


## LEGEND AND SUMMARY OF BEC BLUE TRAIL

**BLUE** figure eight counterclockwise southern loop and clockwise northern loop with short, medium, and long options

Short 5.5Mi  counterclockwise loop — lighter blue dots on map; the southern loop

Medium 12.5 Mi  clockwise loop—darker blue line on map; the northern loop

Long 18.0 Mi  combines two loops above; last two miles of each loop is shared

**BLUE SHORT:** From the outdoor riding arena, start upstream on gravel River Rd. Trail turns left away from river in less than a mile. Trail runs mainly uphill for over a mile through woods before starting descent. Just after starting descent, trail turns left to share the next 3.2 mi with the last part of BLUE MEDIUM loop. Trail crosses Dingle Creek, and continues through woods. Trail comes out of woods below indoor arena and descends on gravel road to horse paddocks near outdoor arena and comes to start of BLUE MEDIUM trail. To return to outdoor arena in 0.1 mile, turn sharp left. To continue to onto BLUE MEDIUM, veer half right.

**BLUE MEDIUM.** From east side of the outdoor riding arena, take the gravel road that turns left toward the BEC parking lot to start the loop. Turn left at next intersection at BEC parking lot, go out to intersection with River Rd. and turn right downstream. Go past *Day Trailer Parking* in 0.4 miles from the start of BLUE MEDIUM and continue on River Rd. to the lagoon, do a right button-hook turn, cross wooden bridge, go through open fields, and continue on gravel road and then trail along edge of woods, passing behind *Day Trailer Parking* area. Continue between horse paddocks and woods, turn left uphill into woods. Trail runs through woods and briefly joins a gravel road just at just over 7 miles. (Shorter option: continue down the gravel road back to BEC and on to the outdoor arena in 0.6 miles for a 7.6 Mi loop.) Turn left uphill from the gravel road, continue through woods, cross Dingle Creek, go uphill parallel to Blue Ridge Parkway. Turn right to join shared 3.2 Mi trail

**BLUE LONG.** Start out on BLUE Short, and transition as described above onto BLUE MEDIUM. BLUE LONG has a 3.2 mi stretch that is repeated at the end of BLUE SHORT and BLUE MEDIUM (see map).

**STARTING AND FINISHING AT DAY TRAILING PARKING.** The BLUE SHORT trail can be accessed where the trail passes the *Day Trailer Parking* area along River Rd 0.4 miles from start. Upon reaching the outdoor riding BLUE MEDIUM trail. Riders can directly access the BLUE SHORT trail by taking the main trail behind the camp and following the red arrows to the outdoor riding arena for a 6.3-mile ride.

**Trails marked with black arrows on blue diamonds. Markers attached to trees or stakes.**



At turns, expect one or more warning arrows before the turn. Turn arrow for Blue Trail.



There are confirming straight arrows after turns. Confirming arrow for Blue Trail.



There are occasional “go straight” arrows along the trail. Straight arrow for Blue Trail.



Blue octagons with **large black X mean wrong way** for the Blue Trail. Do not pass.

—— Paved roads on estate.      - - - Gravel Roads on Biltmore Estate

### SUPER IMPORTANT FOR SAFETY

***If you meet any carriage or guided trail ride group, you MUST come to a walk or halt and wait for instructions from the Trail Guide before passing.***

***In congested areas, for example the lagoon and Big Rock, please obey all signs about walking or trotting only.***

**Do NOT go into the French Broad River or lagoon/lakes at any point! NO SMOKING ON TRAILS**

**EMERGENCY: Biltmore Security 828-225-1234; Biltmore Equestrian Center 828-225-1454.**