



Intrepid Trail Clippers Strike Again

Twenty-four AVTA members and their friends presented themselves, tools in hand, for the six-day trail clearing effort in August and September. Several especially intrepid people worked more than one day. Workdays were scheduled for four days in August and two in September to prepare the trails for the October hunter pace and for general trail riding. The groups concentrated on trails off of Van Lieus and Back Brook Road and the Pine Twig area.

Trail clearers came with hats, gloves, bug spray, water and a variety of sharp tools—hand clippers, chain saws, loppers, string trimmers, and hedge trimmers to the task of beating back multiflora rose, wild grape and other noxious plants. The best unexpectedly useful tool was a garden cultivator rake which proved to be just the thing to corral thorny brush and vines whilst someone else clipped it.

By luck we had extraordinarily good weather on all six days, for which we were all thankful. While it was hard work, it was all quite jolly—fun walks in the woods or beautiful days with good company with the added benefit of discovering new trails. What could be better?

So, we hope you had great weather and a very good time at the hunter pace and that you continue to enjoy the beautiful trails. While you are riding along, safe from the vicious thorns of that multiflora rose lurking evilly in the underbrush, send a kind thought to the intrepid trail clearers listed below. And remember, we will need you next year!

Tony Alimecco
Elayne Alpert
Susan Auer
Monica Bogado
Trish Buckwalter
Cat Catalongo
Gretchen Creasey
Nancy Cunningham
Joel Derrico
Nancy Derrico
Roni De Caesare
Chelsea Ditzell

Lynn Ebeling
Tom Ebeling
Jen Fisher
Margaret Foley
Carol Johnson
Barbara Lipani
Edlyn Meringolo
Mary Murrin
Bonnie O'Boyle
Patty Pagano
Diana Schultz
Kathy Swangler