



Iron Horse Endurance Rides

September 18 & 19, 2020

Friday 50 & 25 Mile Rides

Saturday 100, 75 Elevator, 50, and 25 Mile rides

AERC & OAATS Sanctioned & 2nd Leg of the OD Triple Crown!

Pre-entry is REQUIRED for this ride.

We will be strictly following the COVID plan we have in place for endurance rides held in Ohio and will be as contact free and distanced as possible. The ride will be limited to 80 unique riders, a rider may ride both days on the same for a different horse. *(This number may be increased depending on those sharing a trailer.)*

***You may reserve a spot in the ride for a non-refundable \$75 deposit, hoodie and extra shirt costs MUST be paid with your deposit.**

***ALL FEES AND FULLY COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

***Reservations/Entries will be taken until the ride is full, if you paid the deposit and do not have your payment into us by 9/1 you risk losing your spot in the ride. Once paid, entries and camping are non-refundable unless the ride can't be held.**

***Horse/distance changes may be made up until the start of the ride, please let us know as soon as possible.**

***Your paperwork MUST be mailed or EMAILED AS A PDF, sorry no photos, messages, or texts.**

***Entry must include signed release, entry form, copy of your coggins, and any food orders.**

***See release for COVID related refund policy.**

***Hoof Protection Required for this ride!**

EVENTS: On Friday September 18th we will be holding 50 mile endurance ride and a 25 mile limited distance ride. On Saturday September 19st we will be holding a 100 mile endurance ride, a 75 mile elevator endurance ride, a 50 mile endurance ride and a 25 mile limited distance ride. The 75 mile endurance ride will finish in camp, riders passing the vet check may make the decision to elevate to the 100 mile ride at that time. The 50 mile rides will vary over the two days.

TRAIL: The course will be held entirely on the bridle trails of Wayne National Forest, this is a change from last year. Trail will consist primarily of dirt trail, with short sections of forestry road, and the possibility of some paved country roads depending on trail conditions the week of the ride. Trails are well maintained, beautiful, challenging, but very doable. With the exception of less than a mile, the course can be driven with a RTV. Good water, either natural or manned, will be available on course every 5 to 6 miles. LED marking will be used for the last 25 miles of 100 trail. All checks in camp. For the 100 and 75 mile riders, ride management will provide lunch, an assortment of hays and grains for horses and drinks and snacks for riders at various points along the trail. We plan on having crews on trail for you at certain areas.

CAMP: Our basecamp will be Elkins Creek Horse Camp (www.elkinscreekhorsecamp.com). Elkins is a privately owned horse camp and will be closed to the public during our event. Base camp has showers, flush toilets, a shelter house, 100 stalls (bedding not provided but is available for sale or bring your own), electric campsites, ice, propane, and tack shop. There is no cell service in camp, but there is a land line you may use for short calls and emergencies. **WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO BE AS SELF-CONTAINED AS POSSIBLE. All reservations must be made through ride management and will be accommodated first come first served with rider entry.**

Camping Options:

- Electric Field Camping - There are 16 electric sites available in the electric field (bring a long extension cord) that will have room for small pens and have picket lines.
- Electric Camp Area Camping - There are 35 campsites with electric in camp and another 10 without electric but for smaller rigs, you must use stalls for all camping in the "camp" area. Camping in this area is a little snug but it's very close to the vet area and facilities etc.
- Primitive Camping – There are primitive sites at the end of the electric field with area for smaller pens and there is a large field for primitive camping and more room for pens. Recommend for trailers of 30' (floor length) or less.

FOOD: Due to health department restrictions we are not allowed to offer any group meals, buffets, shared meals etc. So as an *OPTION* for you and those with you, we're having a cook come in and sell meals for those interested. Completely up to you, she's a wonderful cook. Prices are on the entry form. Please give us an estimated headcount ASAP, they have to order containers for the food by the middle of August.

COMMUNICATION: If you have questions please feel free to call my cell number, 513-315-5907. If I don't answer please leave a message, unless I'm out of cell range I usually respond very quickly. You can text me at the same number, and you can email at mkrumlaw@webcincy.com, Facebook messenger is "not" my preferred method of communication and it's not guaranteed to get to me in a timely manner. I will leave for base camp on Monday September 16th at 8:00 am and will no longer be available by cell. After Monday you can call the camp ground between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm EST (unless of course it's an emergency).

VETERINARY STAFF: Head Vet: Maureen Fehrs, DVM, Additional Line Judges: Mike Habel, DVM, Sarah Tegtmeier, DVM. Treatment available on site.

OTHER STUFF:

- Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash and you must clean up after them for obvious reasons.
- Coggins are required for ALL horses, please send a copy with your entry.
- Farrier will be on the grounds from Thursday at noon until Sunday morning.
- Campground opens at noon on Wednesday 9/16. Please let me know beforehand if you plan on arriving earlier.
- Hospitals and other civilization about 12 to 20 miles from camp depending on destination.
- Elkin's has city water and will allow you to fill tanks for a small fee.

CREWS/GUESTS: At present crews will be strictly limited to 1 per rider and they must stay in your crew area or at your campsite when not crewing. Crews MUST sign a campground/ride release as part of YOUR registration.

DIRECTIONS: ***PRETTY PLEASE ONLY COME THIS WAY***, All rigs must come in from state route 141 to Aid, OH and turn West on county road 8 near at Symmes Valley School. 141 is slow going so plan accordingly. Also use caution as there are Amish buggies on these roads. At the school (also a small cemetery at the corner) take county road 8 (West), five (5) miles up to camp. Note: Stay straight once you turn onto 8 and it will take you to camp. You'll start on county road 8 as it merges into county road 5 and you will then veer right onto TWP RD 245 East (Look for signs that says Elkins Creek Horse Camp and Tack Shop, LLC) and follow the signs. There is no cell service in the general area of camp because it's down in a valley so you can't use cellular GPS.