



# HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT



October 14, 2023

**Big Foot Horse Trails** McHenry, MS

INTRO / 25 / 50

Ride and Tie

6/13/25 miles

Come experience some Mississippi Hospitality at the 9th annual HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT RIDE being held amongst beautiful longleaf pines of the Desoto National Forest in South Mississippi. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our 2nd Ride and Tie event! Come be a part of this exciting addition to the endurance ride.

**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. However, be considerate of neighbors and coordinate among yourselves. A hospitality tent with refreshments will be on site. ALL vet checks will occur in camp

**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. .. Plenty of water on trail with some being natural, pending rain. Helmets are required for Junior riders.

**Abuse of staff, volunteers, or other riders is grounds for immediate disqualification.**

Ride Managers – Jane Lee

Tamra Williams

FaceBook Jane Bonner Lee

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**Mail Entries to :**

Eric Rueter [SEP]11045 Friendsville Rd., Lenoir City, TN 37772

**Make Checks Payable to: JANE LEE**

**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:**

50 mile \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

25 mile \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (25 & 50) \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Intro ride \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non AERC member \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Meal. \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Military discount. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

25 mile Ride and Tie. \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

13 mile Ride and Tie. \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

6 mile Ride and Tie \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

## **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.

GPS Coordinates to Trailhead 30.6810 -89.0390

DeSoto National Forest Forest Road 440

## LIABILITY RELEASE

As a participant in the Hunting for Bigfoot Endurance Ride and Ride and Tie held on October 15, 2022, I hereby agree to comply with any rules of AERC, SERA, SEDRA and Ride and Tie, 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 and Ride and Tie, 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 expressly 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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