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Hunting Riding
Restrictions -No Riding until
9am except Sunday.



Fri Evening Rain
63° F | 43° F

Sat Partly Cloudy
49° F | 33° F

Sun Partly Cloudy
52° F | 28° F



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TURKEY FEAST



The clocks “Fell Back” and now we’re back on standard time and the days have grown shorter and shorter until the Winter solstice in December. Where did summer go again? 🌧️ I’m sulking.

Anyway, don’t forget to join us this weekend for our annual Turkey Feast under the pavilion at 6pm. We can’t wait much longer to taste that fried turkey. Hungry, anyone? So far, there’s veggies, gravy & cornbread stuffing that will lovingly be brought to the potluck. I’m planning on adding my favorite Cranberry sauce.

Keep in mind this is all for a good cause, we are **still looking for food donations to give to the Heginis Food Bank**. So, raid those cabinets! It’s not to late to donate some nonperishable food items. This is the last weekend. Drop off your donation at the office and all will be donated to

the Food Bank next week, just in time for Thanksgiving holiday.

At the Feast we will announce the most generous donating riding group at RCTR in the BIKES vs. QUADS vs. SIDE X SIDE battle. Who will have bragging rights this year?! We will also donate a portion of the funds collected throughout the year to a local animal shelter...as you all know the office looves animals so this year we decided to give a little to the shelter as well.

On Thursday, November 23rd the office will be **CLOSED** as a result of the holiday. Since no one will be in the office we will be unable to sign in or host guest riders on that day only.
NO GUESTS PLEASE

Winterizing Time

Cold temperatures are creeping in and Jack Frost has been nipping at our noses. Don’t wait to long to winterize.

If you have a camper or cabin at RCTR and haven’t winterized it yet, it is time. There are easy 1,2,3 instructions on the internet to help you winterize everything up.

And don’t forget to winterize those machines and vehicles too. As moisture accumulates in gas tanks and gas cans, freezing temperatures can cause frozen fuel

lines or stalled vehicles. Be sure to add dry -gas to your gas tanks and gas cans to keep your machines running during the colder temperatures. So, what are you waiting for? Get out there and button things up before the cold winter comes.

Oh the weather outside is frightful, But the fire is so delightful, And since we've no place to go, Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

ONLY 39 days until Christmas
...But who's counting?



TIP OF THE DAY

Thanksgiving Recipes

Cinnamon Apple Cranberry Sauce

Ingredients

- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 1 (6-ounce) bag sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 cinnamon stick, broken in half
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Gala apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 2 teaspoons corn starch



All Guests:

- ◆ Riding or Non-Riding must be signed in upon arrival! The guest waiver is on the outside of the office wall 24/7.
- ◆ All members must sign in upon arrival as well!

Need the Lockbox Combination for the gates?

Call the office at 570.682.1075 and give the following info
Your Member # & Campsite Address

****Andrew gate is CLOSED**

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Kernels of Corn

For us, Thanksgiving means football and food. Don't get me wrong-- there is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but I feel we may have skipped over the true meaning of thanksgiving.

In our day and age, we have so many reasons to be thankful. Hundreds of years ago when the pilgrims came, they had nothing. No football, no parades and no giant table of food. All they had was each other.

Pilgrims had a custom of putting five kernels of corn on each plate before Thanksgiving dinner was served. In many old Plymouth families, the custom is still followed today. The five kernels of corn were chosen because prior to the first harvest, things were so bad that the daily ration was five kernels of corn per person per day. Imagine how grateful the survivors of the first horrible winter were for the abundant first harvest! The pilgrims put five kernels of corn on their plates to remind them of their great blessings. Let us also remember.

The first kernel of corn reminds us of the autumn beauty around us. The second kernel of corn reminds us of our love for each other. The third kernel of corn reminds us of God's love for us. The fourth kernel of corn reminds us of our friends.

When we live in the abundance of everything we want, it's easy to forget the hard times we've made it through. We need reminders, like the Pilgrim's five kernels, to keep perspective. Similarly, when life gets harder, it's easy to forget the good promises that God has given his children. We need reminders, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, "lest anyone forget".



Local To Do's

Every Friday afternoon & evening, Crossroads Farmer's Market, Route 25 between Gratz & Ber-rysburg

**Nov 18th, Craft Show, Pine Grove High School, 9AM —2PM

**Nov 24 Lighting of the Vineyard ::4 - 9 p.m., Benigna's Creek Vineyard and Winery, 1585 Ridge Road, Klingerstown. Free admission, free food, free

wine tastings. Two acres of vineyard strung with Christmas lights that "dance" to music. Horse-drawn carriage rides through the vineyard. <http://www.bcwinery.com> or 570-425-3090.

**Community Tree Lighting in Hegins @ 5pm (509 E Main St Hegins, PA @ the Friedens Lu-

theran Church) Food Trucks, entertainment & kids crafts

**6th Annual Christmas in the Park @ Valley View Park, December 9th 4-8pm

*Saturday December 16th 6pm —Hot Chocolate with Santa & Friends—Christmas Light Display @ 521 W Maple St Valley View



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TIP OF THE DAY CONTINUED...

Directions: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, add the cranberry juice, cranberries, cinnamon and sugar. Bring to a boil and let cook for 5 minutes. Add the apples and cook, stirring occasionally, until the cranberries have softened and apples are tender, about 5 minutes. Remove 8 ounces of the liquid to a small bowl and whisk in the cornstarch. Slowly add the cornstarch-juice mixture (slurry) to the cranberry mixture, stirring constantly. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. Remove from heat and pour into a serving bowl. Refrigerate until thickened, about 30 mins. Remove the cinnamon sticks and serve.



2023 Event Schedule

NOVEMBER 18
POTLUCK TURKEY FEAST & FINAL FOOD BANK COUNT

Is your Helmet strapped?
Are you roaming the campground roads or even the trails without your helmet strapped? Be safe & please always make sure yours is!

THANK YOU.

2023/2024 Riding Restrictions

September 30, 2023 - January 15, 2024

NO RIDING BEFORE 9:00AM.

Excluding Sundays & *the Specific Days Below.

NO RIDING ALL DAY

*Monday, November 20, 2023 —Black Bear

*Saturday, November 25, 2023 —Deer-Buck

*Saturday, December 9, 2023 —Deer-Buck

