

# Coaching in New England



## Rates

1 ½ hour trip \$200.00 (up to 4 passengers)

1 ½ hour trip \$300.00 (up to 8 passengers)

\$100 deposit required for the reservation.

*This coach and team  
is available for weddings and  
special occasions.*

**1128 Main Street • Ashby, MA**

Route 495 – to exit 31, route 119 West • 25 miles

Route 3 – Exit 35, route 113 West to route 119 West • 9 miles

From Boston – route 2 West to route 31 in Fitchburg, North to route 119

• 55 minutes from Worcester

• 1 hour 20 minutes from Boston

• 50 minutes from the Merrimack Valley Area

*Ride into the past  
behind a spectacular  
matched pair  
of high stepping  
Canadian Coach Horses  
aboard the coach  
“TENACITY”*



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## *Coaching*

In the late 1800's one of the most popular leisure activities of wealthy socialites was coaching. There were entire venues developed to facilitate the sport of coaching. Such as Acadia in Maine, Shelburne Farm in Vermont, Mohonk in the Hudson Valley of New York, and The Breakers in Rhode Island.

In the cities of the east coast coaching families such as the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers and the Astors developed coaching to an art form, it was basically a party on a coach. These gatherings of gleaming coaches and spirited horses was a virtual Who's Who of American High Society. For the first time since those days the Duffy Family of Laurel Ridge Farm is offering folks a chance to re-live these festive outings from a time gone by. These coaching excursions travel through some of the most picturesque countryside in New England. Through the small village of Ashby, MA in the hill country of Western Middlesex County. These outings are only by appointment and are strictly private.

The coach can accommodate up to eight passengers. Hors d'oeuvres will be aboard during your trip. You are welcome to supply your own wine. Sporting attire is requested but not demanded.

## *About the Horses*

The horses are Clydesdale Hackney crosses that were bred in Ontario Canada. These horses are revered for their strength, stamina, good nature and stylish way of going. They are brought in from Canada as young horses and are painstakingly trained by the Duffy Family.

## *About Your Driver*

Bill Duffy has driven and trained carriage and coach horses for over 35 years. His reputation as a horseman and driver are well known throughout the US. His foremost concern is for the safety of his passengers and horses.

