



### **Biltmore Fall Endurance Ride To Benefit Hope for Horses**

**Saturday September 21, 2024: 25 mile LD and 50 mile Endurance  
Introductory Ride**

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**The Biltmore Equestrian Center** located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Estate in Asheville, NC, will host its annual Fall Endurance Ride to Benefit Hope for Horses on September 21, 2024. 25 mile Limited Distance and 50 mile endurance offered. All riders will be entered in the AERC Open or Limited Distance category. In addition, we will have team competition in all distances. Part of your entry fees will be donated to Hope for Horses, our local equestrian rescue, and all of the proceeds from dinner tickets Friday night will be donated.

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 at the 50 mile distance. Breast collars/cruppers may be helpful. Each loop will circle back to a central judging area adjacent to the main camping area. Weather is somewhat unpredictable in late September, but it is usually humid with temperatures in the upper 70s to low 80s.

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 guards. 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 \$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: ONLINE ENTRY ONLY!!!** Entries are due by **September 15, 2024 (closing date)**. That is, any entry not fully paid by September 15 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed, and \$40 late fee will apply). Fees are *fully* refundable if cancelled prior to September 15 close of business; then except for \$50 through September 18, then 50% if between September 19-20 (but pre-arrival). After that, at management discretion. You **MUST** supply Coggins test papers valid through September 22 2024. Non-AERC members must pay day fee of \$20.

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#### Questions

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**TEAM COMPETITION:** Open to all riders in all competitions across both days. 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, 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' per horse. 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, 11 dry stalls at the Event Barn @ \$50/day (no shavings, no muck-out). The Biltmore Equestrian Center phone is: 828–225-1454.

Camp opens on Friday, September 20. 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(s) 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. No ties except for AERC placings. 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.

#### **WHO's WHO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

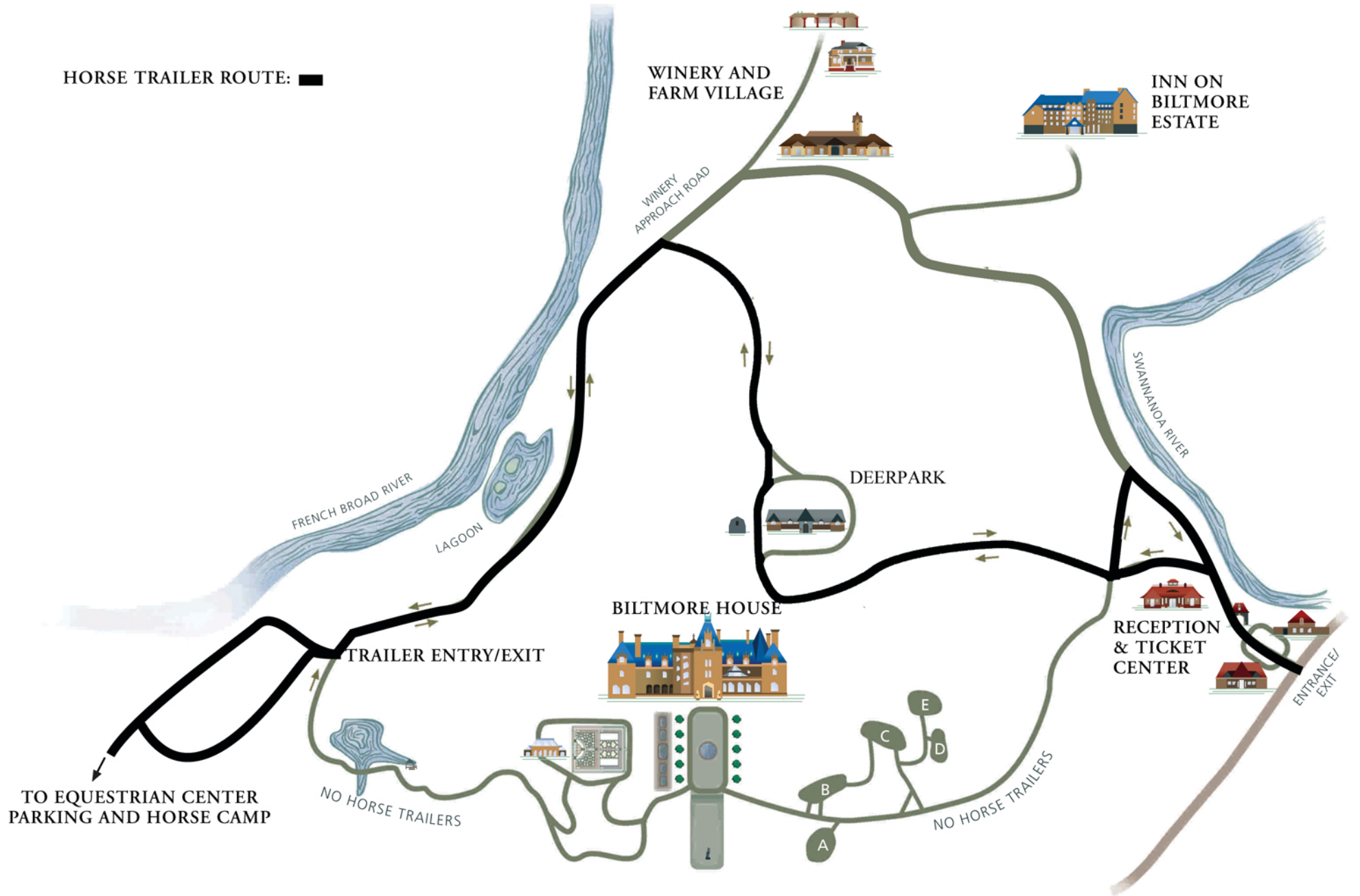
Elizabeth McLean - Ride Manager, Cheryl Newman - Ride Secretary  
Rachel Kelly - Biltmore Equestrian Center Event Coordinator  
Stephanie Laplante, Annie Markley and Stagg Newman – trails

#### **CONTROL JUDGES 2024**

Ann Stuart, Head Control Judge, President Vet Committee  
Vicky Bochynek, Nick Kohut, Tara Conway=  
Kady Neu, Treatment Vet  
**Farrier: TBD**

# BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER HORSE TRAILER ENTRY/EXIT MAP

HORSE TRAILER ROUTE: 



TO EQUESTRIAN CENTER  
PARKING AND HORSE CAMP

NO HORSE TRAILERS

NO HORSE TRAILERS

ENTRANCE/  
EXIT

Endurance Schedule		
Friday		
	8am	Camp opens
	11am	Registration opens
	1-5pm	Vet-In
	6pm	Dinner
	6:30p	Rider Briefing
Saturday		
	6:45am	50-mile check-in
	7am	50-mile start
	7:30am	25-mile check-in
	7:45am	25-mile start
	9:45am	Intro check-in
	10am	Intro start
	1:45pm	25-mile finish
	7pm	50-mile finish
	7pm	Awards

**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 to pulse rate of 64 within time limit described below. 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. Allowance for finish line at 1.2 miles from vetting arena: per AERC rule 6.2: after the walk back to camp all pulses must be down within 30 minutes. 20 minutes allowance for the walk has been agreed between ride management and the head control judge. SO: for all open competitors (non-limited distance) in the open endurance events, the net time post-finish line to get your pulse is 50 minutes. This is allowed at the final discretion of the Veterinary Commission and finalized at the rider briefing, and in the Program of the event. Equines have up to an hour post-finish line to pass non-pulse criteria (that is 10 extra minutes to a net of one hour).

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.

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**FARRIER:** Contact info forthcoming. Please call ahead for Friday appointments

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

**FOOD:** Friday dinner. Catered, \$25.

## We will be hosting a Ride & Tie again this year!

The Ride & Tie competitions will be managed by the same team that organized the National Championships last year. Ride & Tie tentative schedule is posted below. They will be competing on Fri and Sat. [www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org) for more details.

Summary Schedule Endurance and Ride & Tie		
Thursday		
	8am	Camp opens for Ride & Tie
	TBD	R&T Vet-in for Friday races
	TBD	R&T Rider Briefing for Friday races
Friday		
	7am	25-mile R&T start
	7:15am	16-mile R&T start
	8am	Equathon start
		Camp opens for Endurance
	11am	Endurance Registration
	1pm	Endurance Vet-In
	TBD	R&T Fun Run
	TBD	R&T Vet-in for Saturday Races
	TBD	R&T Friday Awards and Saturday Rider Briefing
	6pm	Dinner
	6:30pm	Endurance Rider Briefing
Saturday		
	7am	50-mile Endurance Start
	7:15am	50-mile Ride & Tie Start
	7:45am	25-mile Endurance LD Start
	8:15am	25-mile R&T start
	8:30am	14-mile R&T start
	9:45am	Equathon start
	10am	Endurance Intro start
	TBD	R&T Fun Run
	TBD	R&T Saturday Awards
	7pm	Endurance Awards