

Bandit Springs Trails Weekend

Sponsored by *Mustangs to the Rescue*

In partnership with Ochoco National Forest

July 7 - 9, 2023

AERC

25 mile SUNSET Ride July 7

15, 30 mile Ride & Tie July 8

30, 50, 70 mile Endurance Ride July 8

25, 50 mile Endurance Ride July 9 & 25 mi CTR

10-15 mile Trail Ride with enhancement opportunities (optional):

July 7 judged trail obstacles, July 8 mock endurance ride, July 9 poker ride

Location: Central Oregon's beautiful Ochoco National Forest, 28 miles east of Prineville, OR - Ride Camp GPS coordinates: 44-27-59.74 N 120-22-21.96W

Directions: Drive on Hwy 26 east from Prineville to mile marker 48, turn right on USFS Road #2630 (watch for AERC signs and ribbons) for about 2 miles. Look for ride camp on your right.

Camp: Large, grassy meadow dotted with old growth ponderosa pine and aspens. Horse water and porta-potties provided. Please bring your own people water. All horse poop must be removed, manure trailer provided.

*****WEED FREE HAY REQUIRED *** ALL DOGS ON LEASHES**

Trails: 5, 10, 15, 20, & 30 miles loops. The course is mostly single-track dirt trails with the remainder on old two-track logging roads winding through pine covered mountains, wild horse habitat and green meadows. Generally good footing, and yes, there are some rocky spots. Water provided or from natural sources every 5-6 miles. Terrain is moderate with some long, gradual climbs. Keep an eye out for the gold that bandits left hidden in the hills in 1863 along with their six horses. The remains of the horses were found ... but the gold never was... Weather can vary from cool & dry to hot and humid during the day. Nights are cool at the 5000 ft elevation. No cell coverage at RC.

Awards: Completion, Top Ten, Jr & Sr BC (Must be 2 jrs in any given distance for a BC award) and a few fun awards. Saturday and Sunday awards at 7pm.

Vets: Cassee Terry (head vet) - Check-in starts Friday afternoon. All criteria will be determined by the conditions at the ride. Expect 60 pulse.

Entry & Fees

* We would prefer entries be made and fee be paid online. The easiest way to do this is go to the website.

* Trail Rides - \$30

* LDs and 50s - \$100

* 70 mile - \$115

* RM and MTTR Adoptees 1/2 price!

* Juniors ride FREE!! 25+ miles for free!

* If you must mail in entries or checks:

MTTR 21670 McGilvray Rd. Bend, OR 97702

* \$15 day fee for non-AERC members on 25+ miles

* Refund Policy:

June 10 or before 100% refund

After June 10, there will be a \$20 fee kept

At any time, you can sell your "ride" and just let ride management know who to sub in.

* Signing up at the ride is great but know that there will be a \$10 additional fee & no guarantee of current completion award. (Substitution or ride certificate guaranteed.)

* Please only pay for one day even if you sign up for more.

This will eliminate a lot of refunds.

* Ride & Tie July 9 - \$85 per team Ride & Tie rules apply

You must join R&T Association (1st timers are free)

* Tentative Potluck at 6:30 Sat & Sun night

* Tentative food available for purchase

* Tentative Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast

* Horses from MTTR available to meet

Ride Manager

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We're always looking for volunteers. Let the RM know if you'd like to be part of the party.

