



HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT

October 17, 2020

Big Foot Horse Trails McHenry, MS

INTRO / 25 / 50 / 100

Come experience some Mississippi Hospitality at the 6th annual HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT RIDE being held amongst beautiful longleaf pines of the Desoto National Forest in South Mississippi.

CAMP - Ride camp is located in an area with flat easy parking and is primitive camping only. NO HUMAN WATER. There will be horse water available. Trees are available in some areas of camp for those who high tie. Porta potties will be available. No dumpsters available, so if you pack it in, please pack it out. Parking may be tight, so try and minimize your footprint. No generator cut off time due to 100 milers being out. However, be considerate of neighbors and coordinate among yourselves. All COVID related protocols will be in effect, i.e., social distancing, hand washstands, face coverings in close proximity of others, etc. This issue will be addressed at ride meetings which will occur at staggered times, per ride distances, in order to reduce the number of attendees. NO MEALS PROVIDED this year except for volunteers. 100 mile hospitality tent with refreshments will be on site in addition to some refreshments at a designated location on trail. ALL vet checks will occur in camp GPS Coordinates to ride camp 30.6810 -89.0390

TRAILS - Beginner horse and rider friendly. Trails are permanent horse trails and are a combination of single and two tracked. Very little sand, only a couple of hundred feet or so. Gentle rolling hills with hardwood bottoms. There will be some dirt roads, with small gravel, riding on some trails, so shoes are recommended. There will be some lengths of gravel free/reduced shoulders. For those who rode here last year, the trails will be the same. Due to safety, 100 milers' last two loops will be the same loop, as last year, and include dirt / gravel road. Plenty of water on trail with some being natural, pending rain. Helmets are required for Junior riders.

MENTOR PROGRAM - As with last year, for the 100 mile riders, we are offering a \$25.00 mentor discount for any Mentor / competitor that rides with and assists a Mentee throughout the ride. This would mean that you start with, ride with, and finish with a Mentee. Should either the Mentor or the Mentee be pulled or unable to complete the ride, the discount will still be applied. In the case of a Mentor being eliminated, ride management will make every effort to find an alternate Mentor to continue with the Mentee. Should a Mentor and a Mentee elect not to complete the ride together, then the Mentor will not be eligible for the mentor discount and will be required to pay the full entry fee.

ELIGIBILITY - To be eligible for the Mentor discount, a Mentor must have COMPLETED a minimum of ten (10) 100 mile one day rides. If you qualify as a Mentor and would be willing to mentor a "new to 100 mile distance rider" / Mentee, or have any questions please contact us so that we can assist you in pairing up with an appropriate Mentee. As a Mentor, if you already have a Mentee in mind, please list their name where indicated on your entry form.

100 MILE SADDLE - This year all 100 milers who receive a completion will be eligible to win a Specialized Saddle which features a Bigfoot stamped on the fenders sponsored by David & Tracey Kaden. Mentors will be given 2 entries and Mentees will receive one entry to be drawn Sunday morning at the awards meeting. Pictures of saddle may be located on AERC Facebook page. To reiterate, a Completion is mandatory.

Tee shirts for completions. Include your size on entry form & send in early to better assure availability or contact ride manager Jane Lee via text, e-mail or FB Messenger.

RIDE MANAGER - JANE LEE

FaceBook : Jane Bonner Lee

Email : Leapingarab@gmail.com

Phone,text: 601-347-1850

Mail entries to :

Eric Rueter

11045 Friendsville Rd.

Lenoir City, TN 37772

NAME_____ **AERC#**_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Email_____ **Phone**_____

Emergency Contact_____ **Phone**_____

Weight Division _____

Junior Birthday_____ **Sponsor**_____

Horse Name_____ **AERC#**_____ **Age***_____

Tee Shirt Size _____ (S, M, L, XL)

ENTRY FEES:

100 mile non Mentor \$175.00_____

100 mile Junior \$125.00_____

100 mile Mentor \$150.00_____ (MENTEE's Name)_____

50 mile \$100.00_____

25 mile \$100.00_____

Junior (25 & 50) \$60.00_____

Intro ride \$60.00_____

Non AERC member \$15.00_____

Total \$ _____

No refund once horse has been vetted in.

* MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JANE LEE

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE EAST

I-10 West into Mississippi.

Exit 46B. Merge onto MS 15 North/MS 67, go approx 23 miles.

Merge onto US 49 North, go approx 3.5 miles.

There will be a BROWN road sign, McHenry WMA Shooting Facility.

Turn right on East McHenry road, go approx 4 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto CITY road. At approx 2 miles, Airey Lake Recreation Area will be on the left, approx 6/10 mile past, turn left at Bigfoot Horse Trail signs.

FROM THE WEST

I-12 to I-10 in Slidell, Louisiana. Continue I-10 into Mississippi

Exit 34B US 49 North go approx 21 miles. McHenry WMA Shooting Facility sign. Turn Right onto East McHenry Rd approx 4 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto City Road. At approx 2 miles, Airey Lake Recreation Area will be on the left, approx 6/10 mile past, turn left at Bigfoot Horse Trail signs.

FROM THE NORTH

From Birmingham take I-20 south to Meridian, MS.

From Meridian, take I-59 South to US 98E, exit 59. This is south of Hattiesburg. Go approx 2 miles Exit at US Hwy 49 south, Mississippi Gulfcoast/Gulfport. Go approx 40 miles on Hwy 49 S. McHenry WMA Shooting Facility sign Turn Left onto East McHenry Rd. Go approx 4 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto City Road. At approx 2 miles, Airey Lake Recreation Area will be on the left, approx 6/10 mile past, turn left at Bigfoot Horse Trail signs.

LIABILITY RELEASE

As a participant in the Hunting for Bigfoot Endurance Ride on September 17, 2020, I hereby agree to comply with any rules of AERC, SERA, SEDRA and the conditions and regulations of this event. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation and medical facilities, that these areas have many natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate. I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I assume full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding or in my care. I will hold AERC, SERA, SEDRA, it's officers and all individual members thereof, all ride personnel, and property owners over whose land I may cross, their representatives, successors and assigns blameless for any accident, injury or loss that may occur due to my participation in the Hunting for Bigfoot Endurance Ride. I further agree to hold any and all of the aforementioned individuals and organizations free from all liability for such injury or loss. This release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and I expressively waive any benefits that I may otherwise have under the provisions of the laws of Mississippi relating to the release of unknown claims. I understand that this release constitutes a limitation upon my legal rights.

UNDER MISSISSIPPI LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

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 it's duly appointed agent to take any appropriately action deemed necessary to check for possible administration of drugs to my horse. The undersigned verified acceptance for risks and responsibility for rider's and horse conditions and certifies that all information on this form is correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

I give consent for and will be financially responsible for emergency medical treatment for myself and/or the horse that I am riding or is in my care if I am unable to give informed consent.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS RELEASE.

DATED _____

RIDER'S SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF JUNIOR RIDER _____

HORSE OWNERS SIGNATURE _____