

BCH of Alabama Annual Report - 2023

2023 proved to be yet another year of growth for BCH of Alabama, with an underlying theme of PARTNERSHIPS. One more chapter was added in 2023, making a total of seven chapters within the state. Membership topped out at 308 and volunteer hours totaled 11,362 valued at \$404,270.50. The total value of donations and Gifts in Kind was \$198,759.

Chapter	Membership	Government agencies	Other Partnerships
Central	20	Alabama State Parks	Sweet Trails Alabama
McClellan	149	Calhoun County, Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce,	North AL Trails and Recreation, Sweet Trials, North American Trail Riding Conference, Coosa Valley Youth Services, Sassy Tails Alabama, Calhoun County Master Gardeners, Rotary Club of Calhoun County, Calhoun County Extension Services, Best of America by Horseback, Northeast Alabama Mounted Services, Robbie Porter Horsemanship
Northeast	31	Alabama State Parks, TN Valley Authority	Wild Alabama
Pebble Springs Jockey Club	15	Alabama State Parks, Alabama Historic Commission	(est 2023)
Warrior Mountain	48	USFS	North AL Trails and Recreation, Sweet Trails Alabama
West Alabama	22	Alabama State Parks. Dallas County, AL	North AL Trails and Recreation
Wind Creek	23	Alabama State Parks	(established 2022)

In January, BCH of Alabama was presented with the Eagle Award from the Alabama State Parks Division of the AL Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources. This award honors people and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in support of Alabama State Parks.

Also in 2023, BCH of AL joined forces with Sweet Trails Alabama, a unique collaborative initiative that will identify local, regional and statewide trail projects and fund them through the state treasury. The future of Equine Trails in Alabama has never looked more promising than it does today!

In an effort to improve communication between and within the chapters, a Google Drive for Non-profits was created. Chapter and State officers are now given email addresses such as secretary.windcreek@bchofalabama.com and asked to keep their records in that Google drive. A shared google drive contains all the state information. When new officers are elected, passwords are changed and there is no need for physical records to be “handed over”.