

BILTMORE™
Equestrian Center

and



present

Fall Ride at Biltmore to benefit Hope for Horses

September 24 and 25, 2021

75, 50, 30 and 25 Mile Distances

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The Biltmore Equestrian Center located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Estate in Asheville, NC, will host the Biltmore Fall Endurance Ride to Benefit Hope for Horses on September 24 and 25, 2021. 75-mile (Saturday only) and 50-mile endurance; and 30-mile (Saturday) and 25-mile (Friday) limited distance rides will be offered. All riders will be entered in the AERC Open or Limited Distance category.

Built in 1895, the Estate trails promise a challenging ride along the French Broad River and over rolling hills and low mountains. We recommend that all horses have hoof protection, and potentially a pad. Breast collars/cruppers may be helpful. Each loop will circle back to a central judging area adjacent to the main camping area. Weather is typically 'ok' in late September with average highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.

Once again, we will be using trails on the West Side of the French Broad with some excellent views of the House. At this time, we have over 40 miles of marked trail on the West Side that we exploit.

LENGTH OF STAY PASSES. As part of the need for security on the Estate, and to provide a more official mode of access for attendees to the Estate grounds, entry will require a name pre-supplied to the gate security staff. Entry fees for the ride automatically include the rider and one named crew member for the 'gate list'. Entry must be via the main gate. On the Estate, including at the ride site, colored wristbands will be required to be worn as visible proof of permission, and can be used for re-entry. Additional permits may be purchased for additional named crew members for \$55 each.

Note: Children 16 years old and under are free, but still must be on the gate list and wear the wristbands.

ENTRY FORMS/PAYMENT: Please return entry form and signed waiver with your full fee. All entry fees are due by September 17 (closing date). That is, any entry not paid by September 17 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed, and \$40 late fee will apply). Fees are fully refundable if cancelled prior to September 19 close of business; then except for \$50 through September 21, then 50% if between September 22 until arrival. After arrival, at management discretion. You **MUST** supply Coggins test papers valid through September 26 if at all possible ahead of time, but at check-in under unusual circumstances. Non-AERC members must pay day fee of \$15. Payment by credit card will incur additional charges (roughly 5%). Questions? Contact Elizabeth McLean at emclean@biltmore.com or 828-225-1454 or the BEC office at equestrian@biltmore.com.

CAMP: Camping is primitive in large open pastures. Corrals are limited to 15' by 15'. No camper hook-ups; city water at hydrants; Portajons. Open fires are prohibited; charcoal grills OK. Dogs **MUST** be ON LEASH at all times and confined (not tied) when you are riding. Multiple motels / restaurants within 2 miles. On first-call-to-reserve basis, we have 6 stalls @ \$50/day in the Guest Barn including shavings and muck-out; some large paddocks @ \$30/day/horse (about ½ mile from camp); some paddocks @ \$50 day/horse close to the action; 6 pipe pens @ \$20/day; and stalls at the Event barn, close to the action at \$50 / horse / day, dry stall, shavings \$10/bag, no muck out. Reservations must be made through the BEC office at 828-225-1454 or equestrian@biltmore.com.

Camp opens on Wednesday, September 22. If you plan to arrive earlier, please indicate it on entry form and be prepared to pay extra camping and trail fees. All entry to the grounds will be through the MAIN GATE of Biltmore Estate (open 24 hrs). Everyone will also exit through the main gate. All crew must be named on the entry form or emailed to the Ride Secretary. All entering the Estate must have individual names on the Gate List ahead of time.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP: If approaching Asheville from the EAST on I-40, take Exit 50B, US 25 NORTH. Follow signs to entrance to Biltmore Estate, turning right off exit ramp and moving into the LEFT lane to prepare for the turn into Estate Entrance.

If approaching Asheville from the WEST on I-40, take Exit 50, turn LEFT off the exit ramp at the light, following signs to Biltmore Estate Main Entrance. Stay in the left lane after your merge into traffic. If approaching Asheville from the SOUTH on I-26, continue to the junction with I-40 EAST. After you get on I-40, take Exit 50 and follow directions as above.

If approaching Asheville from the NORTH on I-26, get onto I-240 EAST to I-40 WEST. Take Exit 50B, and follow the directions above.

Pass through the first archway (Lodge Gate), and go "straight" past the Ticket Booth. Follow signs to "Horse Event" or BEC making several turns. Watch for oncoming traffic and stay well to the right side of road. Cross the large stone bridge and go straight onto gravel road, which will bear right, allowing turn for large trailers. Signs will direct you to camp area near the outdoor arena. You can also park in the 'overflow' camping at the Day Rider camping field. Do NOT try to drive through fields before you get to camp area.

All entry and exit must be through the main entrance to the Estate.

RULES: All AERC/SERA rules apply to Open riders. Equines must be at least 60 mos. old for 50; 48 mos. old for LD. No Juniors on stallions. Rules regarding discourtesy to officials and protest procedures are per AERC Rules and failure to observe them may result in disqualification. Ties allowed. A dead heat will be decided by coin toss or rider agreement.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED whenever mounted. No exceptions. **SMOKING:** Smoking is prohibited on trails; OK in camp or at judging check.

Organizing Committee

Elizabeth McLean, Ride Manager

Cheryl Newman, Ride Secretary

Mason Wood, Trail Master

Jennifer Troeger, Ride Volunteer Coordinator

Planned Control Judges

Ann Stuart, Head Control Judge

Duane Barnett, Art King, Nick Kohut, Ken Marcella

Treatment: Lynne Johnson, Bob Marshall assisting

JUDGING CRITERIA: Control checks will all be 'gate into hold', with 64 pulse requirement, unless control judge staff determines otherwise. For non-finish checks, the equine must meet this criteria within 30 min of arrival at check or be disqualified. Horses must be judged 'fit to continue'. Other criteria, including exit exam, may be included and would be announced either in rider packet or at rider meeting if weather is a factor.

Finishing criteria will be Fit to Continue including recovery. For AERC open completion, recovery is topulse rate of 64 within 50 minutes of finish or whatever the head control judge specifies at the ride briefing (this allows for 20 minutes to walk to camp). As soon as pulse is down, the equine may be brought for the final exam, but **MUST** be presented within the allotted time to avoid disqualification.

Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) may be used, including final vetting and Best Condition.

JUDGE DECISIONS ARE FINAL

FIT TO CONTINUE: The equine must be metabolically stable. There must be no gait aberration that is consistently observable under all circumstances that results in pain or threatens immediate athletic performance, exam to be conducted at trot (or equivalent), straight out and back, without prior flexion or palpation. Any soreness or wounds that affect equine's ability to go on may be cause for non-completion.

An equine may not have received prohibited (AERC Rule 13) medical treatment by a vet or layman prior to final exam. An equine must not be in need of medical treatment for a soundness or metabolic problem. An equine that a ride control judge advises should be treated, but treatment is refused by rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as an equine that has been treated and disallowed completion.

FARRIER: Jeff Pauley

MASSAGE:

Equine: Michelle Blankenship

Human: Nancy MacDonald

AWARDS: Completion awards for all riders. Top 10, Best Condition (BC) and 1st-to-Finish Awards; First Junior, Team awards, plus other awards as sponsored.

FOOD: All meals are extra (none are included in the ride entry). Tickets are \$25 for each dinner (Thursday and Friday available) and all proceeds from these go to Hope for Horses. No meal is offered on Saturday.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday	September 21, 2021	Tba	Zoom meeting trail briefing for all
Wednesday	September 22, 2021	noon	Camp Opens
Thursday	September 23, 2021	1pm-4pm	Registration
		2pm-5pm	Vet-In for Friday
		6:00pm	Rider Q and A for Friday
		6:30pm	Dinner
Friday	September 24, 2021	7:00am	Start 50-mile
		8:00am	Start 25-mile LD
		1pm-4pm	Registration
		2pm-5pm	Vet-In for Saturday
		2:00pm	Finish 25-mile LD
		6:00pm	Rider Q and A for Saturday
		7:00pm	Awards for Friday
		7:00pm	Finish 50-mile
		7:15pm	Dinner
Saturday	September 25, 2021	7:00am	Start 75-mile
		7:00am	Start 50-mile
		8:00am	Start 30-mile LD
		3:15pm	Finish 30-mile LD
		7:00pm	Finish 50-mile
		7:30pm	Awards 30 and 50 (maybe)
Sunday	September 26, 2021	1:00am	Finish 75-mile
		8:30am	Awards 75-mile; maybe 30 and Sa 50

Most Importantly, this ride is a fund raiser to benefit Hope for Horses.



Founded in 1999, Hope for Horses provides a number of services to equines in western North Carolina including finding secure, permanent homes for horses of any type, including the elderly and lame as well as those who are strong and sound; providing a safe refuge to neglected and abused horses during rehabilitation time; reducing the number of horses bought by killer buyers and taken to slaughter and to provide horse owners with an alternative to selling their horses where the ultimate fate of the horse is often unknown; educating the public about the importance of responsible horse ownership and to increase public awareness about the horse slaughter industry. They also manage a hay bank, a blanket bank, and a Horse Match program to assist owners with finding homes for horses they may no longer be able to support.

All sponsorships for this ride, whether cash or in kind, will be credited to Hope for Horses. All proceeds from the dinner on Friday night will also go directly to this amazing organization.

We are also having a contest to see who can raise the most funds! All riders are encouraged to donate \$100 to Hope for Horses during the ride. This can come from yourself or your family and friends. The top three people who raises the most funds will receive one of the prizes detailed below.

To ease our accounting process, we request that all contest donations be delivered directly to the Hope for Horses representatives who will be manning an information table at the ride. They will be tallying the results and the winners will be announced at the Awards on Saturday evening.



Biltmore Fall Endurance Ride To Benefit Hope For Horses

DONATION SPONSORSHIP FORM

We encourage *at least* a \$100 sponsorship donation
Please help us help horses in need in Western North Carolina

You can provide the entire sponsorship yourself or ask friends and family to sponsor you.
Try this - Ask 5 people for \$20 each or 20 people for \$5 each = \$100 - It's easy!

Great prizes for the Top 3 best fundraisers!

1st - tbd

2nd -tbd

3rd -tbd

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Individual Gold Sponsor \$600 _____

Individual Silver Sponsor \$400 _____

Individual Bronze Sponsor \$200 _____

Total of ALL sponsorships collected: _____

Print more forms if you run out of room.

Always include email addresses for tax receipts

Entry form for Fall Ride at Biltmore 2021 to Benefit Hope for Horses

25 mi / 50 mi -- September 24 (Friday)
30 mi / 50 mi / 75 mi -- September 25 (Saturday)

RIDER NAME: _____ AERC #: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ST/ZIP _____
 PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL (**PRINT!!**) _____
 BIRTHDATE OF JY RIDER: _____ SPONSOR OF JR _____
 HORSE NAME: _____ HORSE AERC #: _____
 AGE: _____ COLOR: _____ BREED: _____ REG.# _____ SEX: _____
 OWNER NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: (_____) _____
 EXPECTED DAY/TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____ DAY OF DEPARTURE: _____

➔ **RIDES ENTERED** (circle) at most one ride / day – if entering multiple horses, please use 1 form / horse):

Fri†	AERC LD 25	AERC Open 50	
	SR-\$145 JY-\$110	SR-\$150/ JY-\$120	
Sat†	AERC LD 30	AERC Open 50	AERC Open 75
	SR-\$145 JY-\$110	SR-\$150/ JY-\$120	SR-\$190 / JY-\$145

JY: 21 years old and younger. AERC junior (16 and under) sponsorship rules still apply.

Fees Include: Rider's (1) Length of Stay fees, (2) Camp fees for 3 nights, (3) use of Biltmore trails ride day and day prior (4) Length of Stay fees for one named crew member (children 16 and under are free, but must have names on gate list). **Note:** no meals are included in entry fees.

Entry Fees† from above (Friday + Saturday)		\$
Add \$15 / ride if not AERC member		
Camp fee at \$30/rig/night for more than three nights camping (3 nights included in ride fee)	#	\$
Crew Member (name _____)		\$0
Additional crew members (\$55 each) (names _____)	#	\$
Thursday Dinner (\$25 each, no meals included in entry fees)	#	\$
Friday Dinner (\$25 each, no meals included in entry fees)	#	\$
Direct Donation for Hope for Horses (501C3)		\$
Total		\$
LATE FEE OF \$40 if entry fees are not in management's hands by September 17		\$
ALL remaining basic fees due September 17 (closing date) (any entry not paid by September 17 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed)). Absolutely NO post entries.		\$

Saturday night: no meal offered

Cancellation fees: \$50 kept if cancelled after Sat Sep 19 close of business but before Sep 21. 50% if after Sep 21 until arrival on premises unless rider choice due to weather. On premises, circumstances dictate. For details, please check ride web site.

Please make checks† payable to

BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Mail to

Cheryl Newman, 41 Pisgah View Ranch Road, Candler, NC 28715
Email: cherylnewman@charter.net

ALL: SIGN FIRST LIABILITY ON NEXT PAGE! SEND COPY OF NEGATIVE COGGINS CURRENT TO 9/26/21

Questions? Call Cheryl Newman at 828- 665-1531; or e-mail: cherylnewman@charter.net

or call the Biltmore Equestrian Center 828-225-1454 or equestrian@biltmore.com

* Note: Additional people who are already passholders of Biltmore don't need Length of Stay passes.

† For payment by credit card, contact **both** BEC (they will process) and Cheryl, extra fees apply (fn(distance)).

THE FOLLOWING RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED FOR ENTRY TO BE VALID!

Statement of Rider Liability Waiver

I wish to enter and participate in the Fall Ride at Biltmore to Benefit Hope for Horses, to be held on Thursday through Sunday, Sept 23-26, 2021. I have read the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. As a participant in the Fall Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of all *applicable* sanctioning organizations, including American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), Southeast Endurance Riders Association (SERA), Southeast Distance Riders Association (SEDRA), and the aforementioned ride.

I hereby knowingly execute this waiver of the right to sue and do hereby agree to assume all risks associated with participation in the ride, sponsored by the Biltmore Equestrian Center and Biltmore Company, or in riding on the premises.

I agree that my participation in the ride involves certain inherent risks, which include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) horseback riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas can have many natural and man-made hazard which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate, these hazardous surface/subsurface conditions including such things as rocks, trees, puddles, streams, fences, jumps and/or other hard objects and/or holes, divots, ledges which could cause an equine to trip and/or fall and/or could strike a participant who falls from or is thrown from an equine; (2) that horses can behave in unpredictable ways which can result in accidents to anyone at any time, resulting in injury, severe injury, or death; (3) that an equine's reactions to sound, movements, objects, vehicles, persons, animals, scents or insects cannot be predicted. I agree to take full responsibility for myself/my child, and the animal I/my child is riding. I will hold harmless the AERC, SERA, SEDRA its officers and all individual members thereof, Biltmore Equestrian Center, its employees, all ride personnel, Biltmore Company, any of its affiliated companies, Biltmore Farms, Inc. and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in this ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss, including that due to negligence not caused by wanton or willful misconduct of Biltmore Company, and the Biltmore Equestrian Center, or ride personnel. This release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and I expressly waive any benefits that I may otherwise have under provisions of the law of North Carolina relating to the release of known claims. I understand that this release constitutes a limitation on my legal rights. Any action instituted against Biltmore Company or Biltmore Farms, Inc must be filed in the State of North Carolina. Under North Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities (Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes). I hereby certify that my horse is not under the influence of medication and will not be treated with or given any medications prohibited by AERC rules. I also hereby give permission to AERC or its duly appointed agent to take any appropriate action deemed necessary to check for possible administration of drugs to my horse. The undersigned verifies acceptance of risks and responsibilities for rider's and horses' conditions and certifies that all information on this form is correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ASSIGNS.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS.

Dated: _____

• Rider's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider (please print): _____

• Horse Owner's Signature (if not rider): _____

Horse Owner's Name (please print): _____

CONSENT FOR JUNIOR RIDERS

I accept all AERC/ SERA/SEDRA rules that apply to my entry and recognize the ability of this Junior to substitute a sponsor during the ride as allowed and, in my absence, consent to emergency medical treatment or aid to said Junior rider.

Name of Junior Rider: _____

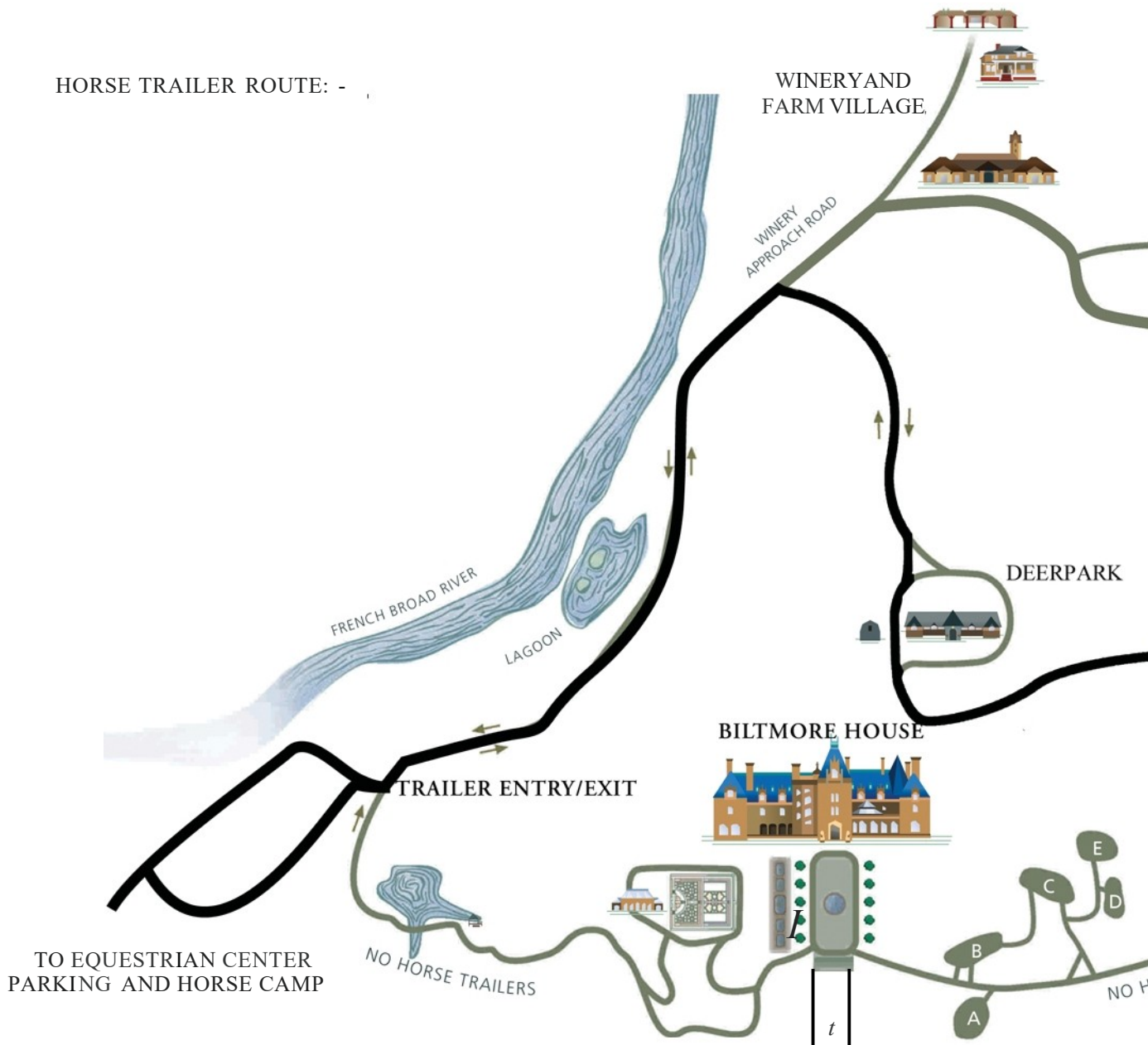
• Signed: (parent/guardian): _____

Name of parent/guardian: PRINT _____

Dated: _____

BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER HORSE TRAILER ENTRY

HORSE TRAILER ROUTE: -

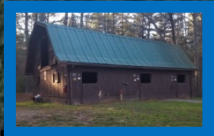




AREA MAP



BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER EVENT



ADDITIONAL STABLING IN OUR
GUEST BARN, PADDOCKS, AND
PENS AVAILABLE

B4	B5	B6
B1	B2	B3

UPTO 3/4 MILES FROM EVENT
COMPLEX

