

I represent Tuckahoe Equestrian Center with 300 members, many of who are active trail riders in Tuckahoe State Park which straddles Caroline and Queen Anne counties. The park trails and meadows are frequented by scores of trail riders especially on weekends as most of them work during the week. As well here are MANY others enjoying the multi-use trails – hikers, dog walkers, families with children, bikers, bird watchers and nature enthusiasts of all kinds.

Most Marylanders oppose Sunday hunting and many riders are forced to change their riding locations to avoid hunters. The vast majority of MD's population has never even hunted. Horses are easily spooked by gunshots. Accidents can easily happen when people encounter careless hunters.

The pandemic has brought an enormous increase in people seeking recreation in the States parks. As well, the horse industry is a major source of revenue for the State with 28,000 equine industry related jobs, \$1 billion in horse related spending and approximately \$78 million in tax revenue from horse related industries.

Over 100,000 horses are in MD with horses in every county and the majority are trail riders. Tuckahoe Equestrian Center does not oppose hunting as many of our members are hunters but we strongly oppose any expansion of Sunday hunting.