2024 Biltmore Ride & Tie
The Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina
September 20 - 21, 2024

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 20, 2024
Ride & Tie - 25, 16, 5 mile options, 12/6 Equathon
(Distances may be altered slightly due to trail
conditions)

Saturday, September 21, 2024
Ride & Tie - 50, 25, 15, 6 mile options, 10/6
Equathon (Distances may be altered slightly due
to trail conditions)

Note: Distances are approximate. Exact distances and loops will be provided a few weeks before the event.

Vetting for each event will start the afternoon of the prior day. Our Head Veterinarian will set vet parameters. All decisions by the vet are final.

Pre-Ride Briefings will be conducted the evening before each event and a schedule will be posted to the Ride & Tie website.

Our Ride & Tie is being held in conjunction with an AERC Endurance Ride on Saturday, September 21, so be prepared to share the vets, trails, and camping area.

THE BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER
The Biltmore Equestrian Center is located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Estate in Asheville, NC. Built in 1895, the Estate trails promise a challenging event along the French Broad River and over rolling hills and low mountains. We recommend that all horses have hoof protection,

and potentially pad at the longer distances. Breast collars/cruppers may be helpful. Each loop will circle back to a central vetting area adjacent to the main camping area.

Length of Stay Passes. As part of the need for security on the Estate, and to provide a more official mode of access for attendees to the Estate grounds, entry will require a name pre-supplied to the gate guards. Entry fees for the event automatically include the ride & tie/equathon team and two named crew members for the 'gate list' for each day ridden. Entry must be via the main gate. On the Estate, including at the ride site, colored wristbands will be required to be worn as visible proof of permission, and can be used for re-entry. *Note: Children 16 years old and under are free, but still must be on the gate list and wear the wristbands.*

NOTE: A list of ALL persons (i.e., racers, crew, volunteers, family, friends, etc.) entering Biltmore Estate Equestrian Center must be provided to the Ride Manager in advance who will then provide to Biltmore Estate for entry into the Equestrian Center. If you have additional visitors/campers beyond what is allowed in the race fees, additional access fees will be required by the Biltmore Estate Equestrian Center. Contact the Ride Manager for coordination.

CAMPING
Camping is primitive in large open pastures. Corrals are limited to 15' by 15'. There are no camper hook-ups, but water and porta-potties are available. Open fires are prohibited, but small charcoal grills are OK. Dogs MUST be ON LEASH with you or corralled at all times and confined (not tied) when you are racing.

There are multiple motels/restaurants within 2 miles. On first-call-to-reserve basis, Biltmore has 6 stalls @ $50/day in the Guest Barn including shavings and muck-out, some large paddocks @ $30/day/horse (about ½ mile from camp) and some paddocks @ $50 day/horse close to the action, 6 pipe pens @ $20/day. A new barn is open close to the action at $50 per horse/day, no shavings, no muck-out.

The Biltmore Equestrian Center phone is: 828–225-1454.

Your race fees include a night of camping for each event you participate in plus an additional night of camping. For example, if you are participating in two days of events, your fees cover three nights of camping. If you are staying to crew, you can camp additional nights as part of the two-person crew allowed under their camping fees. If you are not crewing, it's an additional $30/night to camp.

Camp opens on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 10am. If you plan to arrive earlier, please indicate it on entry form and be prepared to pay extra camping and trail fees. All entry to the grounds will be through the MAIN GATE of Biltmore Estate (open 24 hrs). Everyone will also exit through the main gate. If you have extra vehicle(s) driving with you, please note driver name on entry form. *All entering the Estate must have individual names on the Gate List ahead of time.* Camp closes on Sunday morning, September 22, 2024 at 10am.

FOOD
Hope for Horses, a local equine rescue, is catering dinner on Friday night for a fee of $25 per person. Profits go directly to the rescue.

DIRECTIONS

If approaching Asheville from the EAST on I-40, take Exit 50B, US 25 NORTH. Follow signs to entrance to Biltmore Estate, turning right off exit ramp and moving into the LEFT lane to prepare for the turn into Estate Entrance.

If approaching Asheville from the WEST on I-40, take Exit 50, turn LEFT off the exit ramp at the light, following signs to Biltmore Estate Main Entrance. Stay in the left lane after your merge into traffic.

If approaching Asheville from the SOUTH on I-26, continue to the junction with I-40 EAST. After you get on I-40, take Exit 50 and follow directions as above.

If approaching Asheville from the NORTH on I-26, get onto I-240 EAST to I-40 WEST. Take Exit 50B, and follow the directions above.

Pass through the first archway (Lodge Gate) and go "straight" past the main Ticket Booth. Follow signs to "Horse Event" or BEC making several turns. Watch for oncoming traffic and stay well to the right side of road. Cross the large stone bridge and go straight onto gravel road, which will bear right, allowing turn for large trailers. Signs will direct you to camp area near the outdoor arena. Do NOT try to drive through fields before you get to camp area.

All participants must be members of Ride and Tie (www.rideandtie.org) - $35 annual membership fee. This race is sanctioned by the Ride and Tie Association- see Ride and Tie Rules (http://rideandtie.org/rules.html).

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

Negative Coggins required with registration.