

2008 Thirty Mile Stage Stop Endurance Ride Information

50 & 30 mile distances on June 21 & 22, 2008

10 mile Fun Ride on June 22

Directions

Take Interstate 90 coming from the East or West. Take **exit 447**, S Billings Blvd. From the West: Turn right, cross the Yellowstone River, about ½ mile, Old Blue Creek Rd. will be on your left just before the Exxon Gas Station (Blue Basket). Turn left and stay on this road for 1 ½ miles. Turn into the Billings Motor Cycle Hill Climbs Club gate, a volunteer will direct you. If no one is available, you will pick up the walkie-talkie or call the cell phone number posted.

If coming from the East take **exit 447**, S Billings Blvd. At the light turn Left, back across the interstate, cross the Yellowstone River. Old Blue Creek Rd. will be about ½ mile on your left just before an Exxon Gas Station (Blue Basket). Turn right; stay on the paved road for 1 ½ miles. Turn into the Billings Motor Cycle Hill Climbs gates. A volunteer will direct you. If no one is available, you will pick up the walkie-talkie or call the cell phone number posted.

No problems for those big rigs!!!

Base Camp

There will be ample horse water, but plan on bringing your own people water. There are no electrical hookups. Portal-Johns provided, no RV septic dumping is allowed. Pets should be on a leash at all times. Everyone is asked to stay within the marked perimeter when in base camp, access to the Yellowstone River is not allowed.

Dinner

The Saturday night dinner is included in the entry fee. Extra meal tickets are available for \$10.00 each.

Trails

Two vet checks will be held out of camp for the 50 milers and one out vet check will be held for the 30 milers. Transportation of gear will be provided. All remaining checks will be in camp. The trails are mostly deer and cow trails and some two tracks. Ride terrain is varied; you will ride through timber, mountain meadows, some narrow elk trails, and ride through rolling sagebrush hills and meadows as well as coulees. There are hardly any rocky sections. You will not need to pad your horses for this ride. In fact, you could ride this ride with your horses barefoot. There will be plenty of water on the trail.

Please note: pre-riding the trail will not be allowed due to the possibility of encountering motorcyclists.

Climate

The days are warm in the 60's to 70's and the nights are slightly cooler. But remember where you are! Things can change in a heartbeat.

Veterinary Staff and Sanctioning

Ray Randall DVM will be the head veterinarian, assisted by 3 other vets. The ride is sanctioned by American Endurance Ride Conference, AHA and Mountain Region Endurance Riders.

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