

GalleP

Gallatin Equestrian Partnership

our mission:

GalleP's mission is to serve as an advocate to educate and unite equestrians and the community to enhance opportunities in the Gallatin Valley for equestrian activities. We are working to:

- Establish equestrian trails through cooperative efforts with government agencies, other non-profits, and landowners.
- Create an equestrian park serving diverse equestrian needs in the Gallatin Valley and the larger region.



join us!

Help GalleP safeguard our horse culture and heritage for future generations.

Let's preserve the quality of life and diverse recreational opportunities we appreciate so much.

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let's ride!

Helping to safeguard our western heritage by restoring our vanishing equestrian landscape.



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challenges:

- Gallatin Valley’s rural roads are being paved, and traffic is increasing in both volume and speed.
- In our valley, as in other parts of the country, land values have risen steadily and housing developments - the new cash crop - have eroded the agricultural landscape and infrastructure. Our agricultural neighbors are being gradually forced to close or relocate their businesses.
- Equine riders and drivers are finding themselves with fewer safe local places to engage in equine activities.
- There has been a lack of awareness among city and county decision-makers regarding the impact their land-use and transportation planning decisions have on the equestrian community.
- The equestrian community has been invisible to decision-makers.

no land / no horses:

Many equestrians face the loss of land available for equestrian use – whether for riding, training, competing, breeding, or growing hay and grain. According to Deb Balliet, Equestrian Lands Conservation Resource CEO, “the impending loss of open land for horse activities has reached crisis proportions, and we are now losing rural land to development at the rate of 250 acres per hour.” Based on USDA data, 13 million acres of rural land have been converted to commercial or residential uses since 2000.



what we’re doing about it:

We believe equestrian activities are a vital part of the cultural heritage of our region, are fundamental to its identity -- past, present, and future -- and are critical to the Gallatin Valley’s quality of life.

The diverse equine community in the Gallatin Valley region needs representation in the growth policy-making and planning process. As the valley grows, we feel we can preserve some of our heritage through trail corridors.

Therefore, we formed a non-profit organization whose vision is to help safeguard our western heritage by restoring our vanishing equestrian landscape. Our mission is twofold:

1. To establish equestrian trails through cooperative efforts with government agencies, other non-profits, and landowners.
2. To create an equestrian park serving diverse equestrian needs in the Gallatin Valley and the larger region.

Many equestrians have to transport their horses to find somewhere safe to ride.



what we’re working on:

Trails Advocacy: GalleP is working closely with the following groups and agencies to ensure equestrians are included as the Gallatin Valley continues to grow.

- Bozeman City Commission
- Bozeman Director of Parks and Recreation
- Bozeman Recreation & Parks Advisory Board
- Equestrian Lands Conservation Resource www.elcr.org
- Gallatin Co. Parks Commission
- Gallatin Co. Planning Board
- Gallatin Valley Land Trust
- Safe Trails Coalition

We’ve been actively involved in the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) Plan and the Greater Bozeman Area Transportation Plan.



Equestrian Park: GalleP is beginning to lay the foundation for a multi-use equestrian park to be located in the Gallatin Valley. We aim to work with the Open Lands Board, Gallatin Valley Land Trust, and other organizations to create a lasting legacy for the diverse equestrian community in our valley and beyond.