

Illinois Trail Riders Membership Application

New Member Renewal Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ County _____

E-mail: _____

Please send my *Newsletter* and other mail by E-Mail

Yes No

Horse Related Organizations You Belong to:

I want to help by (check as appropriate):

Working at ITR's Booth at Horse Fairs

Representing ITR in my area

Coordinating or helping at trail work days

Membership Fees

Individual \$15.00

Family \$20.00

Organization \$25.00

No. of Members _____

The membership fee covers the cost of your *Newsletter*. Your donations help us to attend trail conferences, visit trails and campgrounds, pay for office expenses, and meet our needs to successfully respond to the ever-increasing challenges to keep trails open.

Your Donation Helps Us Keep Horses On Our Trails!

Donation With our thanks! \$ _____

Handbook of Trails, Camps, and Services

\$25.00 (plus \$5.00 p&h) \$30.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Illinois Trail Riders is incorporated as a non-profit 501(3)(c) organization. Membership fees and donations are fully tax deductible.

Mail To: **Illinois Trail Riders**
4873 Indian Hills Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Our History and Accomplishments

In the 1980's, three women who shared a common interest in trail riding were concerned about the preservation of horseback riding opportunities in Illinois. Ruby Holmquist, a woman in her retirement years from Antioch, IL, Frances Land (then of Wisconsin), and Linda Skow of the Chicago area formed Illinois Trail Riders. Its mission then, as it is now, was to preserve and maintain existing trails and support the formation of new trails on public land statewide. From three members ITR has grown to a statewide organization.

Through a history of hard work and dedication by many people, ITR can be proud of its innumerable achievements over the years in many settings.

Our goal is not just to make certain we have trails to ride, but to make certain that our children and their children have the same opportunity.

- Department of Conservation (IDNR) recognition of ITR as a statewide organization representing horseback trail riders across the state.
- Work with local riders to reopen and create trails and facilities for equestrians in Cook, Lake, Will, DuPage and other counties.
- Work with bikers, environmentalists, and hikers to preserve and create open space and greenways for all citizens.
- Instrumental in getting equestrian trails established or expanded in State Parks.
- Membership in and on many Trail Advisory Committees at local and state levels.
- Work with US Forest Service at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and in the Shawnee National Forest volunteering work hours, attending meetings, writing support letters, challenging trail closures.
- First to conduct and publish trail issues poll of candidates for statewide offices in Illinois.
- Displays, seminars, and education at state, regional, and national trail conferences.



Our public relations programs include:

- Participation in annual trail building and maintenance efforts on federal, state and local lands.
- Promoting National Trails Day and participating with other types of trail users.
- A booth at the Illinois Horse Fair and various other fairs and conferences to promote public education of trail advocacy.
- Education and trail advocacy issues through attendance at symposia and workshops.
- Publication of the only comprehensive *Handbook* on public equestrian trails in the State of Illinois.

Illinois Trail Riders Handbook Of Trails, Camps and Services

Over 300 pages of information on Illinois trails and trail riding!

The book is divided by area with each site listing giving directions, detailed trail map and description, information on camping facilities and a contact name and phone number.

This is a must for your trail rides.

All This For Only \$25.00 (plus \$5.00 p&h)

**Order from Illinois Trail Riders
on the form in this brochure.**



Who Are We?

Illinois Trail Riders is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping equestrian trails open while encouraging the development of new trails, improved horse trailer parking and camping facilities. We promote multi-use trails, greenways, and open space, which include horse activities. We work with national, state and local trail and horse industry advocacy groups to promote equestrian trails. We are the only statewide equestrian trails advocacy group.

Our Concerns

The importance of equestrian trail development at a time when open space and farmland is disappearing cannot be over emphasized. Pressure from those who wish to curtail horse use on trails must be countered while multi-use concepts are encouraged. The politicians, planners, trail managers and public must be educated as to our concerns and needs as equestrians. Trail riders need information and resources to increase their effectiveness as trail advocates to further protect our trails in urban, suburban and rural settings.

You are Needed!

We need each other to create, preserve and maintain horse trails in Illinois. ITR is a unified group of individuals who work with other segments of the horse industry to be more effective in keeping trails open. Joined, sharing a common goal, we have more impact as urbanization and legislation threaten trails and horse activities in our communities. Your commitment and input are critical to the mission.

As a member you will receive a newsletter which is a resource to keep equestrians aware of various issues throughout the state which affect us as members of the larger horse industry.

Join and work with us today! Be counted as a part of our efforts for the equestrian community.

Our Goals Help Us Meet Them!

- **Encourage the development of year-around horse trails with improved trailer parking and horse camping facilities.**
- **Establish/maintain communications throughout all stages and levels of trail or land planning and management.**
- **Utilize education programs to help trail developers provide safe, multi-use trail facilities and to help all trail users understand trail etiquette.**
- **Work with legislators and community leaders to illustrate the importance of trail-based recreation to the horse community and Illinois economy.**
- **Meet with environmental and conservancy advocacy groups to encourage an unbiased approach to trail development (saddle, carriage and pack).**
- **Work to keep existing trails open and monitor changes in trail use to protect equestrians and defend our right to be on trails and roads throughout Illinois.**

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The only statewide trail advocacy organization serving the equestrian community



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Horses On Our Trails*

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