

SPRUCE CREEK TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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"Come For The Trails - Stay For The Lifestyle"

To our friends and neighbors:

April 2022: ANNUAL LETTER AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is again time to ask for your support. Our Not for Profit, volunteer

organization depends on your annual dues and donations to maintain our trails and fund our activities. Our primary purpose is to maintain the 20 miles of horse/hiking trails in our care. We are truly blessed to have 4 direct entry points into the Big South Fork for all to enjoy. Our pavilion is our social hub – Everyone is welcome to all of our functions and events. As a Not for Profit 401 C (4) Organization, we also provide programs to benefit our members, the BSFNRRRA, as well as the surrounding community. A 2022 Membership form is attached. We also now offer an on-line membership form and the ability to submit your dues/donations via PayPal. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in 2022. See our website or Face Book page for these forms, as well as additional helpful information.

Web site: www.sprucecreektrails.com

Face Book Page OFFICIAL SPRUCE CREEK TRAIL ASSOCIATION

We Have Great Plans for 2022

Movie Nights, BINGO, Pot Lucks-the **first being Sat. April 30th 6pm @** the pavilion. Bring a covered dish, meet your neighbors, and enjoy music & a fire! All will be announced on Facebook & via eBlast so keep an eye out.

We're going to try Work Days Saturdays to accommodate many working folks..9am @ the Pavilion-watch for announcements.

Our newly formed TRAIL TEAM has been tasked with addressing some larger maintenance/drainage issues, BSF coordination/projects, revitalizing maps/signage, and acquiring alternate trail routes where our access to the BSF may be in jeopardy.

See attached: "Why Are Spruce Creek Trails Open to the Public?" for detailed information including SCTA's Mission Statement and letter from the early Spruce Creek Acres developers. Also of importance is the BSF General Management Plan Excerpts.

The SCTA is aware of the recently placed signs, by a private land owner, indicating "Private Property & Trails" prohibiting campers, day riders, and enforced by video surveillance. These restrictions DO NOT apply to the majority of the trails in Spruce Creek, which are owned/managed by your SCTA.

Regardless of the entry point (from the PARK, Spruce Creek property, or the surrounding areas), **ALL riders and hikers are welcome on the SCTA TRAILS.**

As we welcome many new residents to the SCTA community, our TRAILS and our Park access become an ever more important contributor to our lifestyle and property values. Committee members may be contacting some of you to explore the possibility of easements or other reroute opportunities. Two years of COVID limitations and heavy weather have certainly impacted area TRAILS, ours and those in the PARK so we'll be asking for assistance maintaining and creating.

2021 Highlights In Review

2021 allowed us to resume our much enjoyed pot lucks. We saw and met new faces and reconnected with many of our longtime friends and neighbors.

BINGO & Movie Nights were introduced and well received. We completed a couple of trail maintenance and general maintenance projects started by past boards. We were also able to perform weekly trail maintenance on our SCTA trails as weather & participation allowed.

SCTA Hosted another well received Equine Rescue & Resources Seminar. Presenters included members from the Fentress County Rescue Squad, members from Fire House 11, 2 National Park Service Search & Rescue Squad members, a Detective from the Fentress County Sheriff's Dept. and representatives from AirMedcare & MASA. Approximately 80 attendees were noted.

A Hoof Care Clinic was also held. SCTA hosted 2 local farriers as well as a local bare foot trimmer. Attendees were able to learn the importance of proper and timely hoof care, how to identify areas of possible concern for early care followed with questions and answers.

Looking forward to a great 2022....HappyTrails Y'all

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Spruce Creek Trails Association, Inc.
Mission Statement
July 26, 2003

It shall be the mission of the Spruce Creek Trails Association, Inc., to enhance and protect the property investment of Spruce Creek Acres Subdivision landowners through its trails program. This investment is affected significantly by the drawing power of the trails located within Spruce Creek Acres leading to trails in the Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area and to other locations in Fentress County. Not only does Spruce Creek have scenic beauty within its own trail system, but property owners have the ability to travel by horse onto Big South Fork and other areas and to visit the unique beauty of cliff overlooks into the gorge, archeological formations, cultural landscapes, rivers and streams, and other natural wonders.

Spruce Creek Trails Association, Inc., shall have the following guiding principles to accomplish its mission:

1. Trails shall be maintained in such a condition as to protect the beauty of the land and the safety of the users.
2. A good-neighbor policy shall allow the sharing and reciprocity of Spruce Creek trails with other organizations and members of the community as long as trails can be maintained without deterioration to the point of becoming unsustainable.
3. Spruce Creek Trails Association, Inc., shall actively pursue harmonious relationships with Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, the County of Fentress, and equestrian community neighbors. The common interests related to equestrian activities are hereby recognized as important to Spruce Creek's interests and goals.

To relieve any anxiety any Spruce Creek landowner might have related to property outside of trails, it is hereby stated that this mission shall in no way impinge upon or attempt in any manner to regulate, control, or otherwise influence a landowner's property rights except trail property owned by Spruce Creek Trails Association, Inc.

Note:

*Officially Approved & Adopted
Meeting Minutes: May 29, 2004*

L&M Land Company
Spruce Creek Properties

Jamestown, Tennessee

July 26, 2003

Dear Spruce Creek Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you of an important milestone concerning your investment in Spruce Creek Acres. We recognize, as we are sure you do, that trails within Spruce Creek are an integral and vital aspect of your land investment. They hold the drawing power to what has been dubbed the "Jewel of the Cumberland," Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. They provide you the means of easy access to some of the most spectacular views of canyon bluffs, gorges, streams, rock formations, and woodlands in the east.

As you may be aware, the developers of Spruce Creek held the concept that upon completion, or near completion, of Spruce Creek an organization would assume ownership of the trails.

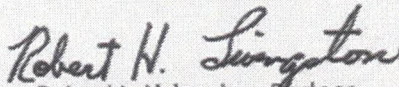
Because we feel the time has now come for this transition, we have organized and incorporated the Spruce Creek Trails Association. An initial transfer of some plated trails will occur with future transfers occurring as the developers deem appropriate. This corporation will be run by a nine-member board of directors. The Board has conducted the organizational meeting and has begun operation of the corporation. Attached is a newsletter giving you information on their organizational activities and a questionnaire seeking your input.

We are excited about this new development. This organization is very necessary, not only in terms of managing Spruce Creek trails, but also in interfacing with the National Park Service. Corporate headquarters will be located at Ricky Rains' property at 463 Spruce Creek Drive.

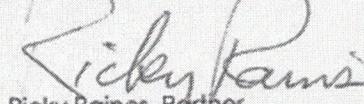
We look forward to working with this organization and know that you are eager to do the same.

Sincerely,

L&M LAND COMPANY


Robert L. Livingston, Partner

SOUTH FORK PROPERTIES


Ricky Rains, Partner