

GSCA's Presidential Rail Trail Outing

Randolph, NH.

Date & Time _____



— NEHT Affiliated —

The Presidential Rail-Trail (trailink.com/trail/presidential-rail-trail/), a section of the Cross-NH trail, is a gem! Hugging the Presidential Mountains, the trail offers 18 miles of spectacular scenery; forest, beaver ponds, fields of lupine in June, fall leaves in September and wildlife if you are lucky!

The footing varies from small stones to forest litter to some larger ballast stones in places. The rail trail with its grass edges, is wide enough to allow carriages to pass one another. Pair up with a riding buddy as the trail is wide enough for two to chat most of the way. All the bridges have been updated in the past 2 years and the grade is low. Walk, trot or canter on this superb trail. You will have the option to go either direction on the Presidential Rail Trail.

There are places to bring your horse to the brooks for water, and if the beaver ponds are high enough, horses can drink from there as well. Other users of this rail trail are walkers, joggers, bicyclists – and possibly dogs.

GSCA is offering a 10 mile (5 out and 5 back) and a 15 mile (7.5 out and 7.5 back) route for NEHT members. Feel free to go further!

No water on site and no public porta-potty.

Confirmation to the host via email that you are coming is required since the parking which is in a hay field which may not be available the day of the outing due to wetness.

HOSTS:

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Outing updates on Facebook, join GSCA's FB group by requesting on FB page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSCAdriving/>

GSCA Outings are free to current GSCA Members. **NOTE: Anyone handling, driving or riding a horse must be or become a GSCA member**, as required by GSCA's Liability insurance carrier.

For more information or to pay your current dues go to
<https://www.granitestatecarriage.org/index.php/join-contact-us/membership-information>

Required paperwork found at
<https://www.granitestatecarriage.org/index.php/news-resources/membership-and-liability-forms>.

Directions to Parking:

The address for the field is 104 Dolly Copp Rd (also known as Pinkham B Rd), Randolph NH. The road is off US RT 2. The coordinates are (44 degrees 22.277'N, 71 degrees 15.882'W).

Once on Dolly Copp Rd (a dirt road), you will pass the Randolph East Trailhead for the Rail Trail on the right hand side – ignore that.

The location will take you to the Randolph fire station. The road to the parking field is just before the fire station and on your left.