



# Maudslay Equestrians

*Entrance to the trailer parking field has been reconfigured*

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Mountain Laurels have been in full bloom and the Rhododendron will follow soon
- This is a spectacular time of the year to ride at Maudslay
- All of the horse trails are now open including the Eagle Nesting Areas and the Laurels.

The new fence configuration is done. The entrance to the field runs parallel with the bathroom now. We now have to be aware that there is post and rail fencing running into the field, so trailers...swing wide to avoid hitting the rails. There is plenty of room to park, just be aware that big rigs need to be able to make the swing so try not to park directly in front of the opening. The new configuration will allow the original access time to recover. It is seeded and has new loom on it...so hopefully it will be established grass next year.

The park has requested that all horse owners clean up the parking lot of manure and hay when they leave and take it with them. Thank you!

## *The Reflecting Pond Project*



We are working on a HUGE PROJECT! The Reflecting Pond at the arched bridge has started Phase II on it's renovation project. This is very exciting news. For those of you familiar with the park, the pond is in danger of drying up due to beaver damage and stagnant water.

We have been in contact with DCR and they are assessing the problem and advising us on how to proceed. We have created a pond committee and will be conducting a community fundraising campaign so stay tuned.

Over the past two years, our trail rides have raised over \$1,700.00 which will be dedicated to the pond renewal project to help restore the Reflecting Pond back to it's original beauty. The three arched bridge, that traverses the pond, is a focal point for our trail riders, so we are excited about being a part of this momentous renovation. We should begin the process of removing the fallen trees and other debris that is clogging up the pond this summer, so be on the lookout for some changes. The next step will be to drain the pond and then to dredge and restore. Check the site for updates.

## *Dedication Tree Planting at the Park*

We have set up two "tree accounts" for dedication tree planting in the park. The first tree account is in the name of "Frank and Ann Hackett" parents of Kim Hackett, who both loved the park dearly. Frank Hackett helped with trail rides in the park and other charity fundraising over the years and Ann helped behind the scenes. Frank was very concerned about all the damage the ice storm did to the Pine Trail and visited the area on several occasions and participated with trail cleanup.

The second tree account is in the name of "Marie Colby" matriarch of the Colby family. She raised her family across from the park and loved the park dearly. Scott and Heather Colby, along with the rest of the family, still do the hayrides in the park with their gorgeous draft horses.

If you'd like to donate to either of these funds, donations can be sent to Maudslay State Park Association, Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, Ma. 01950. Note your check with "tree account" and name the appropriate account.



For more information on setting up a dedicated tree account you can contact Kim Hackett @ [Roadking09@comcast.net](mailto:Roadking09@comcast.net) . This is a nice way to permanently honor someone.



## *Chili Day Fundraiser*



- We are planning our annual chili ride for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27.
- This is the major equestrian fundraiser event for the Park.
- Put the date on your calendars now.  
It's easy to remember
- The Sunday after Thanksgiving !!
- More info will be posted as the date approaches.

The Derry Trail Riders will be there again serving a continental breakfast to all participants. Even if family members don't ride, bring them along and they can enjoy a day strolling through the fall gardens or playing ball in the field and then join us for Mike's famous Chili.

# *A Perfect Setting for a Ride !!*

The park looks great this year...there is a tree down on the back side of "Castle Hill" and we'll try to get that cleaned up...but for the most part, the trails look beautiful, the field looks great, and let's all hope for some beautiful riding weather so we can all enjoy OUR beautiful park!



PS—Best kept secret in the North East !!  
NO DEERFLIES



## *Maudslay State Park Association Membership*

The Maudslay State Park Association (MSPA) is a non-profit, tax-exempt membership organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the natural, historical, and horticultural resources of Maudslay State Park.

The MSPA aims to promote educational, cultural and recreational use of the Park consistent with the conservation of its terrain; to support the quiet enjoyment of the land; and to foster research and education about the history of the Maudslay property.

MAUDSLAY STATE PARK ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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Enroll me as a member  
 \$15 Year Individual     \$20 Year Family

I would like to make a tax deductible gift to  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Committee

**Please make checks payable to  
Maudslay State Park Association  
and return this form to:  
MSPA, 74 Curzon Mill Road,  
Newburyport, MA 01950**

*The MSPA is a registered 501(c)(3) organization in Massachusetts. Donations are tax deductible as allowable by law.*