

BILTMORE™

Equestrian Center

**Biltmore Fall Endurance Ride
to Benefit Hope for Horses**

October 26, 2019

50 Mile and 25 Mile Limited Distance

AERC SERA SEDRA



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 October 26, 2019. 50 mile endurance and 25 mile limited distance rides will be offered. All riders will be entered in the AERC Open or Limited Distance category. In addition, we will have team competition in all distances.

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 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 mild in late October with average highs in the mid-upper 60s and lows in the mid-40s.

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 October 16 (closing date). That is, any entry not paid by October 16 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed, and \$40 late fee will apply). Fees are fully refundable if cancelled prior to October 21 close of business; then except for \$50 through October 23, then 50% if between October 24-25 (but pre-arrival). After that, at management discretion. You **MUST** supply Coggins test papers valid through October 27, 2019 at check-in or send a copy in advance. 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.

TEAM COMPETITION: Open to all riders in all competitions. So, form your own team of three or four riders, with time for the top three finishers on each team counting towards awards. This is a good opportunity to practice team riding.... Check out how strategy and opportunities change in this environment! Entry at ride registration or ahead of time (send an email), no additional fees. At least two teams must be formed at a distance to qualify for a team competition.

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) and some paddocks @ \$50 day/horse close to the action, 6 pipe pens @ \$20/day.

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 Thursday, October 24. 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. If you have extra vehicle driving with you, please note driver name on entry form. 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. 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

Stagg Newman, Trail Master

Mason Wood, Assistant (to the) Trail Master

Whitney Wright, Hope for Horses Executive Director, Ride Volunteer Coordinator

Planned Control Judges

Ann Stuart, Head Control Judge

Nancy Kay

JUDGING CRITERIA: Control checks will all be 'gate into hold', with 64 pulse requirement, unless control judge staff determines otherwise. For non-finish checks, for AERC 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 to pulse rate of 64 within the 30 minute time limit. 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 a equine that has been treated and disallowed completion.

FARRIER: TBD

MASSAGE:

Equine: TBD

Human: TBD

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

FOOD: All meals are extra (none are included in the ride entry). Tickets are \$20 for Friday dinner and all proceeds from this meal go to Hope for Horses. No meal is offered on Saturday.

Thursday	October 24, 2019	12pm	Camp Opens
Friday	October 25, 2019	11am-4pm	Registration
		1pm-5pm	Vet-In
		5:30pm	Rider Meeting
		6:30pm	Dinner
Saturday	October 26, 2019	7:30am	Start 50-mile
		8:30am	Start 25-mile LD
		2:30pm	Finish 25-mile LD
		3pm	25-mile LD Awards
		7:30pm	Finish 50-mile 50-mile Awards