



### Biltmore Fall Endurance Ride To Benefit Hope for Horses

**Saturday September 23, 2023: 25 mile LD and 50 mile endurance**

**Sunday September 24, 2023: Introductory Ride**

**AERC**

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**The Biltmore Equestrian Center** located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Estate in Asheville, NC, will host its annual Fall Endurance Ride to Benefit Hope for Horses on September 23, 2023. 25 mile Limited Distance and 50 mile endurance offered. All riders will be entered in the AERC Open or Limited Distance category. In addition, we will have team competition in all distances. Part of your entry fees will be donated to Hope for Horses, our local equestrian rescue, and all of the proceeds from dinner tickets Friday night will be donated.

Built in 1895, the Estate trails promise a challenging ride 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 50 mile distance. Breast collars/cruppers may be helpful. Each loop will circle back to a central judging area adjacent to the main camping area. Weather is somewhat unpredictable in late September, but it is usually humid with temperatures in the upper 70s to low 80s.

Once again, we will be using trails on the West Side of the French Broad with some excellent views of the House. At this time, we have over 40 miles of marked trail on the West Side that we exploit.

*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 ride automatically include the rider and one named crew member for the 'gate list'. 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. Additional permits may be purchased for \$55 each. *Note: Children 16 years old and under are free, but still must be on the gate list and wear the wristbands.*

**ENTRY FORMS/PAYMENT:** **ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE JULY 26!!!** Entries are due by **September 17, 2022** (closing date). That is, any entry not fully paid by September 17 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed, and \$40 late fee will apply). Fees are *fully* refundable if cancelled prior to September 17 close of business; then except for \$50 through September 20, then 50% if between September 21-22 (but pre-arrival). After that, at management discretion. You **MUST** supply Coggins test papers valid through September 24, 2023. Non-AERC members must pay day fee of \$15.

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#### Questions

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**TEAM COMPETITION:** Open to all riders in all competitions across both days. So, form your own team of three or four riders, with time for the top three finishers on each team counting towards awards. This is a good opportunity to practice team riding.... Check out how strategy and opportunities change in this environment! Entry at ride, no additional fees. At least two teams must be formed at a distance to qualify for a team competition.

**CAMP:** Camping is primitive in large open pastures. Corrals are limited to 15' by 15'. No camper hook-ups; city water at hydrants; Portajons. Open fires are prohibited; charcoal grills OK. Dogs MUST be ON LEASH at all times and confined (not tied) when you are riding. Multiple motels / restaurants within 2 miles. On first-call-to-reserve basis, we have 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, 11 dry stalls at the Event Barn @ \$50/day (no shavings, no muck-out). The Biltmore Equestrian Center phone is: 828-225-1454.

Camp opens on Friday, September 22. 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.*

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:** 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 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 entry and exit must be through the main entrance to the Estate.

**RULES:** All AERC/SERA rules apply to Open riders. Equines must be at least 60 mos. old for 50; 48 mos. old for LD. No Juniors on stallions. Rules regarding discourtesy to officials and protest procedures are per AERC Rules and failure to observe them may result in disqualification. No ties except for AERC placings. A dead heat will be decided by coin toss or rider agreement. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED whenever mounted. No exceptions. SMOKING: Smoking is prohibited on trails; OK in camp or at judging check.

#### **WHO's WHO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth McLean - Ride Manager, Cheryl Newman - Ride Secretary

Rachel Kelly - Biltmore Equestrian Center Event Coordinator  
Stephanie Laplante, Annie Markley and Stagg Newman – trails

#### **CONTROL JUDGES 2023**

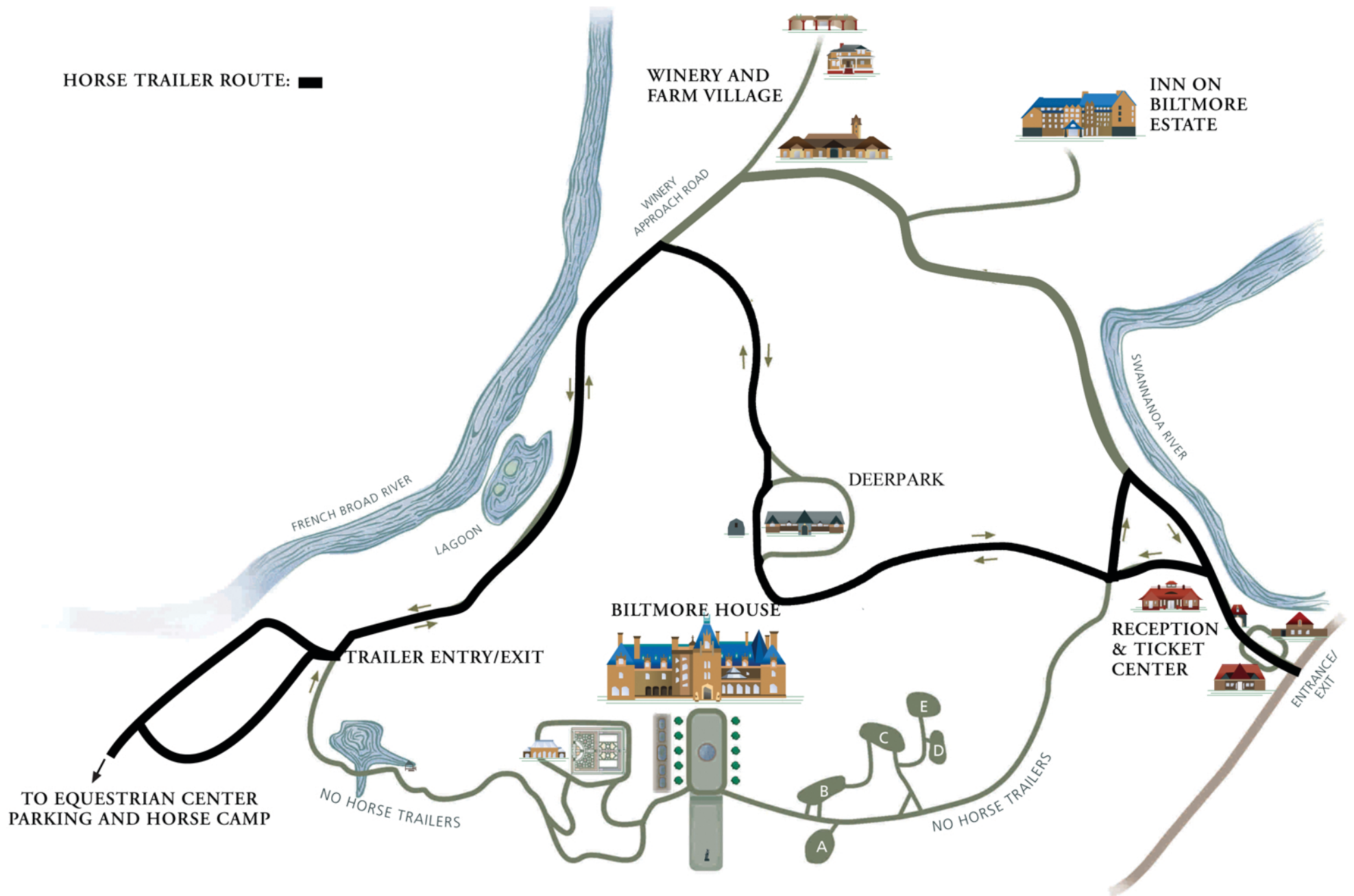
**Saturday:** Ann Stuart, Head Control Judge, President Vet Committee

Duane Barnett, Vicky Bochynek, Nick Kohut

Kady Neu, Treatment Vet

**Sunday:** Greg Fellers, Kady Neu

# BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER HORSE TRAILER ENTRY/EXIT MAP



Schedule of Events			
Friday	Sept 22	11:00am-4:00pm	Registration
		1:00pm-5:00pm	AERC Open Vet-In
		6:00pm	Dinner
		6:30pm	Rider Briefing
Saturday	Sept 23	7:00am	Start 50-Mile
		8:00am	Start 25-Mile
		11:00am-4:00pm	Intro Registration
		1:00pm-5:00pm	Intro Vet-In
		2:00pm	Finish 25-Mile
		6:00pm	Educational Lecture and Intro Ride Briefing
		7:00pm	Finish 50-Mile
Sunday	Sept 24	7:00pm	Awards
		9:00am	Intro Start

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Control checks will all be 'gate into hold', with 64 pulse requirement, unless control judge staff determines otherwise. For non-finish checks, the equine must meet this criteria within 30 min of arrival at check or be disqualified. Horses must be judged 'fit to continue'. Other criteria, including exit exam, may be included and would be announced either in rider packet or at rider meeting if weather is a factor.

Finishing criteria will be Fit to Continue including recovery. For AERC open completion, recovery is to pulse rate of 64 within time limit described below. As soon as pulse is down, the equine may be brought for the final exam, but **MUST** be presented within the allotted time to avoid disqualification. Allowance for finish line at 1.2 miles from vetting arena: per AERC rule 6.2: after the walk back to camp all pulses must be down within 30 minutes. 20 minutes allowance for the walk has been agreed between ride management and the head control judge. SO: for all open competitors (non-limited distance) in the open endurance events, the net time post-finish line to get your pulse is 50 minutes. This is allowed at the final discretion of the Veterinary Commission and finalized at the rider briefing, and in the Program of the event. Equines have up to an hour post-finish line to pass non-pulse criteria (that is 10 extra minutes to a net of one hour).

Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) may be used, including final vetting and Best Condition.

**JUDGE DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

***FIT TO CONTINUE:*** The equine must be metabolically stable. There must be no gait aberration that is consistently observable under all circumstances that results in pain or threatens immediate athletic performance, exam to be conducted at trot (or equivalent), straight out and back, without prior flexion or palpation. Any soreness or wounds that affect equine's ability to go on may be cause for non-completion.

An equine may not have received prohibited (AERC Rule 13) medical treatment by a vet or layman prior to final exam. An equine must not be in need of medical treatment for a soundness or metabolic problem. An equine that a ride control judge advises should be treated, but treatment is refused by rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as an equine that has been treated and disallowed completion.

**FARRIER:** Tyler Barnett 828-273-3576; Please call ahead for Friday appointments

### **MASSAGE:**

*Equine:* Lauren Lukert with Equine Therapeutic Bodywork; **for appointments 828-779-3276**

*Human:* Nancy MacDonald will be the human massage therapist on the grounds. **To make an appointment with Nancy, call her at 828 225 5022.**

**AWARDS:** Completion awards for all riders. Top 10, Best Condition (BC) and 1<sup>st</sup>-to-Finish Awards; First Junior, plus other awards as sponsored.

**FOOD:** Friday dinner. Catered, \$25.

## **New this year!**

### **Introductory Ride:**

Please join us on Sunday, September 24th for our first 12.7 mile introductory ride. You'll get all the experience of a full ride, including the vet-in the day before and completion exam after your ride on Sunday. There are no placings awarded for this ride, but you'll receive a couple of items to commemorate your participation.

We also invite all interested riders to come to the big tent at 6:00pm on Saturday for a talk from Stagg Newman entitled "Building a Long Term Partnership With Your Horse". This talk will be immediately followed by a ride briefing for the Intro Ride.

Stagg, long time trail master for Biltmore endurance rides, and AERC Hall of Fame Member, will give a lecture that focuses on the principles of a successful long term partnership with your horse for any discipline. The principles apply for pleasure riding, competitive trail riding, endurance competitions, eventing and all other disciplines. These principles include equitation training (riding in rhythm, balance, and alignment), vet and farrier care, and careful conditioning for the long haul. Stagg and his horse Drubin completed endurance competitions successfully for 20 consecutive seasons (AERC's first double decade team) including over 50 hundred-mile competitions of endurance and competitive trail riding together. Stagg also earned the decade team award (ten or more successful endurance seasons) with his horses Winston and Super.

And if you're interested in learning more about the sport of Ride & Tie, we'll be hosting the World Championships from Friday, September 22-Sunday, September 24.

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## Equestrian Center



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RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL (**PRINT!!**) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTHDATE OF JR RIDER: \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR OF JR \_\_\_\_\_  
 HORSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HORSE AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ REG. # \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name if not rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner AERC # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EXPECTED DAY/TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **RIDE ENTERED (circle one):**

**50 mile \$170.00**    50 mile JR\$140.00    **25 mile \$160.00**    25 mile JR\$120.00  
**Intro \$130**    Intro JR\$100

**Fees Include:** Rider's (1) Entry to Biltmore grounds (2) Camp fees for **Friday/Saturday** nights (3) Use of Biltmore trails Fri/Sat (4) Entry to Biltmore grounds for one crew member (children 16 and under are free, but must have names on gate list).

Entry fee from above		\$
Add \$15 if not an AERC member		\$
Camp fee at \$30/rig for nights other than Friday night/Saturday night (please specify which night(s))		\$
Crew member name _____ (first crew member free)		--
Entrance to Biltmore grounds fee for additional crew (\$55/person unless current pass holder) Name(s): _____ (Note: children 16 and under are free but must be on gate list)(_____)	#	\$
Friday night dinner hosted by Hope for Horses (all proceeds to benefit H4H): \$25 per person	#	\$
<b>TOTAL:</b> due at time of entry		\$
\$40 late fee for entry if not in Ride Secretary's hands by 9/17		\$
<b>TOTAL:</b> due if late		\$

NOTE: Entry to Biltmore grounds does **NOT** include access to the Biltmore House.

Cancellations: Full refund canceled by 9/17  
 \$50 cancellation fee after 9/20  
 50% refund for cancellations 9/21-9/22 (but pre-arrival)

**ONLINE ENTRY! (available July 26)**

**Please visit [www.biltmore.com/equestrian-center/events](http://www.biltmore.com/equestrian-center/events) to register**

OR Mail entries to: Cheryl Newman, 41 Pisgah View Ranch Rd. Candler, NC 28715; checks payable to BEC

Online registration will prompt credit card payment and you'll receive an email link to submit your liability form and Coggins digitally.

Stall/Paddock Reservations: BEC Office (828) 225-1454 or [equestrian@biltmore.com](mailto:equestrian@biltmore.com)

Questions? Elizabeth McLean (828) 777-9198 or [emclean@biltmore.com](mailto:emclean@biltmore.com)



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EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Assumption of Risk and Release

In consideration of receiving permission from Biltmore Equestrian Activities, LLC, and its management agent, the Biltmore Company, d/b/a Biltmore Equestrian Center ("Biltmore") to participate in or observe horseback riding lessons or other equine activities and in further consideration of receiving permission to enter upon the premises of Biltmore or other premises upon which Biltmore's riding lessons may be conducted, the undersigned on his or her own behalf and as parent and/or guardian acting on behalf of any minor listed below hereby forever releases, acquits, discharges and agrees to hold harmless Biltmore, Biltmore Farms, LLC (which permits certain Biltmore trail rides on its property), and their respective related companies, shareholders, directors, officers, employees and agents, any owners of horses located on the premises on which the equine activities occur, of and from any and all liabilities, claims, loss, damage, illness, injury, or death that may be sustained by any or each of the undersigned while in on or upon the premises of Biltmore or Biltmore Farms, LLC, while participating in or observing the riding lessons or other equine activities.

The undersigned acknowledges that there are certain risks inherent in participation in equine activities including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to the participant: (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals: (iii) the possibility of equipment failure and (iv) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, and notwithstanding these risks, the undersigned desires to engage in or observe equine activities at Biltmore and assumes any risk of loss or injury arising from such activity, even loss or injury resulting from the negligence of Biltmore other than gross negligence or wanton or willful misconduct.

**The undersigned hereby acknowledges that the undersigned has read the above and executes this Assumption of Risk and Release voluntarily.**

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature/ or Signature of Parent or Guardian of person under 18

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Print Name of Signer and of any Person under 18 for whom the Signer is Acting

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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