

Welcome to the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen, a chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana. We're glad you joined.

In this packet you will find a current schedule of events (always call to confirm prior to an event), the chapter's constitution, booklets for the BCH of Montana and BCH of America, Leave No Trace information, and other handouts we have collected at club events. The club's newsletter is posted on or shortly after the first of every month on our website; articles from members are welcome. Notification of new events, cancellations, and activities is sent out by email as much as possible. We hold our general meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Belgrade Alliance Church and usually have a program before the business meeting.

You can find information on the BCH of Montana and each chapter at the website <http://www.bchmt.org>. There is also a photo gallery with albums of work days, rides, and projects from around the state. It is quite an inspiration!

The Gallatin Valley BCH is looking forward to a fun and busy 2011 season. As you can see on the schedule, there are many opportunities to participate in trail work projects, cabin renovations, corral building, poker rides and more either as a volunteer or just simply to join the fun. If you have never attended a Defensive Horsemanship Clinic, be sure to come to the Circle L on May 14th! It's free. Each year in early July we have our own Poker Ride at Bridger Bowl. This is our main fundraiser and we have great participation from far and wide, in part thanks to the many generous donations of prizes from businesses and individuals in our community.



1 Installing a water bar at Bridger Bowl



2 Back Country Horsemen going to work

Again, we welcome you to our club and look forward to seeing you on our rides, working on trails, and participating in our club activities throughout the year. This is a volunteer organization working to ensure horses will continue to have access to the road less back country and wilderness of Montana and the United States. We hope you will be able to volunteer on occasion to help keep this great club alive and growing.

Happy Trails!

Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

“The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country’s resource.”