

**Blackwater Swamp Stomp Ride and Tie
6 Mile Race – Saturday, March 4
26/13/6 Mile Races – Sunday, March 5
Tidewater Horse Trail
Ivor, Virginia**



Date/Time: Saturday, March 4. Race starts at 3:00 pm. Vet in at 2:00 pm.
Sunday, March 5. Race starts at 8:00 am. Vet in on Saturday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Blackwater Swamp Stomp AERC Northeast Benefit Ride.

Entry Fee: \$50 for 26 and 13-mile races, \$40 for 6-mile race
Entry fee includes fees for Ride and Tie insurance and use of Tidewater Horse Trail.

Location: Tidewater Horse Trail (www.tidewaterhorsetrail.com)
37093 Warrigue Road, Ivor, VA 23866

Note: This is the GPS address. Larger rigs might find it easier to enter from Broadwater Road off 460 to Warrigue Road vs. coming in from Proctor's Bridge Rd.

Camping: Primitive camp with porta johns opens at 12 noon on Saturday, March 4. Before pulling into a spot, please wait for a parking volunteer to direct you. We plan to park large rigs park on the LEFT and bumper pulls/smaller rigs on the RIGHT to maximize limited space. Please scatter manure in the woods along basecamp. All dogs must be leashed in camp, no dogs on trails.

Ride management will provide horse water at several sites in basecamp and along the trail, but please bring your own people water. A creek suitable for watering horses is just down the road through basecamp.

Trails: Tidewater Horse Trail is a private preserve of farmland and forest along the Blackwater River and its adjacent swamp. Trails consist of sandy roads, double and single track trail and some unplowed land along the edges of open fields. If we get a lot of rain, trails will be soggy in places, but most of the trail will have a firm base. This ride is doable for barefoot horses; all vet checks are in camp and riders can crew from their trailers.

Meals: We'll serve pork barbecue on Saturday evening and provide plates and utensils. Please bring your own chair, beverage and a pot luck side dish or dessert to share. Ride briefing will begin about 6 p.m., with a Ride and Tie briefing after the main meeting. On Sunday, we'll offer an endless soup pot for everyone to enjoy.

All participants must be members of Ride and Tie (www.rideandtie.org) - \$25 annual membership fee. This race is sanctioned by the Ride and Tie Association- see Ride and Tie Rules (<http://rideandtie.org/rules.html>).

Helmets are REQUIRED while mounted.

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Registration: Please return the attached registration form, check and waiver by **February 26, 2017** to Alison Zeytoonian, 17615 Bowling Green Road, Smithfield, VA 23430. **Note:** Please submit one form per race.

two people, a horse, and one tough race...