

GSCA Pemi River Trail Day Outing

DATE & TIME _____



Location: 180 Shaw Hill Rd, Sanbornton, NH (Sanbornton Town Park)

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged!

Ride and drive the road less traveled on the Army Corps of Engineers access road along the Pemigewasset River floodplain, the Sanbornton side across from the famous Hill Village. Gates usually closed to wheeled vehicles will be opened for a unique opportunity to drive this quiet trail. The road-wide trail is dirt, sand and in some places dirt and gravel, depending on the repair conditions from the prior spring or if recent heavy rains necessitated subsequent repair due to flooding.

This trail has a steep entry road heading downhill, but once in the flood plain it is quite flat. Every spring this area is flooded and under 10-20 feet of water, so don't be surprised when you look up into the trees to see large logs wedged horizontally in the treetops where they settled as the flooding subsided. The trail is approx. three miles in to the old Sanbornton Bridge Abutments, turnaround and return the same way.

In the old days you could continue on to New Hampton and Bristol. The carriage-passable trail ends, however a technical challenge is provided for riders beyond the bridge abutments, with steep inclines, narrow passes and some rougher terrain where horseback riders often ride from the river up to Knox Mountain Road.

Arrive at the Sanbornton Town Park between 9 and 9:30am to receive assisted trailer parking. To ensure the most efficient use of the space we have, we will park beginning from closest to the field to further away, no parking in the middle before others arrive.

Briefing is at 10:00am. You may head out earlier, but keep in mind registration will be occurring and trail questions will be addressed at the briefing time. Bring a picnic lunch and refreshment to enjoy at trails end!

Services:

Gas & Convenience items at Sanbornton General Store, 666 New Hampton Road (Route 127) where you would want to stop if needed before you leave 127 on your way to the Town Park; you can pull in by the diesel pumps for direct trailer driving in and out without needing to back up. There are restroom facilities at the Town Park, convenient to the trailer parking area.

HOST:

Laurie Graham laurieagraham@gmail.com (603) 998-6867

GSCA Outings are free to current GSCA Members and their guests. **NOTE: Anyone handling, driving or riding a horse must be or become a GSCA member, as required by GSCA's Liability insurance carrier.**

Don't forget to pay your current dues on the website via

PayPal <https://www.granitestatecarriage.org> or send a check to GSCA at: Neil Harvey, Treasurer, 145 North Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037 robnharvey3@aol.com (603) 731-2761

Required paperwork found at <https://www.granitestatecarriage.org/index.php/news-resources/library#GSCAForms> .

FACEBOOK GROUP for OUTING UPDATES: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSCAdriving/>

For information regarding the trail map, please go to

<https://www.granitestatecarriage.org/index.php/news-resources/library#PemiTrailMap>

DIRECTIONS

Location: 180 Shaw Hill Rd, Sanbornton, NH (Sanbornton Town Park)

Directions from I-93 South

Take exit 22 from I-93 S to NH-127 S in Sanbornton

Turn left onto NH-127 S, drive 0.9 mi

Turn right onto Prescott Rd, drive 302 ft

- NOTE: You will see Sanbornton General Store just beyond Prescott Rd

Turn left onto Weeks Rd drive 0.4 mi

(Golf Course will be on your right)

Bear slight left at fork onto Shaw Hill Rd

Drive 0.9 mi

Destination will be on the left

Directions from I-93 North

1. Take exit 22 from I-93 S to NH-127 S in Sanbornton

2. Turn RIGHT onto NH-127 S, drive 0.9 mi

3. Turn RIGHT onto Prescott Rd, drive 302 ft

- NOTE: You will see Sanbornton General Store just beyond Prescott Rd

4. Turn LEFT onto Weeks Rd drive 0.4 mi

5. (Golf Course will be on your right)

6. Bear slight LEFT at fork onto Shaw Hill Rd

7. Drive 0.9 mi

8. Destination will be on the LEFT