

# Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE by Denise Howell

Howdy All,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Father's Day and we can now look forward to the 4th of July. Fireworks! Fires! Terrified animals! Please be careful and sympathetic to those that don't understand our human celebration of freedom and patriotism.

Horse Expo is over again for another year and thanks to Maureen Henderson, we had yet another successful booth, meeting lots of new people and spreading the word and work of LBHA. I remind you that this is not a profitable event for us but an opportunity to get more horse friends and people involved in the preservation of our trails. A win win situation for all. A BIG thank you to Maureen and all of the other LBHA volunteers that showed up in the heat to give of their time and energy.

We're still looking for horse show volunteers. We have 2 horse shows coming up. One English and one Western, held on the same weekend in October. We have our judges lined up and an excellent line up I must say. Amanda Winger Wilson will be back for the Western Show with Jane Rollison judging trail. Terry Haney is on board again for the Trail Trials and Tina Cornish for our English Show. It's sure to be a great weekend and a good inexpensive way to spend time with the family.

We are always looking for new members so please tell your horsey friends and neighbors about our group and pass along our Newsletter.

Don't forget, in addition to the wonderful trails we have in our area, we have a large public arena with excellent footing and it's SHOWTIME so let's get out there and practice. Beethoven and I are out there occasionally and would love to say Hi and "share the rail."

*Tally Whoa,*

*Denise Howell  
& Beethoven*



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### TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

On June 21 we completed our fourth work-day of the year. The grass is slowing its growth but now the star thistle are poking both horse and runner. The blackberries starting the big summer growth. We didn't have enough help to trim that as much as I'd like. So watch out. If you are heading out to Traylor Ranch, bring some shears and do some pruning. It will help everyone.

We had a light turnout this month, the team consisted of Clelia Jocoy, Wes Babcock, Linda Potter, Jerry Potter, and Dave Faoro.

The trails are in excellent shape. The park is looking awesome. Come on out and enjoy.

Our next work day as usual is the fourth Saturday of the month, which is Saturday July 27 from 8-12am. Please mark your calendar now. We will need help again on the weed-wackers as well as berry pruning.

If anyone has any questions on TRNR, please don't hesitate to drop me a note.

*Dave Faoro*

TRNR Committee Chariman

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**A Horseman should know neither fear,  
nor anger.**

~James Rarey



**Minutes****Loomis Basin Horseman's Association Minutes June 19, 2013**

Traylor Ranch Reserve

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Dave Faoro

There was no treasurers report.

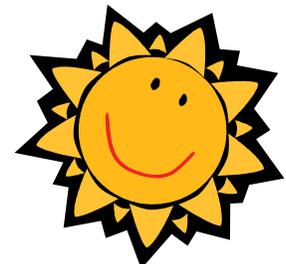
Dave introduced Alan Klahn and Bill Covington who have been maintaining the bird nesting boxes for the past 13 years. Alan and Bill gave a brief introduction about the variety of birds spotted at the ranch and the current habitat that maintains the various species of birds. They stated that the habitat has changed greatly over the past 15 years causing the variety of birds to change. Both Bill and Alan monitor the boxes weekly in order to assess the number of eggs and fledglings that are hatched during the season. They stated that from 1999-2012 over 900 bluebirds and 1300 tree swallows have fledged.

Dave then introduced Shauna Martinez, wild life biologist from Sierra College, and Deb Lewis, snake expert. Shauna spoke about the native and non native plants that are represented at the ranch. Lastly, Deb explained about the varieties of snakes found on the property.

Bob Sydnor gave a brief report stating that there are currently 27 trails that are open.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 to begin a nature walk led by the various guest speakers.

Nancy Steuck  
Secretary



**June 30 Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center Event was a big hit even with the heat!**

## MEMBERSHIP

There are many of you that have DEC 12 expiration dates for your membership and a few that had memberships that expired JUN 12. Would love for all to renew so they can keep the club strong. The list of those that need to renew for Jun 12 and Dec 12 can be found at:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/NeedToRenew.pdf>

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This link is found on the main LBHA Page throughout the year. So if you are not sure, check out the list. There is also a list of those that did not renew in DEC 10. If you are not getting e-mails from LBHA, we may not have the correct e-mail or you are blocking LBHA. The Newsletter goes on line the first week of each month, so if you do not get a notice, just check the webpage and then get the correct e-mail to LBHA.

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# Grey Squirrel Trail, 2.3 miles long

## Hidden Falls Regional Park, Placer County, 8 miles west of Auburn

by Robert H. Sydnor, *A.E.R.C. Trail Master and California Certified Engineering Geologist*  
June 2013 Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

### Introduction:

On May 22, 2013 opening ceremonies were held on the new expansion for Hidden Falls Regional Park. The newly-constructed 23 miles of trails on 961 newly-acquired acres of the Spears Ranch (\$3.5 million) brings the total to **thirty miles of public trails** and **1,300 acres** of park land for Hidden Falls Regional Park. This is huge accomplishment will directly benefit equestrians who are conditioning for endurance rides (such as the Tevis Cup), or who want to train their horses for mountain trails.



### Extensive Trail System = 27 Looping Trails

On the south side of Coon Creek there are 13 named trails, and the north side has 14 trails, for a total of **27 named trails**. Most of them are looping trails and interconnected, which is ideal for equestrians. This report is about **Grey Squirrel Trail**, located in the northwestern sector of the park. It is an optimum trail for horsemen.

There will be subsequent trail reports on more than a dozen other trails that vary from Easy (11 trails), Moderate (12 trails), to Difficult (4 trails).



This is an extract. For the complete trail map with 27 trails, go to the Placer County Parks website.

### Grey Squirrel Trail, 2.3 miles long; rating = “moderate”

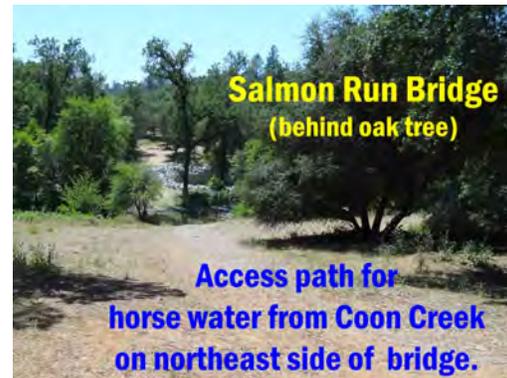
The northwestern sector of Hidden Falls Regional Park contains Grey Squirrel Trail. The eastern terminus is at the triple junction with Deer Trail (full-width ranch road) and North Legacy Way (full-width gravel access road). Many equestrians prefer to ride Deer Trail in a group, then continue single-file onto Grey Squirrel Trail (a single-track trail), then water their horses in Coon Creek near Salmon Run Bridge. *(Refer to trail map.)* **Grey Squirrel Trail is optimum for horses** because of the many climbing turns and rolling grade-dips. There are no steep side-slopes. About 80% of the trail alignment is shaded by a canopy of trees. There is no drinking water along the trail, so bring your own. There is an **Eagle Scout bench** where you can pause, eat lunch, and admire the view from the ridge crest in the shaded fuel break. There is one **foot-bridge**. *(Refer to photographs of the trail.)*

A large number of GPS-tagged photographs have been taken at 50-foot intervals along the Grey Squirrel Trail, and these are plotted onto GoogleEarth for horsemen to review.



*At left:* a footbridge was constructed by the California Conservation Corps.

*At right:* the blue line (added for topographic emphasis) indicates the sweeping turns, and the rolling grade-dips for proper out-sloped drainage. This new trail was properly designed by a trail-construction expert. The Grey Squirrel Trail, 2.3-miles long, will provide a work-out for your horse that is both interesting and scenic to ride. By combining this trail with several others, it is easy to **ride 15 to 20 miles in one day at Hidden Falls**, depending on your available time, the condition of your horse, and the weather.



Horsemen can return to the equestrian trailer parking lot by the Ringtail Trail and the North Legacy Way (the main graveled access road). There are lots of other choices for looping trails, depending on the condition of your horse and the weather.

If you need to water your horse, there is an access path to Coon Creek just east of Salmon Run Bridge (as shown above). However, be very careful and do not enter the water or disturb the delicate salmon spawning habitat in the sandy gravels of Coon Creek. Rein your horse so that he carefully sips water only from the edge of Coon Creek.

**Two Large Steel Truss Bridges = key access to the Grey Squirrel Trail**

For access across the rock gorge of Coon Creek, it was necessary to construct two large steel-truss bridges at a cost of \$1.48 million. Horses and hikers cannot cross Coon Creek in this region, and the new park ranchland occurs on both sides of the incised creek. Canyon View Bridge is 102 feet long and rated at 18-ton capacity, while Salmon Run Bridge is 118 feet long and rated at 36-tons.

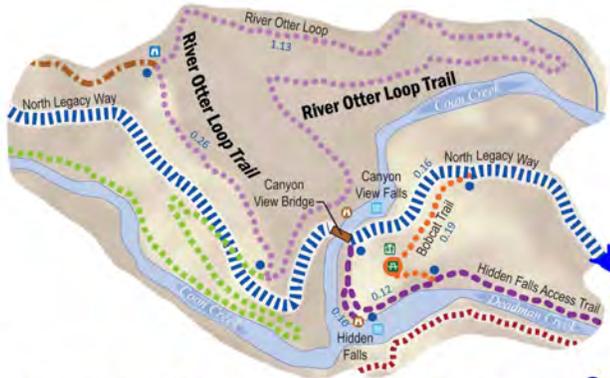


# River Otter Loop Trail

Hidden Falls Regional Park, Placer County, 8 miles west of Auburn

by Robert H. Sydnor, *A.E.R.C. Trail Master and California Certified Engineering Geologist #968*

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**Trail Map of  
River Otter Loop  
1.39 miles  
shown in purple**

**1.24 miles from  
parking lot to  
Canyon View Bridge**



**There are 27 separate trails within  
Hidden Falls Regional Park**

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**Extensive Trail System = 27 Trails at Hidden Falls Regional Park**

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There will be subsequent equestrian reports on other trails that vary from Easy (11 trails), Moderate (12 trails), to Difficult (4 trails).

**River Otter Loop Trail, 1.39 miles long; rating = "difficult"**

Ride 1.24 miles from the assembly area and parking lot along Legacy North Way (full-width gravel road), across the Deadman Creek Bridge, up and over Turkey Ridge, then descend to Canyon View Bridge. Cross the 102-foot bridge and proceed ¼ mile to the signpost for River Otter Loop.

If you ride the loop in a clockwise direction, there are better vistas of the deep canyon. Many equestrians close the loop, then repeat 0.26-miles (refer to trail map), then continue eastward on the Deer Trail, then onto the Grey Squirrel Trail (riding the north rim of the park boundary).

River Otter Loop is rated "difficult" by Placer County Parks, but that is because of the steeper terrain (for hikers). There are no spooky segments for horses on this well-built trail. A comprehensive album of 117 trail photos for the River Otter Loop (≈ about every 60 lineal feet) have been plotted onto GoogleEarth, and four of these photos are shown below.

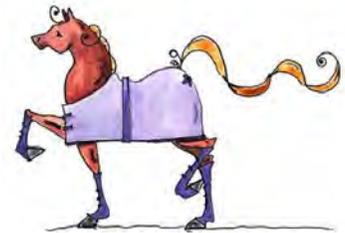
The "otter" namesake is somewhat humorous, since this trail is far from the river (hundreds of feet below), so the river otters presumably dwell along Coon Creek where the fishing is optimum. There is no water or other facilities on this short loop, so bring your own canteen in your horn-bag.



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