

## TWO Day Endurance Ride AND Ride & Tie

September 06-07, 2024 BIG South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Oneida, TN  
Sanctioned by: AERC, SERA and Ride & Tie Assoc.

*\*\*\*\* Please NOTE: This ride runs on EASTERN Daylight time- your devices will try to swap while in the park \*\*\*\**

You are invited to the **30th annual** Big South Fork Endurance Ride. The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is a 120,000-acre park, which straddles the Tennessee-Kentucky line 80 miles northwest of Knoxville. The defining feature of the area is the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. This woodland plateau has been sculpted into rugged rocky bluffs and deep gorges. The sandstone has been carved into fascinating formations of cliffs, rock shelters, arches and pillars. We will offer an Intro distance each day in addition to Fridays 25-Mile and 50-mile rides and Saturdays 25-mile and 50-mile rides. There will be Ride and Tie rides offered both days of varying distances. Ride and Tie is a competition among teams of two people, one horse completing a chosen distance offered. Ride and Ties are a lot of fun and you don't have to be in great shape to do it; Really! For more information and entry forms for the **Ride and Tie, contact Lori Lyttle at the information below.**

<b>Schedule of Events</b> **** Eastern daylight time ****		<b>Ride Managers</b> Maranda Bibb - 225-678-1624 Jenny Dart - 931-704-1783 <a href="mailto:bsfendurance@gmail.com">bsfendurance@gmail.com</a>
Registration and Vet-in	Thu, Fri 3 PM to dark	<b>Ride Secretary</b> Eric Rueter · 865-599-3594 <a href="mailto:Eric@FleetFootFarm.com">Eric@FleetFootFarm.com</a>  <b>Ride &amp; Tie Manager</b> Lori Lyttle - 865-936-0877 <a href="mailto:lyttle515@gmail.com">lyttle515@gmail.com</a>  <b>Veterinarians</b> Head Vet: Dr. Ike Nelson Treatment: Dr. DeDee Huff
Pre-ride Meeting	Thu, Fri 7 PM (ish)	
25 Mile Start	Fri, Sat 8:00 AM (Roll call 7:45)	
50 Mile Start	Fri, Sat 7:00 AM (Roll call 6:45)	
Intro Start	Fri, Sat 9:00 AM	
25 Mile Cutoff	6 hours after start time	
50 Mile Cutoff	12 hours after start time	
Dinner Awards Meeting	Fri Sat 6:30 PM(ish)	
Ride & Tie	Fri, Sat, Sun time TBA	
Times subject to change check beforehand!		

### Trail

Trails are well maintained being mostly wooded with excellent dirt or sandy footing and old logging roads. There is a nice mixture of easy, fast stretches, rolling slower areas and hill climbs, including several 500 ft changes in elevation. There are some rocky sections when climbing in and out of the creek and river gorges. Gravel and sandstone can be found in various areas throughout the park. **We HIGHLY recommend hoof protection so please shoe/pad or boot according to your horse's needs.** Creeks for water are plentiful. Trails will vary each day and be well marked for each distance. You may even have the opportunity to cross the river!

### Camp

Camp is primitive, in a grassy field just west of the Bandy Creek complex. There is a hydrant for horse or people water and bathrooms with running water 0.3 miles from camp. Port-a-johns will also be on site. Bathhouses (showers) are

located at the Bandy Creek Campground 0.8 miles from camp and can be used for a small fee. Insect warning: This area tends to have an abundance of ticks, chiggers and other troublesome pests. Bring and use appropriate protection for yourself and your horses and dogs. Staying on trail and in mowed areas is always safest.

### **Volunteers**

We LOVE volunteers and wouldn't be able to run the ride without them. If you or someone you know would like to help, please call or enclose a note with your entry form. Indicate what days and jobs you are available for. We will be most grateful and will plan to provide you meals the day(s) you are volunteering.

### **Park Facilities**

If you wish to arrive earlier than Tuesday, you may stay at Bandy Creek campground and stable your horse. You must have stall reservations and can make campground reservations (make them early since this is a popular time of year). The campground is located 0.8 miles from the ride site and has electric hook-ups, water, etc. Ice is sold at the visitors' center during the day, as well as topographic trail maps. Most trails are marked with permanent park service signs showing landmarks and mileage. Feed and some horse supplies are sold at the stables. Other provisions are about 25 minutes away in Oneida or Jamestown.

Bandy Creek Campground Reservations 1-800-365-2267 or [www.ReserveAmerica.com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com) (Bandy Creek, TN)

Bandy Creek Stables (423) 286-7433

### **Food**

Supper will be provided Friday and Saturday nights for **that day's competitors**. Extra meals can be purchased for family and crew at \$10.00 per meal. \*\*\*\* **Our volunteers are fed the day they volunteer!** \*\*\*\*

### **Awards**

Daily completion awards will be given to everyone who successfully finishes the ride. Additional awards such as Best Condition, Top Ten, First Junior, etc. will also be available. Youth will receive a special award on their first day of competition.

### **Rules**

Horse, pony or mule must be 48 months old to enter the Limited Distance rides, 60 months old to enter the 50-mile and 75-mile rides. Riders under 16 must be accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) for the duration of the ride. Approved safety helmets are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** riders. All AERC and SERA rules apply. Decisions of vets are final. In order to receive credit for completing the ride, horses must be "fit to continue", as determined by the veterinarians. The winner of the LD-mile ride will be the first horse whose pulse recovers to 60 bpm. LD riders will have 30 minutes to recover after passing the camp in-timer. Because of the distance between the official finish line and the vet check area for the 50-mile and distances, you will be allowed the full 60 minutes to recover after crossing the finish line. ***You must present a negative Coggins test (<1 year old), and ALL appropriate membership and registration papers. All dogs must be on a leash (park rule).***

***Warning: Under Tennessee Law, an 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, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44, chapter 20.***

### **History**

The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area was created by an act of Congress in 1974. The US Army Corps of Engineers did all of the early work, and then turned the operation over to the National Park Service in 1991. The primary use is outdoor recreation of all kinds, including hiking, camping, bicycle, horse and ATV riding, canoeing, rafting, hunting & fishing. Prior to the creation of the park, this part of the Cumberland Plateau was used for farming, logging and mining. Nature has since been reclaiming the land, but evidence can still be seen of the earlier users. Entire communities once existed in some of the valleys that the trail passes through. Often a stone chimney is the most that remains of the homesteads, although there are several restored cabins throughout the park. A group of log buildings along Station Camp is operated as the Charit Creek wilderness lodge. Meals, lodging and stabling are available to the guests here. Part of the trail follows the abandoned Oneida & Western (O&W) railroad, which once carried lumber and coal from the area. Remnants of the mining operation are still visible, as well as some oil and gas wells. The old railroad bridge across the river is still in place, but the ride will not be crossing it.

The average high and low temperatures in September are 79 and 55. For general information about the park, you may call the visitor's center (423-286-7275) or visit the park website: [www.nps.gov/biso](http://www.nps.gov/biso)

### **Fees**

Refer to the entry form for the list of fees. **We prefer you register and pay in advance.** If you are unable to attend, you will receive a refund, **LESS 20%**. NO refunds on meals. The ride will be limited to the first 120 entries (per day)

received. You must mail your entry form and fee to Eric Rueter such that he receives it NO LATER than Saturday, August 31, 2024. Make checks payable to Knoxville Arabian Horse Club and mail entry and check to:

Eric Rueter ♦ 11045 Friendsville Road ♦ Lenoir City, TN 37772 ♦ 865-599-3594 ♦

[Eric@FleetFootFarm.com](mailto:Eric@FleetFootFarm.com)

\*\*\* It is preferred you use the Simple Online Entry (SOLE) to enter the ride where you can optionally pay by Credit Card ([ERICV2.com/SOLE](http://ERICV2.com/SOLE))

### **Directions**

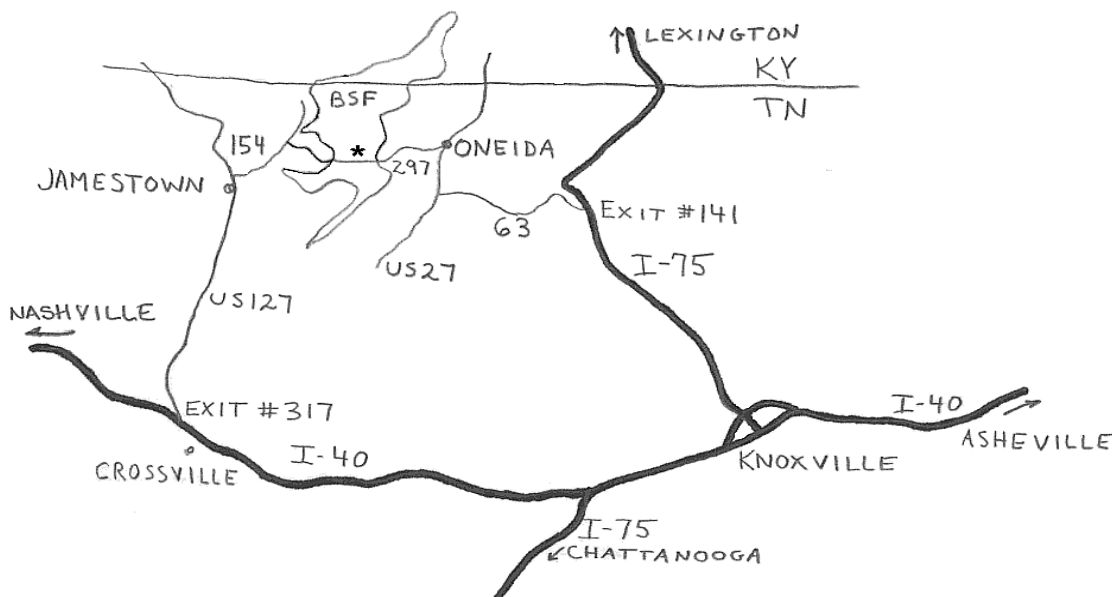
**From the East on I-40.** Take I-640, then I-75 north from Knoxville. At exit #141, go west on Highway 63 for 20 miles to US27. Turn right (north) on US27 and go 6.5 miles to Oneida. Turn left (West) on Highway 297. After 4.9 miles, make a left turn at the Terry & Terry store, continuing on 297 West. After passing through the river gorge, turn right at the sign for Bandy Creek. Go 1.7 miles and our camp is 0.2 miles past the end of the pavement, on either side of the road.

**Note:** This route takes you through the Big South Fork River gorge, which has 13% grades and sharp switchbacks. If your rig is huge, or your truck is wimpy, you are advised to follow the route through Jamestown (see directions coming from the west).

**From the West on I-40:** At Crossville (exit 317) take US127 north 32 miles to Jamestown. Two miles north of Jamestown turn on Highway 154 north toward Pickett State Park. Turn east onto Highway 297 and go 11 miles. Turn left on a paved road, going towards Bandy Creek. Go 1.7 miles and our camp is 0.2 miles past the end of the pavement, on either side of the road.

**From the south on I-75:** Go west on I-40 to Crossville and follow directions above for "From the West on I-40".

**From the north on I-75:** Take exit #11 in Kentucky and go west on Highway 92 at US27 turn south toward Oneida. From Oneida, follow the directions above.



**Parking:** If you can make the turn to park on the right (north) side of the road, please do so (we improved this entrance a few years back and it is much better). The field on the left is reserved for rigs too large to make the turn. **PARKING IS SOMETIMES TIGHT!! PLEASE CONSERVE SPACE. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MOVE YOU! OVERFLOW** can camp in the Bandy Creek Campground and stable their horses at the Bandy Creek Stables – additional fees will be charged.

Online entry available at – [ERICV2.com/SOLE](http://ERICV2.com/SOLE)

## Big South Fork Endurance Ride ♦ 2024 Entry Form

### Sanctioned By AERC/SERA/SEDRA

(One Entry Per Rider)

Rider Name		AERC#		
Address		First AERC ride?	Yes ___ No ___	
City, State, Zip		Phone		
Email address		AHA#		
Membership	SERA#	SEDRA#		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Horse Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Owner's Name</b>
Friday	25 50 INTRO			
Saturday	25 50			
	INTRO			
For junior riders only (under 16): You <b>MUST</b> be a minimum of <b>8</b> years old				
Birthdate:		Sponsor's Signature:		

Weight Division	Feather (up to 160 lb.)	Light (161-185 lb.)	Middle (186-210 lb.)	Heavy (211 & up)
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<b>This is a release - it contains limitations on liability - read it</b>			
<p>As a participant in the Big South Fork Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of the AERC, SERA, SEDRA and Big South Fork Endurance ride. 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 man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I agree to take full responsibility for the animal I am riding and myself. I will hold the Knoxville Arabian Horse Club, Region XII of the Arabian Horse Association, The Arabian Horse Association, Southeast Endurance Riders Association, South East Distance Riders Association and the American Endurance Ride Conference, ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners whose land the ride crosses, blameless for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the Big South Fork Endurance Ride and free from all liability for such injury or loss.</p>			
<b>I have read and understand this liability release.</b>			
Rider's Signature:		Date	
Parent/Guardian (rider under 16):		Date	
Horse Owner's Signature:		Date	

**Important Note:** Mail entry form and payment such that it is **received NO LATER** than Saturday August 31, 2024, or use the online entry ([ERICV2.com/SOLE](http://ERICV2.com/SOLE)). **An 80% refund will be given if you cannot ride.** Mail to: Eric Rueter 📧 11045 Friendsville Road 📍 Lenoir City, TN 37772

Entry Type	AERC Member	AERC Non-Member	Day(s)	Subtotal
INTRO	\$85	\$85	X _____ Day(s)	
50 Miles / 25 Miles Adult	\$125	\$145	X _____ Day(s)	
50 Miles / 25 Miles Rider under 16	\$65	\$85	X _____ Day(s)	
Extra Meals (Riders/Volunteers eat Free)	#Friday ___ # Saturday ___ \$10 x ___ Meals =			
<b>** Payable to: Knoxville Arabian Horse Club **</b>				<b>TOTAL:</b>