

FORT MEADE REMOUNT ENDURANCE RIDE

PRE-RIDE INFORMATION

We hope you have a great ride and we want try to make that happen.

Please read the following information before the start of the ride. You are responsible for knowing this information! Things are always subject to change, please attend meeting to find out latest plan

Ride Camp: There is water in camp for horses and people. The spigot by the vault toilet has potable water. There are vault toilets in camp. Cell service in camp is fairly good on verizon. You should have some cell service on most of the trail.

TRAIL: The trail consists of three loops. It is marked with pie plates, pin flags, ribbon flagging, and survey flags and painted arrows on the ground. All flagging is pink.

The 50 milers will do loops 1, 2, & 3. The 25 milers will do loops 1 & 2.

Most of the trail is on single and two track designated trail, with just a few miles thru cow pasture. It is well marked. In the cow pasture the Black Hills National Cemetery side you will follow the 4 wheeler track and flags thru the grassy area.

The crossing of the Black Hills National Cemetery is a privilege they have given us, ONLY during the official ride, to keep us safe so we do not have to ride the side of the service road and cross the railroad track. All riders must **WALK** (you do not have to dismount) thru the cemetery alongside the road. No photography or weapons allowed in the cemetery. A volunteer will be at the start of the passage.

All trails will be in a **Counterclockwise** direction.

There is a map of the ride in the ride office if you want a "visual" of the layout of the trail, or take a picture of it on your phone. THE TRAIL IS VERY WELL-MARKED SO YOU SHOULDN'T NEED A MAP! There is alot wildlife on the trails, and cows near ride camp, please watch for them.

START TIMES: The 50 miler will start at 6:30am on Saturday and Sunday. The 25 milers will start at 7:00 am Saturday and Sunday. Hopefully the earlier start will help you beat the heat. We will call roll at 10 minutes before start and give any last minute instructions.

We will start on the road outside of camp in a semi-controlled start, walking until the first turn into the grassy area. The fun/intro riders will start at 10:00 a.m.

CONTROL CHECKS: All Vet checks will be in ride camp. The 50 milers will have two 1 hour holds and the 25 milers will have a 1 hour hold. Please have your vet cards out for the timers. There will be water outside of the P & R area and there will also be sponge tubs. Please do not crew your horse inside the P & R area or the vet check area. Pulse criteria will be 64 for all vet checks (unless otherwise stated, please confirm at the start) Make sure you see the out timer when you leave the check to give them your out time.

Have your cards out for the P & R takers. Be sure to move into the P & R area and out of the lane so as not to block the flow of horse traffic. If no P & R is available, please go straight to the vet.

VETTING IN: We will vet horses in at 4:00 pm until dark Friday and Saturday. Any remaining horses will be vetted in the morning starting at 6:00 am. Please let us know if you will need a morning vet check.

FINISH & BC-For the 50 milers we will set up a finish line outside of camp so that it is safe should there be a race. Please give your card to the timer so that they can record your completion time. (After the 1st 10 riders have completed, we will finish the remainder of the riders back at the vet check.) There will be no ties for awards. All 25 milers will finish at the P & R area and **your time does not stop** until your horse recovers to a 60 pulse. Take your card to the In/Out timer when your P/R time has been recorded by the P/R personnel so that they can record your finishing time.

ALL horses must reach pulse criteria within 30 minutes of completing the ride. If you are riding the 50 miler and you are presenting for completion immediately after finishing the ride, the vets can record your pulse and time. If you are not going directly to the vet when you finish, you should have the P/R takers record your pulse and time and then you can return anytime during the remainder of the hour for your completion evaluation. Pulse criteria for the 50 is 64 and 60 for the 25 milers. Top ten horses in each distance may show for Best Condition. Before leaving the vetting area, please weigh in. The In/OUT timer will record your weight for BC.

(NOTE: if you want your horse considered for BC, make sure you weigh in otherwise you will not be considered)

NEW RIDERS AND ROOKIES- If you are a first time rider or rookie and you are not sure of something or you need some help, ASK! We want you to have an enjoyable time plus learn about the sport of endurance riding. We can take you through the vet check process prior to the ride or help you with any other aspect of the ride. Please let us know at registration if this is your first ride, we want to help!

DINNER & AWARDS: We will have dinner around 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Riders receive one meal with their ride entry. Additional dinners are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 10. Awards will follow dinner. **If you have to leave before the awards, please see the ride management before you go and pick up your completion award as we can not mail completion awards, or arrange for someone to pick it up for you.**

Have a good ride, take care of yourself and your horses. Enjoy the trail and please ask any volunteer if you have questions.

(Let's hope it doesn't but if something isn't right-the sooner your horse gets veterinary care, the better the likely outcome. Remember, you are responsible for your horse's safety and well-being, so seek help immediately!)

***Should your horse require veterinary treatment of any kind, it is your responsibility to take care of payment before you leave the ride site. Should your horse require further treatment off site, you are responsible for making arrangement for payment of ride vets.**

Rules for public lands - A full list is available at the office but the highlights are:

BLM, Fort Meade Recreation Area, and Black Hills National Cemetery Rules.

All dogs must be leashed

Weed free hay must be feed while staying on Black Hills Public Lands.

No metal detectors in the Ft Meade Recreation area.

No firearms in the Fort Meade area.

No firearms or photography in the Black Hills National Cemetery.