Maryland Horse Industry Board’s 2021 Horse Discovery Centers Year in Review

2021’s 38 Horse Discovery Centers (HDCs) are part of a volunteer, certified program of existing licensed stables. HDCs welcome the general public of all ages and experience levels to learn about horses in a knowledgeable and friendly environment. 2021 allowed in-person events to return to Maryland and HDCs were busy with returning and new visitors. Almost all HDCs report new growth in people looking to barns as a forms of exercise, family time, therapy and leisure activity. MHIB’s HDCs are located in 18 counties and in all regions of the state. The Maryland Horse Industry Board trusts that if a person is interested in meeting a horse in a fun and positive way, these Horse Discovery Centers are our first recommendation! We are grateful for these partners across the state.

Horse Discovery Centers

A Moment In Time Farm • Camp Letts • Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding • Clark’s Elloak Farm • Coexist Stables
Days End Farm Horse Rescue • Dun-Pikin Farm • En-Tice-Ment Stables at Obligation Farm • Fairwinds Farm and Stables
Freedom Hill Horse Rescue • Full Moon Farm • Good Intentions Farm LLC • Graham Equestrian Center • High Ridge Farm
Holly Ridge Farm Equestrian Center • Linden Farm • Maryland Therapeutic Riding • Mexico Farms Equestrian Center
Molly Hill Farm Paradise Stables • Peaceable Pastures • River Valley Ranch • Rolling Hills Ranch and Freedom Hill
Therapeutic Riding Program • Rose of Sharon Equestrian School • STAR Equestrian Center • Sweet Rock Stables
Taking the Lead • Talbot Run Equestrian Center • Talisman Therapeutic Riding • The Big Purple Barn • The Foxie G
Foundation • The Greenwell Foundation • The Retreat at Beckleysville • Vandermere Farm & Stables
vR Growth and Learning Center • Wellspring of Life Farm • Windy Way Horses • Worthmore Equestrian Center

Horse Discovery Centers offer something for everyone at an introductory level.

English/Dressage, Western, Pony Rides, Pony Parties, Trails, Carriage Rides, Carriage Driving Instruction,
Polo, Polo Cross, Jumping/Arena, Eventing, Jousting, Vaulting, Horsemanship, Boarding, Agritourism,
Therapeutic Riding and Therapeutic Horsemanship, plus more!

Horse Discovery Center Events held over 450 events and introduced over 112,000 adults and children to horses in 2021. These events included:
Open Barns, Trail Rides, Horsemanship Lessons, Yoga, Introductory Lessons, Pony Rides, Pony Parties, Field Trips, Scouts and many more.

2021 Fairs and Festivals including Horselands at the Maryland State Fair, Maryland 5 Star, Anne Arundel Co. Fair, Carroll Co. Fair, Cecil Co. Fair, Manchester Fair, Frederick Co., Unicorn Festival, Fall and Spring Equine Festivals.

50,500 attendees found a connection to horses at public events thanks to our Horse Discovery Centers!