, Watkins Glen, N.Y.** Contact Kathy Jantzen at [kjantzen@stny.rr.com](mailto:kjantzen@stny.rr.com) or 607-732-3653. Kathy will forward forms to you. There will be 1 hour, 2 hour, and 3 hour rides. First ride starts at 9:00 a.m. Lunch provided for all participants.
- **September 18 – 20, 2015 – Elk County, Benezette, PA.** Need to know count of people who will be coming. Primitive camping, portable toilet & water available. Contact for info –Beth Weaver, [bwea@epix.net](mailto:bwea@epix.net) or 570-724-4955
- **September 26, 2015 – Trail Competition,** April Smith 570-827-0989 or [riverrunranch@Live.com](mailto:riverrunranch@Live.com) <http://nthc.tripod.com> Tioga, PA area. Check out the Face Book Page – Northern Tier Horse Club.
- **October 3, 2015 – Ellen Sisco's Infinity Farm in Gillette, PA** - Ellen Sisco at [esisco@yahoo.com](mailto:esisco@yahoo.com) or 610-805-6867.
- **October 24, 2015-PA Grand Canyon - Riding from Parking lot across from the Maintenance Bldg.,** Beth Weaver, [bwea@epix.net](mailto:bwea@epix.net) or 570-724-4955, Karen Miller about the faster ride at [cowgirlup\\_41@hotmail.com](mailto:cowgirlup_41@hotmail.com) 570-404-0040, both rides starting from the parking lot across from the maintenance bldg.
- **November 29, 2015 – 1:00p.m. Year-End Dinner and Chinese Gift Exchange** Anyone wishing to participate in the gift exchange will need to bring a wrapped gift. It should be something horse related. \$15.00 range. The dinner will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Tags Bar/Restaurant in Big Flats, NY- Contact Jeanne Root 607-425-4128 or [jroot@npacc.net](mailto:jroot@npacc.net), so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many people will be attending.



# Directions to rides



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**Arnot Forest Ride** - From junction of Rt. 13/224 north from traffic light at Alpine Junction 2.2 miles to parking lot on right. From Ithaca, N.Y. south on Rt. 13 at junction of Rt. 34/96 and Rt. 13, exactly 10 miles to parking lot on left.

**Benezette, PA/Elk County Ride** - Rt. 555 to Winslow Hill Rd. Past first Elk viewing area but before second Elk viewing area. 2/3 way up the hill, break in trees, driveway on left. Sign for Youngmark with house and picnic pavilion; turn left into driveway, then left over bridge to camping area. Best to call for reservations. Sept. is peak time in Elk County. Contact Beth Weaver if you are coming. She will reserve with Ralph on how many trailers to expect. Ralph - 814-787-5072.

**Hammond Hill Ride** - Directions to Hammond Hill State Forest parking lot - From Cortland or Binghamton, go to Dryden. At stoplight in center of Village, take Rt. 13 West toward Ithaca, N.Y. Go 1.6 miles. Turn left on Irish Settlement Road. Stay on this winding blacktopped road for 3.4 miles. Turn left on Hammond Hill Road. Road forks, stay to the right going past Star Stanton Road on left. Continue straight up to top of hill .6 miles to parking lot is on right. Note - Do NOT take your truck and trailer beyond parking lot. Road narrows with nowhere to turn around. From Ithaca, N.Y. Take Rt. 13 towards Dryden. 7.6 miles after passing the airport, turn right onto Irish Settlement Rd. Follow same as above.

**Loyal Sock State Forest/Formerly Wyoming State Forest** - From Rt. 17 to exit 60 Sayre, PA, south on Rt. 220 to Rt. 42 South through Eagles Mere, after you leave town it will be after a landscape place on the left it will be the first road to the right. After you enter Wyoming County Forest, it will be about 1 mile to a right at the sign that says trailhead. Pull into that driveway; it is horseshoe shaped, and park along the trailhead road. From the south Rt. 181 to north on Rt. 220 at Pennsdale, to Rt. 42 South at Eagles Mere. If camping, you must write for a permit. Wyoming State Forest, Box 75, Hillsgrove, PA 18619 570-924-3501. There is no water, but there is a rest room.

**Memorial Day Parades** - Will start at Weis Market Parking lot in Elmira, N.Y. at 9:00 a.m. and ride to Elmira Heights Legion Parking lot from here in Elmira and Elmira Heights parades. You need someone to move your trailers for you to this point. Then we have dinner at the Elmira Heights Legion for a small fee. Horseheads parade follows this dinner. If you are coming from Rt. 17 east or west to Elmira, N.Y. you would take the Church St. exit 56, follow Church St. to South Main St., turn right, Weis Market will be on your left about 2 blocks. We will show you where to park in Elmira Heights Legion Parking lot if you are not familiar with the area. If you plan to ride in the parades, please call Joann Schwab at 607-739-2554.

**Northern Tier Trail Competition** - Rt. 15 to West on Rt. 49 at exit for Lawrenceville/Elkland, PA to Cummings Creek Rd. on left to right on Starhigh Rd. End of Star High and turn left onto Bottom Hill Rd. Parking on the left after the old barn on the left.

**PA Grand Canyon shared use trail** - From Wellsboro, PA take Rt. 6 West to Ansonia, PA, for the day ride in April we will turn right just after the bridge and next to the church. You will see a parking area on the right just a short ways down. This is where the horse trailers will park.

**PA Grand Canyon, Ansonia Inn and West Rim Parking** - Directions above for shared use trail, Rt. 6 past the bridge turn to the first road to the left. Signs for West Rim Road. Ansonia Inn is on this corner. Parking is behind the restaurant/bar. Free camping; please patronize the restaurant by planning to eat there. West Rim Parking continue 1 more mile up road to parking lot on left.

**Sugar Hill Fire Tower** - From Rt. 414 out of Watkins Glen, N.Y., south on Rt. 414 to the light at top of the hill, turn right and go past Watkins Glen Race Track, through town of Dix, take first right turn outside of town. Follow this road around till you come to a T in the road, turn left, go to stop sign, and turn right. Follow till you see left turn onto Tower Hill Rd. Top of hill turn into park. From the south take Rt. 414 from Corning, N.Y. to the traffic light, turn left towards the Watkins Glen race track and follow the same as above.



**Susquehannock State Forest – Twelve Mile Rd. Gas Well #1/Horsey Hilton.** 6 west to Galeton, PA, south on Rt. 144, follow to Rt. 44 and 144 south for several miles. At split Rt. 44 south left. Follow Rt. 44 up the hill about 2 miles, after Rauch Rd. on left continue on Rt. 44 about ¼ mile to right on Twelve Mile Rd. Travel about ½ mile on Twelve Mile Rd. to a driveway on the right. Camp at the top.

**Ellen Sisco Ride** – We are near Rt 14 in Gillett, PA

From Rt 14 (coming north from Troy area) pass Woody's Country Store. Go 1/3 mile to Ayres Road and go left. Bear right over small bridge to Wilkes Road and go right for 1 mile to Infinity Farm on left #1053. Take LOWER drive past garage and keep going to the right toward barn. Park along side arena or around behind it for easy turn around when exiting.

From New York follow Rt. 14 South past Sheddens about 5 miles. When speed limit drops to 35 look for Sprite sign at Ayres Road. Go Right on Ayres and bear right over small bridge to Wilkes Road. Turn right and go 1 mile to Infinity Farm #1053 on left. Follow LOWER drive past garage to barn/arena area as above.

**Dresden, N.Y. Outlet Trail**-From Watkins Glen, N.Y., take Rt. 14 North to the blinking light at Dresden. Turn right at the light, then right at the Y in the road to the old railroad bed on your right about ¼ mile.

**Hector Land Use Parking Lot**- From Watkins Glen, N.Y., take Rt. 414 along the lake for about 8 miles from Watkins Glen. Just past Bonds Fruit stand, take a right up the hill towards Hector Land Use area. You will see a Red House Bed and Breakfast which is across from the Backbone Horse Camp on left.

**Ricketts Glen State Park**, near Benton, PA. 220 South from Sayre, PA to Rt. 487 south. We took a left onto Mountain Spring Road. There are areas just as you enter that road to park. It's before Red Rock job Corp. center. Lori will let us know as it gets closer if there are any changes.

**BIG FLAT PARKING AND HORSE CAMPING LOT – LOCATED IN MICHAUX STATE FOREST** – Exit off 181 at 37. Go south on 233 to Pine Grove Furnace State Park. At the park turn right and continue south on 233, travel approximately 5 miles and turn right on Shippensburg Road. Travel up Shippensburg Road approximately 2 miles and turn left into Big Flat Parking Lot. We will be in the back lot. This is a very, very, easy to find this camp site.