

NEXT MEETING

Feb 12 at 7pm  
[Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)

NEXT PROJECT

March 20-22 BCHU Booth at Utah Horse Expo

(Please volunteer to help)

NEXT RIDE

Feb. 21



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# Mountain Ridge

## Back Country Horsemen of Utah

### NEW BCHU GPS SHARING SITE



For 2015, Cindy has started a new BCHU GPS Sharing Site using the 'Ride with GPS' site that is often used by bike riders.

Here is what you can do with this site:

- **Join the BCHU group!**  
When you login and sign up, look on the left column under groups and 'Find Group' enter BCHU.
- **Search for GPS tracks.**  
You can search for tracks within so many miles of a location, or with specific keywords (use BCHU to find the tracks I have uploaded).
- **Download GPS tracks**  
I have linked a number of rides there, and will continue to upload my GPS tracks. There are a number of tracks from local bicyclists, too, and many horse tracks are also bike tracks, so check them out.
- **Download and print maps.**  
Even without a GPS, this site is good for finding trails that might interest you and printing out a map for the trail. I have uploaded additional information when I have it, such as where the trails maps are online. Never rely strictly on these maps for your serious navigation, get the trail map / topo map of the area as well. Carry and be able to use a compass as

needed (GPS runs on batteries, and batteries go DEAD!).

- **Upload GPS Tracks**  
If you already use a GPS, **PLEASE! Upload your tracks to this sharing site.** I'm hoping you will share your tracks with me, so I can find some new places to ride too. I have included a link to a youtube video I made about how to upload a track and share it on the BCHU group site. Please include all information a horse person needs when considering the trail:
  - How long the trail is is automatically noted by the uploaded GPS track (see metrics)
  - How to get to the trailhead, any parking considerations with a horse trailer (s), how is the road.
  - How strenuous is the trail (the GPS includes elevation plots as well)
  - Are there any special trail hazards, like difficult footing, steep side hill drop offs, extensive deadfall, sloughs, etc. Is there water on the trail?
  - Please comment with additional information/updates on any tracks you see that are of interest. If, for example, you see a bike track you know makes a nice horse track, please comment there too!

## MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2015 SCHEDULE

**Feb 12 Monthly Meeting 7pm**

Cottonwood Retirement Ctr. 1245  
E Murray-Holladay Rd. (4752 S)

**Feb 21 (Weather Permitting)  
Mile Marker 10 (Cabin or Kitchen,  
depending on footing)**

(Contact Cindy Furse  
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Be ready to ride at 10.

Bring a lunch and water. Trail is generally moderate, but in some places strenuous/steep hills up and down, about 4 hours plus lunch stop. Trail includes open sage brush areas, with ravines we go up and down through, some steep hills (some long, some short). Some of the trail, particularly the steep hills, is quite rocky. Horseshoes or boots strongly recommended. There is no water on this trail.

**BRING YOUR GPS!** If you have a GPS, bring it. This is a good ride to experiment with your GPS if you haven't used it a lot, or to share your experience with others over lunch if you are regular GPS-user.

To get to the parking area:

**From the South:** At the Lehi cross-roads take state road 73 west through Cedar Fort. Follow past Five Mile Pass. Road will begin to turn north. Follow 5 more miles to mile marker 10. Parking is on the east side of the road.

**From the North:** From Tooele, follow state road 36 through Stockton. Turn left (south) at state road 73. Follow 73 to mile marker 10. Parking is a large gravel parking area on the east side of the road.

**Feb 27-Mar.1 Cache Valley Cowboy Rendezvous.** A reunion of cowboy poets, artists, artisans. This is a fun family activity. If you are interested in linking up with other BCHU folks, contact Paul Kern 801 942 8928 [cachevalleycowboyrendezvous.com/](http://cachevalleycowboyrendezvous.com/)

**Mar. 12 Monthly Meeting 7pm**

**Mar. 20-22 Utah Horse Expo, So. Jordan Equestrian Center** Volunteers needed for BCHU booth [www.utahhorsecouncil.com/utah-horse-expo.html](http://www.utahhorsecouncil.com/utah-horse-expo.html) (Contact Taresea 801-574-0176 [taresear@gmail.com](mailto:taresear@gmail.com))

Mar. 28 Stansbury Island Ride

Apr. 9 Monthly Meeting 7pm

Apr. 18 Jordan River Trail Project

Apr. 22 (Wed) Jordan River Trail Ride

Apr. 25 Deer Creek Ride

May 2 Dimple Dell Project

May 8-9 Sheep Creek Ride & Camp

May 14 Monthly Meeting

May 16 Corner Canyon (1pm)

May 22-23 Antelope Island

Cowboy Poetry

May 27 (Wed) Jordan River Ride

June 6 National Trail Day Project

June 11 Monthly Meeting/  
Dimple Dell Ride 6pm

June 26-28 Ladies Ride in Payson Canyon

June 28 All-hands Ride in Payson Canyon

July 9 Monthly Meeting/Jordan River Ride

July 16-18 Christmas Meadows/  
EFork of the BlackFork Ride  
and Camp

Aug. 13 Monthly Meeting/  
Corner Canyon Ride

Aug. 15 Smith Morehouse

Sept. 4-6 Fort Bridger Rendezvous

Sept. 10 Monthly Meeting

Sept. 12 Yellow Fork

Sept. 26 Provo Canyon

Oct. 3 Saddlebred Obstacle Course

Oct. 8 Monthly Meeting

Oct. 10 Snow Basin Ride

Oct. 23-25 (?) Antelope Island  
Bison Roundup

Nov. 7 Antelope Island Ride

Nov. 12 Monthly meeting

Dec. 10 BCHU Christmas Party  
& Auction

Jan. 14 Planning Meeting for  
2016

## GPS BASICS

Thinking of buying a GPS? Here are some of the things these little handheld gizmos can do:

#### The 4 Basic Functions

These are common to virtually any GPS receiver intended for hiking:

•**Give a location:** A GPS unit accurately triangulates your position by receiving data transmissions from multiple orbiting satellites. Your location is given in coordinates: latitude and longitude or Universal Transverse Mercators (UTMs).

•**Point-to-point navigation:** A location or destination is called a "waypoint." For example, you can establish a starting waypoint at a trailhead by using the location function. If you have the coordinates for the campsite you're headed for (taken from a map, resource book, website, mapping software program or other source), a GPS can give you a straight-line, point-to-point bearing and distance to your destination. Since trails rarely follow a straight line, the GPS' bearing will change as you go. The indicated distance to travel will also decrease as you approach your goal.

•**"Route" navigation:** By combining multiple waypoints on a trail, you can move point-to-point with intermediate bearing and distance guides. Once you reach the first predetermined waypoint, the GPS receiver can automatically point you to the next one or you can manually do this.

•**Keep a "track:"** One of the most useful functions of a GPS unit is its ability to lay a virtual "breadcrumb trail" of where you've been, called a track. This differs from a "route," which details where you're going. You can configure a GPS to automatically drop "trackpoints" over intervals of either time or distance. To retrace your steps, simply follow the GPS bearings back through the sequence of trackpoints. You can share tracks with others.



A GPS does NOT replace a map and compass. Carry both.



A GPS stores waypoints, points of interest, and tracks and provides a



You can add topo maps to your GPS by buying a separate memory card for your state and installing it in the back of the GPS. Then your tracks are overlaid on the map. Maps show major roads and points of interest, and SOME trails, but in my experience, trails are usually not on these maps yet. I carry both a trail map and a GPS.

#### Cindy's top pick:

I have a Garmin Etrex-20 GPS (about \$180) and a topo map card for Utah (\$99). I particularly like this GPS, because it is NOT touch screen, so I can use it with my gloves on.

**What I wish it had:** Some of the more expensive GPS's can take pictures and link them to the maps. I would use that to take pictures of the trail makers and signs.

KEEP UP WITH BCHU



RideWithGPS.com



Facebook.com

(Search for: BCHU Mountain Ridge Chapter)



BCHU.com

(Click on Mountain Ridge)



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