

Welcome from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Horse Capitol of the World.

The Kentucky Back Country Horsemen is made up of three chapters, Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen, Green River Back Country Horsemen and Mammoth Cave Back Country Horsemen, with total membership of 100 for 2025. Our volunteer hours were 3,722 for a total value of \$191,000.

Our chapters are doing an excellent job of working with their respective land managers to keep the trails open and maintained. The year 2025 was very busy due to storm damage from high winds and tornados, along with dead fall from ash bore disease. But the work goes on.

In addition to trail work, each chapter holds group rides. The Mammoth Cave chapter hosts a trail clean-up contest and Fort Harrod does a health clinic where anyone can bring horses for vaccination, teeth floating, weighing and measuring. The Green River chapter has been the host for the Kentucky annual rendezvous held the second Saturday of June.

The Kentucky Back Country officers are:

Chairman: Lon Oyster

Vice-Chairman: Lois Short

Secretary: Cathy Oyster

Treasurer: Kenny Baskin

Volunteer & Membership Coordinator: Cathy Oyster

National Directors: Mike Bossert, Lon Oyster

Alternate Director: Cathy Oyster