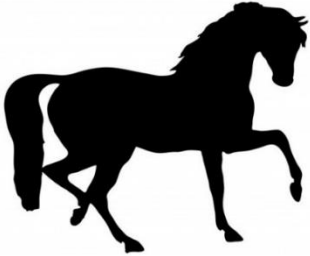


# The Blackwater Swamp Stomp

## AERC Northeast Benefit Ride – Oct. 13, 2019



**What:** AERC/ECTRA/SERA sanctioned 50-mile endurance ride, 26-mile limited distance "LD" ride & 13-mile intro ride. Proceeds will benefit the *USA Northeast Endurance* team preparing for the 2017 North American Junior & Young Riders Championship, [www.youngriders.org](http://www.youngriders.org)

**When:** Sunday October 13, 2019 (50s & LDs vet-in from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon; intro riders may wait until Sunday but are asked to check in by 9 am to avoid horses on access road later in the day. Ride management will limit rigs leaving camp from 1-3 p.m. since 50 mile horses are finishing on that same road.)

**ENTRIES LIMITED** – please register and pre-pay by Friday, Oct. 4, no "at the door" entries allowed; all but \$30 refunded to those who provide written notice to Mary/Sarah via email/text by noon on Saturday, Oct.12.

**Where:** Tidewater Horse Trail, 37093 Warrigue Rd, Ivor, VA [www.tidewaterhorsetrail.com](http://www.tidewaterhorsetrail.com)

**Manager:** Mary Howell [countshiloh@gmail.com](mailto:countshiloh@gmail.com) 804-432-0236

**Our host:** Phil Bain of T.L. Bain, L.P.

**Secretary:** Sarah Schick [schicksa5184@gmail.com](mailto:schicksa5184@gmail.com) 812-360-6459

**Trailmaster:** Joe Ford of Surry

**Volunteers:** Naoma Campbell, Amy & Ricky Stone, Janelle Westfall, Amanda Wells & a host of others.

**Basecamp:** Camp opens at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. Please call/text Mary Howell at 804-432-0236 if you need to arrive earlier. Before pulling into a spot, please wait for a parking volunteer to direct you (we plan to park large rigs park on the LEFT and bumper pulls/smaller rigs on the RIGHT to maximize limited space.)

**Water:** Ride management will provide horse water at several sites in basecamp and along the trail, but please bring your own people water. A creek suitable for watering horses is just down the road through basecamp.

**Trails:** Tidewater Horse Trail is a private preserve of farmland and forest along the Blackwater River and its adjacent swamp. Trails consist of sandy roads, double and single track trail and some unplowed land along the edges of open fields. If we get a lot of rain, trails will be soggy in places, but most of the trail will have a firm base. This ride is doable for barefoot horses; all vet checks are in camp and riders can crew from their trailers.

**Vetting:** Head Control Judge: Kelly Stoneburner, DVM

**Schedule:** Limited distance & 50-mile riders may check-in after 1 p.m. on Saturday and vet-in from 3-5 p.m. Intro riders may enter camp after 7:30 a.m. Sunday but must arrive and register by 9 a.m. then trot their horse for our vets before departing on trail. We plan to start the 50s at 7 a.m., the LDs at 7:30 a.m. and the intro riders by 10 a.m. (Start times may be adjusted depending on weather). Top Ten Awards in the 50-mile and LD events will be available from 2-6 p.m. Sunday. Riders may camp overnight Sunday if desired.

**Meals:** We'll serve pork barbecue on Saturday evening and provide plates & utensils. Please bring your own chair, beverage & a pot luck side dish or dessert to share. Ride briefing will begin about 6 p.m., with a new rider briefing after the main meeting. On Sunday, we'll offer an endless soup pot for everyone to enjoy.

**Directions:** Coming from the west, take Route 460 to the Town of Ivor. About 1 block before the stoplight, turn LEFT on Proctors Bridge Rd and continue for 1.3 miles. Watch for a 120 degree right turn onto Warrigue Rd! After turning right on Warrigue, go about a half mile. About 100 yards after Warrigue turns to unpaved road, look for the large brown "Tidewater Horse Trail" sign on your left. Turn left onto a sandy farm road and continue through a right hand turn towards basecamp. Please see our parking attendant before you park your



# October 13, 2019 Blackwater Swamp Stomp Endurance Ride

## Liability Release & Authorization

Both this release and that for Tidewater Horse Trail must be signed and returned with your ride entry. No cross-outs or additions are permitted.

As a participant in a ride sponsored by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), I agree to abide by the rules of both AERC, [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org), and our host, Tidewater Horse Trail, [www.tidewaterhorsetrail.com](http://www.tidewaterhorsetrail.com).

In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the Blackwater Swamp Stomp ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, T.L. Bain LLP, Lee Hooker/Isle of Wight Forest Products, Bruce & Amy Carr, AERC and their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal(s) I am riding or have entered.

I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1) the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2) that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify, or eliminate; 3) that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4) that as a result of participating in the ride, I or my horse may be injured, die, or my property damaged.

I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse and for any other party or animal that accompanies me; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary. I consent to a random drug test to be performed on my horse.

I understand that if the horse I am riding is pulled for metabolic reasons and requires treatment on-site or an additional recheck by a ride vet, this horse may not leave base camp until released by an authorized ride vet. Furthermore, I agree and authorize necessary and urgent treatment by a ride vet for a horse that I own, in the event this horse is ridden by another entrant and I am unable to provide explicit permission before or during the injury or illness event.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if junior rider)

Horse Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**T.L. Bain, LLLP dba Tidewater Horse Trail**  
**8265 Main Street/P.O. Box 225, Ivor, VA 23866**

**WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

Please read carefully before signing. This is a release of liability and wavier of certain legal rights. In consideration for my being permitted to participate in the activities of trail riding, I agree to the following Waiver and Release:

I acknowledge that trail riding has inherent risks, hazards, and dangers for anyone, that cannot be eliminated, particularly in a wilderness environment. I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INCLUDE WITHOUT LIMITATION:

1. The propensity of the animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them;
2. The unpredictable of the animal's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
3. Certain hazards such as surface and sub-surface conditions;
4. Collision with other animals or objects;
5. The potential of the participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability. I may encounter variations in terrain that are my responsibility and I assume these risks including creeks, water, bridges, traveled roads, wild things, stumps, stump holes, forest growth, debris, rocks and cliffs, holes, and other obstacles whether they are obvious or not obvious, man-made or natural;
6. Hiking in rugged country;
7. Encounters with wildlife, animals, and insects;
8. Temperature extremes;
9. Inclement weather conditions and the unavailability of immediate medical attention in the wilderness in case of injury.

I understand the risks, hazards, and dangers of horseback riding. I understand that these activities may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge. I believe I have that good physical conditioning and that degree of skill and knowledge necessary for me to engage in these activities safely. I understand that I have responsibilities. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. **I AM VOLUNTARILY USING THE LAND AND SERVICES OF T.L. BAIN, LLLP WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INHERENT RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH.**

Lastly, I, for myself, my heirs, successors, executors, and subrogates, hereby KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS T.L. Bain, LLLP, their partners, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, suits, expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this activity including, but not limited to, NEGLIGENCE of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to me or my property as a result of me engaging in these activities or the use of these services, animals or equipment, whether such damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death results from negligence of T.L. Bain, LLLP or from some other cause. I, for myself, my heirs, my successors, executors, and subrogates, further agree not to sue T.L. Bain, LLLP as a result of any injury, paralysis, or death suffered in connection with my use and participation in the activities of trail riding.

PER THE CODE OF VIRGINIA 3.2-6200 THROUGH 6203, HORSE PROFESSIONALS ARE EXEMPT FROM SUIT AND RIDERS RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT.

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Date

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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**T.L. Bain, LLLP dba Tidewater Horse Trail**  
**8265 Main Street/P.O. Box 225, Ivor, VA 23866**  
**WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT, continued**

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Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address (to be used only to inform riders of events,  
conditions or changes at Tidewater Horse Trail.)

All participants between the age of 12 to 18 years, must have a parent, guarding or custodian sign the following indemnification:

**INDEMNIFICATION**

In consideration for the above minor being permitted by \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the activities of trail riding, I agree to the following waiver, release and indemnification:

The undersigned parent, guarding, or custodian of the above minor, for himself/herself and on behalf of said minor, hereby joins in the foregoing Waiver and Release and hereby stipulates and agrees to save and hold harmless, indemnify, and forever defend, T.L. Bain, LLLP, their directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any claims, actions, demands, expenses, liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees), and NEGLIGENCE made or bought by said minor or by anyone on behalf of said minor, as a result of said minor's participating in the activities of trail riding and his or her use of the property, animals, if any, and facilities of T.L. Bain, LLLP. I, for myself and on behalf of said minor, further agree not to sue T.L. Bain, LLLP, as a result of injury, paralysis or death that said minor suffers in connection with his/her participation in the activities of trail riding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent, Guardian or Custodian of Minor

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Print Name of Minor

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Date

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Witness