



2025 Fort Valley Ride & Tie and Equathon

Intersection of Many Waters Land & Seven Fountains Rd

Fort Valley, VA, 22652

Ride & Tie 50/30/15 Mile – Equathon 15/15 and 15/5

FRIDAY, October 17, 2025

SATURDAY, October 18, 2025

The Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. is an organization which fosters and encourages both the use and development of the working horse through various efforts. It is the intent of the Old Dominion to provide the opportunity to participate in a challenging sport and at the same time to provide the rider with the knowledge to make it both safe and enjoyable. The Fort Valley Ride & Tie and Equathon is held in the Massanutten Mountains during the fall with all the splendor of autumn colors and cool weather. The trail is a combination of old road beds, single lane trails, and forest roads, rocky in places, with several climbs to the top of the Massanutten range.

Entries: NO WALK IN or on-site registration will be available. Entries must be paid in full and received with all release forms and a copy of current (within last 12 months) Coggins no later than October 14. Please only bring horses that are entered in the ride and tie.

All participants MUST be members of the Ride and Tie Association. Individual membership: \$35, Family Membership: \$50. One day memberships are also available. Checks payable to The Ride and Tie Association. Member sign up is available on-line or you may download membership forms from website www.rideandtie.org.

Cancellation/Refunds: You must advise the RM directly via text or email if you are cancelling. No show/no advise=No refund. You will receive a full refund if you cancel on or before October 6. If you cancel on/before October 13, you will receive a full refund, less \$50 for ride expenses. No refunds will be issued if you cancel after October 13.

Dinners: Dinner for Friday may tentatively be offered. If it is, all Ride & Tie entries will include Friday dinner and extra meal tickets may be purchased in advance. Coffee will be available Friday and Saturday mornings.

Ride Camp: The base camp will be at Favilla's field (previously named Fitchett's field), a primitive grassy venue. This location is subject to change. Please check the Old Dominion website (www.OldDominionrides.org) closer to the ride date for any changes. Base camp will open on Wednesday, October 15 at 2 pm, and close at 6 pm on Sunday, October 19. Camping needs outside of these times can be met by the nearby Fort Valley Stables (FortValleyStable.com). Email them at fvs@shentel.net.

DOGS MUST REMAIN ON LEASH AND/OR CONFINED TO YOUR CAMP SITE AREA!

Directions:

From I-81 (north or south) – At Exit 279 turn east on Hwy 675 for 1 mile to Hwy 11, turn left on Hwy 11 for ½ mile to the Jeep car dealer, turn right on Hwy 675 over the mountain for 5 ½ miles to the Kings Crossing Junction, then turn left on Hwy 678 and go approximately 8 miles to Seven Fountains Road opposite Dietrick store, turn right on Seven Fountains Road for 6/10ths miles, turn right onto Many Waters Road just before the concrete bridge, base camp is on the right.

From I-66 – Take Exit 6 toward Front Royal, turn right onto Hwy 55. At Waterlick turn south onto Hwy 678 (to Fort Valley) for 11 miles to the second Seven Fountains Road opposite Dietrick store, turn left on the second Seven Fountains Road for 6/10ths miles, turn right onto Many Waters Road just before the concrete bridge, base camp is on the right.

Vet-in: Vet-in will be from 4-6 p.m. the day prior to your event. **There will be no morning vet-ins.**

Ride Briefing: A meeting will be held at approximately 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday evening for **all riders/runners** to review current trail conditions, markings, and the locations and logistics of the vet checks. Questions from participants will be answered at this time.

Riding the trail: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED WHILE MOUNTED! Once the event has begun, the rider is free to choose his/her own pace. At each vet check, the veterinary committee will ensure that the horse is recovering to the safe parameters of temperature, pulse and respiration and that there are no signs of excessive fatigue or lameness which would endanger the horse. **Time Limit for 50 miles is 12 hours, for 30 miles is 7:15 hours. Sort of. More or less, unless anyone needs more time.**

Ride Manager: Janice Heltibridle, 540-233-0710. Entries should be sent to Janice Heltibridle, 6746 Back Road, Maurertown, VA 22644, janiceheltibridle@gmail.com.

Sanctioned by the Ride & Tie Association. Ride & Tie rules available on request or at www.rideandtie.org.

For information about the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. and all we do, check out www.OldDominionRides.org.