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SAT  
DOWN

### 2021 TRAILS TRANSPLANTS TRIBE

AN INTERESTING START TO THE 2021 THAT  
 WAS CELEBRATED AS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC WAS CEASING  
 AND MOST RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO GATHERINGS  
 HAD BEEN LIFTED. PAUL & ERIN MALONEY,  
 ALONG WITH NICK & CAM SUTHERLAND DID THE  
 BULK OF THE PLANNING, ASSISTED BY BILLY  
 WANDA PAPE. THE 2020 ROUTE AND LOCATIONS  
 WERE LEFT IN PLACE WITH SOME MINOR  
 REVISIONS. THE GROUP BECAME TIME AND  
 EFFORT TO AN "ONLINE" ADVENTURE THAT TRAYS  
 WERE FUNDS THAN OUR TRADITIONAL TRAILS  
 WAS BOSSY AT WORK BUT COMMITTED TO THE  
 TRIP, PLANNING TO ARRIVE A DAY EARLY, BUT  
 DUE TO THE SCHEDULE OF MIKE BAYARDS  
 TRIP (FOR WHICH I WAS A FRUSTRATED  
 MEMBER) I LEFT ON FRIDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>,  
 ATTENDED THE FUNERAL & STAYED IN WASHDC.  
 THE TRIP WAS A LONG NIGHT OF VISITING  
 WITH FRIENDS FROM WASHDC, AND RETURNING  
 TO WASHINGTON TO MIKE'S MEMORIAL, WITH PLANS  
 TO LEAVE ~~ON~~ SATURDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>. WAS GREAT  
 HAVE JEFF & FAN PUT ME & MY HORSE ON THE  
 TRAILER. THEY HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOME.

28 TRAILS - 4 MILES

### SATURDAY MAY 22

CLIFF LINDY, TIM & COGER LEFT  
 WASHINGTON EARLY AT 7:00 AM, AND HAD  
 AN UNEXPECTED TRIP, ARRIVING AT THE  
 TRAILHEAD LATE CAMP AT 2:15 PM. THE  
 GREENING TABLE WAS WELL STAFFED WITH  
 NICK & CAM SUTHERLAND, PAUL & ERIN MALONEY,  
 AND BILLY & WANDA PAPE. AFTER A SHORT  
 GATHERING, HORSES WERE SADDLED AND WE  
 TOOK OFF OF CAMP SPOON AFTER 3:00 PM  
 THE TRAILS WERE ~~AS~~ AWESOME, WITH LUSH  
 TREES AND UNDERBUSH NESTED ALONG THE  
 TRAIL. TRAIL WITH A SERIES OF SINGLE  
 WIDE TRAILS. RECENT RAINS HAD MADE  
 SIGHTING GREEN AND THE FRESH Scent OF  
 PINE AND BIRCH WERE EVIDENT. THE GROUP  
 OF 28 TRAILERS WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE  
 GROUPS, WITH ASSIGNED LEADERS OF NICK,  
 PAUL, AND MATT. THE TRAIL HAD A FAMILY  
 GROUND WINTER AND WAS 3 TO 4 FEET DEEP  
 AND 300 FEET WIDE AT THE CROSSINGS. WE  
 UNRAILED THROUGH THE TRAILS CROSSINGS  
 THE TRAIL ON 4 SEPARATE OCCASIONS. ANOTHER  
 HAD TO THE TRAIL AND SEVERAL AS WE  
 CAME TO THE ~~TRAIL~~ RIDGES THEN BACK  
 DOWN AND ACROSS THE RIVER. WE WERE

36 RIDERS, 8 MILES

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD, 2021

BACK IN CAMP BY 6:00, THEN ALL  
ATTENDED AT THE PAVILION (AN OPEN  
AIDED BUILDING) FOR A POT-LUCK SUPPER  
THAT PROVIDED MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR  
ALL TO EAT AND ENJOY. A CAMPFIRE  
FOLLOWED WITH 20 OR SO THOUGHTS OF  
TREE-RINGS, TELLING STORIES, SINGING,  
AND VISITING. LISA BUSHING AND SON  
NAME JOINED THE GROUP AND MUCS  
REMINISCS OF PREVIOUS RIDES AND  
PERHAPS OF THE PRESENT RIDE WERE  
DISCUSSED. THE WEATHER WAS PLEASANT  
WITH VERY FEW BUGS OR MOSQUITOES.  
THIS WAS A DAY THAT I HAD LOOKED  
FORWARD TO FOR OVER A YEAR, AND  
IT ~~WAS~~ EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS, A GREAT  
PLACE TO RIDE, GREAT SCENERY, WELL  
PLANNED AND WELL EXECUTED, I AM  
LOOKING ~~FORWARD~~ FORWARD TO THE NEXT  
NEW DAYS OF RIDING AND FELLOWSHIP

Roger Moore

GATHERED AT THE PAVILION FOR WORSHIP  
& FELLOWSHIP. ROGER OPENED WITH A  
PRAYER AND AMANDA READ SCRIPTURE AND  
GAVE THE MESSAGE. (ROGER FORGOT TO  
TURN OFF HIS PHONE DURING CHURCH) BUT  
EVEN AFTER ROGER'S PHONE CALL, CLIFF  
& ROGER CLOSED WORSHIP WITH THEIR  
HARMONICAS PLAYING "AMAZING GRACE"  
& "TURKEY IN THE STRAW".

AT 10:30 AM, 36 RIDERS GATHERED FOR A  
GROUP PICTURE AND THEN HEADED TO PINE  
POINT. RIDING SINGLE FILE ON REMOTE  
TRAILS WAS GREAT! HOT DOGS ROASTED ON  
AN OPEN FIRE WITH HOMEMADE COOKIES WERE  
SERVED FOR LUNCH ON THE TRAIL. AFTER  
LUNCH, PAUL PRESENTED ROGER WITH THE  
BONER AWARD, A T-SHIRT THAT SAID "DON'T  
BE A BONER, BE A DONOR". ROGER EARNED  
THIS RECOGNITION BECAUSE OF THE PHONE  
CALL HE ANSWERED INSTEAD OF LISTENING IN  
CHURCH! LOL!

MILES RIDDEN TODAY WAS APPROX 15 WITH  
MULTIPLE RIVER CROSSINGS. MONA  
ACCIDENTLY ENDED UP IN THE RIVER

WHEN HER HORSE'S FOOT GOT STUCK  
BETWEEN TWO ROCKS... NO ONE WAS HURT,  
JUST GOT VERY WET!  
THANKS TO ALL THAT ORGANIZED THIS  
YEAR'S THT RIDE, YOU'VE DONE AN  
AMAZING JOB!

SUE HELM

5-21-21 83° and overcast 35 RIDERS 18 MILES

Tamarack horse camp to Danbury VT.  
and back. 20 miles ride. Ride was  
scheduled to begin at 8am, actual  
departure time was 8:06am EST. 30 riders  
at camp. Today's ride provided exceptional  
opportunity for flora & fauna sightings.  
Wet Tanager, 5 cotton tail rabbits, yellow lady  
slippers, Trilliums, Jack in the pulpit  
and a lot of wild water lilies were nearly as  
common than expected. Alicia & Mickie from  
Lizbeth's Lodge presented on the new playground  
and thanked the group. A great meal was  
served. The trestle bridge over the St. Croix  
river was a highlight of today's ride.  
Some riders crossed the river up to nine  
times. Roger and Severin even found a wet  
pot in the river. This has been an incredible

journey. I could not have done it  
without the support of my wife, children,  
and dear friends!

Mick Schaefer

5-25-21 RIDERS -  
17 MILES

5-25-21 Tuesday 85° Partly Cloudy  
and Breezy (Not Windy). Today we  
rode from Tamarack Horse Camp to  
St. Croix State Park. Our first  
"moving day" of 2021 ride. The ground  
crew had help from the St. Croix  
State Park workers and all the  
Rigs were moved in awesome timely  
fashion (even the big ones!) Great job  
ground crew! We crossed hwy 48  
and traveled about a mile along  
the highway with our ground crew  
guiding us and slowing traffic. We  
were welcomed by the wonderful  
Sally and Jake who served us  
lunch. We had Turkey, ham & cheese  
sandwiches, chips, Rice Krispie bars  
and Tootsie Pops! We made it to  
the trail center at SCSRP with

entand in record time.

joined there by Jody.

ge, Ashley & girls. A wonderful

dinner was served by Jake & Sally

in the trail center. We had 21

riders today. It has truly been

a privilege and an honor to become

part of the T4T family and I am

forever grateful!

Elin Maloney

"Laura's Mom"

5-26-21 - Day 5

28 RIDERS 24 MILES

Brrrrrr! Cool morning, but the

afternoon brought sunshine & warmth.

We made a round trip to Bear Creek

Tavern in Cloverdale. 20+ riders. I was

priviledged to ride with my daughter,

Savannah (6) on her pony, Bubby. Savannah

just met the T4T crew when she <sup>her sister</sup> ~~was~~ was

6 weeks old - fresh out of NICU. Today

we shared the trail for the first time. I

Special day! Her pony trotted non-stop

for 10 miles.

The folks at Bear Creek Tavern

had a raffle that raised \$2,500!

Wrote a great group! Of course, Roge

rode his horse into the bar - again.

Savannah was quite "impressed" & decided

she wanted to try with her pony. She

did it, but with everyone clapped &

cheered, she got embarrassed. Hal

What a blessing this crew has been to

many. My soul smiles when I think about

how T4T began & where we are today.

Clearly recharacted by our Lord!

Ashley Felton

48 RIDERS 12 MILES

5/27/21 - ~~Another~~ <sup>Very</sup> cold, rainy overcast, did I say

Chilly morning! Temp barely reached 45° for the

high. We all started with an obstacle course that

offered many challenges to horse & riders; then a lunch

donated by Chris' Food Center of ham/turkey sandwiches,

chips, cookies & water. So the weather continued to

be a beautiful rainy drizzle & approximately 15 riders

decided to "call it" as they felt it was just "too cold"

to ride out for the daily scavenger hunt - a

12 mile ride filled with riddles that challenged even Roger! To clarify, only 2 pups pulled their boot straps on to ride out complete the 12 mile scavenger hunt. I've to admit that today's ride was probably most beautiful ride through the forest - I had never had! Our group "which won the scavenger hunt by the way" consisted of Roger, Dana, Sue, Paul & Erbn. Dinner was served by Alex & Nancy - winners that was some good stuff! To end a truly wonderful day, we had special award ceremony to which mfg. Rogos provided the one & only "Horses Ass" Award, mmm not sitting at all.... The day was cold & windy, drizzled but the love that is shared amongst everyone completely warms the soul of each of us. It is proof that true fellowship, with such good thing, caring people can unite, heal & offer the way to Kahl itself.

Dana Jensen

5/28/2021

Making day again. Things never go as planned you always need a Plan A B C D maybe more depending on the day. Today we planned on maybe 3 trips but ended with 2 and a side trip. We ended up with 8 rigs the first move and 3 Shuttle (was the first toward everyone got back with no one left behind. We took a side trip to watch the river crossing, then back for the last rigs.

Linda

Always enjoy the THT Adventure, meeting new people & building or old friendships. Today was amazing to see the horse traverse the Killdeer River they made it look easy (I wonder if my truck could make it) Linda of course says NO. Sometimes when we move the vehicles I think we over think it, but somehow it works out!  
P.B. Bill

5-29-21

It's the last day of the ride. I woke to Frost on the tent and Chilly toes. Watching the morning sun over a lake is warms me up. The stand out this year is watching the bands build between the original Core group and our host group. It is so evident the deep friendships within the "Mahoney grip" and how easily the 2 groups have bonded. Clearly our core group has grown. The ride will go on! Again I must comment on the great job Nick, Paul and others have done in planning this year and the "new" trails and camping experiences seem to have been easily accepted by those "plains" cowboys. As always, I feel lucky to have been included.

Don Anderson

P.S. Some of us had a GOOD time at the winery yesterday!

SUNDAY, MAY 30 2021

I WAS UP AT 5:30 AM. AND VISITED WITH ROBB LYSFORD, GIVING JIM A CHANCE TO SLEEP IN. AT 6:15 WE TOOK DOWN THE PORTABLE FENCE, AND LOADED MY HORSE. ECON LYSFORD BROUGHT OVER A DELICIOUS OMELET THAT I ENJOYED IMMENSELY. HE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO OUR GROUP, MAKING SURE WE ARE ALWAYS FED. WITH ONLY CLIFF, JIM, & THE LYSFORDS UP, I SAID A QUICK GOODBYE AND WAS ON THE ROAD HOME BY 7:00 AM. THE TRIP HOME GAVE ME TIME TO PONDER THE TRIP AND A FEW HIGHLIGHTS - LANE BUTLER TOOK 3 DAYS, OVER 30 MILES - JACOB GERLACH TOOK 30 MILES IN HONOR CHAS & ANNEKE RODE EVERY MILES - THESE YOUNG ONES ARE THEOPHILES, AND I AM PROUD OF THEM. THE KETTLE RIVER CROSSING WAS FORTHIMABLE, AND METHE HORSES AND RIDERS KEPT THEIR 'COOL', AND CROSSED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE 20 MILE DAYS SEEMED TO BE COMFORTABLE FOR ALL RIDERS, AND WE SHOULD USE THAT AS A BENCHMARK IN FUTURE YEARS. TIME SPENT IN OUR GATHERINGS MADE IT CLEAR WE SHOULD EXPAND OURTH MISSION TO INCLUDE HEALING, BOTH FOR DONORS AND RECIPIENTS FAMILIES. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE 20 RANDED PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP OF THE CORE GROUP (NICK, CAM, PAUL, SPIN DAVE, DANA, TONY + AMANDA) WAS THE MASTER FACTOR IN THE

◇ SUCCESS OF THE RIDE. THE TRIALS -  
TRANSPARANT IS AN AMAZING AND SPECIAL  
FAMILY, AND I AM PROUD ~~TO~~ AND HONORED  
TO BE A PART.

Robert Hume  


