

BILTMORE®

Equestrian Center



Biltmore Fall Endurance Ride To Benefit Hope for Horses

FEI CIM 1*, 1* YJ, 2* Saturday, September 20, 2025

AERC SEDRA SERA
30 mile LD, 50, 65, and 75 mile Endurance Saturday, September 20, 2025

Introductory Ride Sunday, September 21, 2025

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 21, 2025. 30 mile Limited Distance 50, 65, and 75 mile endurance offered. FEI CIM 1* and 2*. 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 pad at the 50 mile and longer distances. 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.

Our trail system took a significant hit the week after the 2024 fall ride during Hurricane Helene. While extensive work has been done, you'll encounter some sections that were completely devastated due to high winds and tornadic activity. Additionally, work on the equestrian trails on the West Side of the French Broad River has not been completed and we'll have limited use of mileage in that section. Great pains have been taken to ensure the safety of our trails system and the trees that remain in our forests.

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' for LD and 50-mile distances and two crew members for 65 and 75 mile distances. 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 ONLY!!!** Entries are due by **September 14, 2025 (closing date)**. That is, any entry not fully paid by September 14 is accepted only at management discretion (not guaranteed, and \$40 late fee will apply). Fees are *fully* refundable if cancelled prior to September 15 close of business; then except for \$50 through September 18, then 50% if between September 19-20 (but pre-arrival). After that, at management discretion. You **MUST** supply Coggins test papers valid through September 22 2025. Non-AERC members must pay day fee of \$20.

FEI entries must also register with your national sanctioning body.

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' per horse. 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 limited paddocks @ \$50 day/horse close to the action. The Biltmore Equestrian Center phone is: 828-225-1454.

Camp opens on Friday, September 19. 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: **FEI rules apply to FEI riders.** 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

Officials 2025

Ann Stuart, Head Control Judge AERC; Mike Tomlinson - Head Vet, FEI Vicky Bochynek, Lynne Johnson, Nick Kohut, Bob Marshall, Amy Spies Treatment: Lynne Johnson, Nicole Ferrero

FEI Officials: Jan Stevens, Technical Delegate; Kiyotaka Yaguchi, Pres Ground

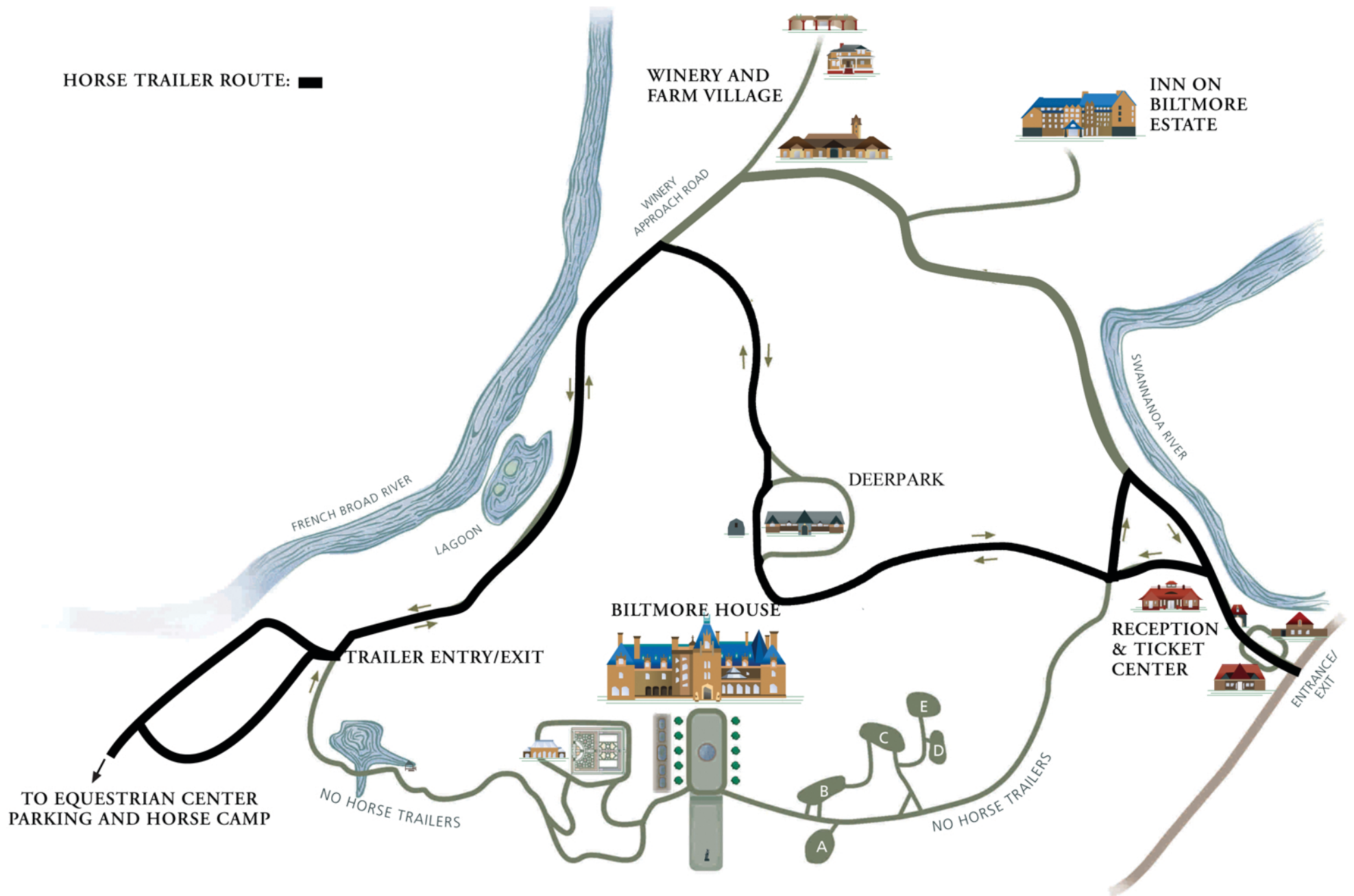
Jury, Carol Thompson, GJ; Jan Stevens, Chief Steward; Kristin Seymore-

Norsworthy, Tim Clark, Stewards

Timers: Henry Muhlbauer, Nancy Gooch, Laurie Underwood, Susan Kasemeyer

Farrier: TBD

BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER HORSE TRAILER ENTRY/EXIT MAP



Endurance Schedule		
Friday		
	8am	Camp Opens
	11am	Registration Opens
	1-5pm	AERC Vet-In
	1-5pm	FEI horse documentation check and identification (passports)
	4pm-5pm	FEI rider weigh-in
	6pm	Dinner
	6:30pm	Rider Briefing
Saturday		
	5:30 - 6:30am	FEI Vet-In
	6:30 am - 6:45 am	check in for 75 mile; FEI rider / horse tack inspection
	6:45am	75 mile ride starts (FEI and AERC)
	6:45am - 7:00am	check in for 65 mile; FEI rider / horse tack inspection
	7am	65 mile ride starts (FEI and AERC)
	7am	50 mile check in
	7:15am	50 mile ride starts
	7:45am	30-mile Check in
	8am	30-mile Start
	1pm - 5pm	vet in for intro ride available
	3:15pm	25-mile Finish
	7:15pm	50-mile Finish
	7:30pm	awards for 30 and 50
	10:30pm	65 mile ride finish
	11:45pm	FEI 2* Finish
	12:45pm	AERC 75-mile Finish
Sunday		
	8:30am	Awards for 65 and 75
	9:45am	Intro Check in
	10am	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. **FEI requires that the equine meet this criteria within 10 minutes without penalty; 15 minutes maximum, and requires a mandatory exit exam.** 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 Limited Distance; time stops when the pulse is down to 64 at the LD pulse box, which must be within 30 minutes of arrival. For AERC open completion, recovery is to pulse rate of 64 within 30 minutes from the finish line; **for FEI, within 20 minutes.** 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. AERC equines have up to an hour post-finish line to pass non-pulse criteria; **FEI equines must pass all criteria at the 20 minute to pulse mark.**

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: Contact info forthcoming. Please call ahead for Friday appointments

EQUINE BODYWORK: TBD

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

FOOD: Friday dinner. Catered, \$25.

We will be hosting a Ride & Tie again this year!

The Ride & Tie competitions will be managed by the same organization team as the past couple of years. Ride & Tie tentative schedule is forthcoming. They will be competing on Saturday and Sunday. www.rideandtie.org for more details.