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**BRIDLE PATH CONSERVANCY TO HOLD EVENTS MARKING  
NATIONAL/CONNECTICUT TRAILS DAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Killingworth, Connecticut May 13, 2005** – The Bridle Path Conservancy (BPC) will be marking this year's National and Connecticut Trails Day with the rebuilding of bridges on trails in the Weber Woods section of Cockaponset State Forest on Rt. 145 in Westbrook. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the group is looking for local people to come volunteer to help stabilize trails in this state park.

"We are hoping that local horse enthusiasts, mountain bikers, hikers and others who have an interest in fixing up our trails will come join us for some work," says Brad Turley, president of the BPC. "The state supplied wood and other materials to help us in this project and our group has been busy pre-building some of the bridges at a farm in Killingworth in preparation for installation on National/Connecticut Trails Day. Anyone who has interest can join us, no experience is necessary. Just bring some work clothes, bug spray, drinking water, waders, and get ready to get wet."

For those who would like to take part in a ride on National Trail Day, the BPC is teaming up with the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol for a ride that starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Protection parking lot for Weber Woods in the Cockaponset State Forest on Route 145 in Westbrook. Those who want to partake in the ride must RSVP by contacting Jim Griffin at [keeneyanke@yahoo.com](mailto:keeneyanke@yahoo.com). Those wishing to ride a horse, must bring their own. A small ceremony will also take place to mark Trails Day at 10:30 in the lot. Juice and donuts will be served.

"National Trails Day is a great reason for people to get out and enjoy all the great trails that exist in Connecticut," says Turley. "There are so many bridle paths in the southern Connecticut River valley and with the help of the dedicated volunteers of the BPC, these trails will be expanded and preserved for all of us to enjoy."

The Bridle Path Conservancy is a non-profit group dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and acquisition of multi-purpose, passive-use, recreational trails on public and private land in Connecticut and southern New England. While the Conservancy was founded by equestrian enthusiasts, it seeks to support all open space and trail initiatives. By managing, educating and cooperating with others to create opportunities to facilitate and preserve trails, the Conservancy strives to keep recreational land available for present and future generations to enjoy. For more information contact Pat Martin at (203) 318-0400 or email

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**Suggested Caption for Photo:** Member of the Bridle Path Conservancy gather to build bridges that will be put in place in Cockaponset State Park on National/Connecticut Trails Day on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Pictured are (L to R) Tom Elliott; Westbrook, David Beaudette; Winthrop, Fred Mastele & Cheryl Mastelle; Durham, Mark Leas; Westbrook, Alyce Mallek; Madison, Caitlin Dowler; Madison, Melissa Evarts; Clinton, Amanda Wigham; Madison, Greg Dowler; Madison, Gina McManus & Peter McManus; Clinton, Barbara White; Killingworth, Kristin Elliott Leas; Westbrook.