



HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT

October 19, 2019

Bigfoot Horse Trails McHenry, MS

25 / 50 / 100 Miles

Come join us for the 5th annual "HUNTING FOR BIGFOOT" endurance ride and be a Bigfoot Hunter. This ride is held in the beautiful longleaf piney woods of the Desoto National Forest, home to an abundance of wildlife including the Federally protected gopher tortoise, endangered Red-cockaded woodpecker, and, occasionally, a roving bear passing through searching for a mate. Remnants of an old moonshine still from days past can be seen. For any hikers, the Tuxachanie Hiking Trail passes by camp. As for our elusive BIGFOOT, sightings have been reported throughout the years and riders continue to talk about hearing "something big" following them through areas of denser vegetation.

Base camp is located in a nice open area with easy parking. Primitive camping conditions. NO HUMAN WATER. There is plenty of horse water available in camp and on trail, thanks to our amazing local volunteer fire department. Trees are available in camp for those that high tie. Porta potties will be located in camp in addition to a permanent brick potty house. No dumpsters available so if you pack it in, please pack it out.

Beginner friendly. Great place for both new riders and new horses. Looking to move up in distance? This is the place to do it. Trails are a combination of single and two track on permanent horse trails. Less than 200 feet of sand. Gentle rolling hills through a Longleaf piney forest with hardwood bottoms. Barefoot friendly. Limited road riding pending rainfall thus trail re-routing. For safety reasons, 100 milers' last two loops will include clay / gravel road. Trails are clearly marked. Examples of our trail markings were featured in a past issue of AERC's Endurance News. Cutie Curt tells folks that even Ray Charles could find his way.

This year, a 100 mile ride will be available. We are offering a \$25.00 mentor discount for any Mentor/competitor that rides with and assists a Mentee throughout the ride. This would mean that you start with, ride with, and finish with a Mentee. Should either the Mentor or the Mentee be pulled or unable to complete the ride, the discount will still be applied. In the case of a Mentor being eliminated, ride management will make every effort to find an alternate Mentor to continue with the Mentee. Should a Mentor and a Mentee elect not to complete the ride together, then the Mentor will not be eligible for the mentor discount and will be required to pay the full entry fee.

To be eligible for the Mentor discount, a Mentor must have COMPLETED a minimum of ten (10) 100 mile one day rides. If you qualify as a Mentor and would be willing to mentor a "new to 100 mile distance rider"/Mentee, or have any questions *specific* to the 100 mile ride, please notify Christo Dinkelman, dba Dinkelman Arabians, so that you can be paired up with an appropriate Mentee. As a Mentor, if you already have a Mentee in mind, please list their name where indicated on your entry form.

Meals will be available Friday evening at ride meeting. Top camp chefs Cutie Curt & Phil Williams will be cooking chili. Include number of meals on entry form. Tee shirts for completions. Include your size on entry form & send in early to better assure availability.

100 mile hospitality tent with refreshments for 100 milers will be on site. We'll have volunteers to help 100 milers with anything they need (holding horses, trotting them out, etc) All vet checks will be in camp

RIDE MANAGER

Jane Lee

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100 MILE CO-ORDINATOR

Christo Dinkelman

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* MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JANE LEE

Mail entries to :

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NAME _____ **AERC#** _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Emergency Contact _____ **Phone** _____

Weight Division _____

Junior Birthday _____ **Sponsor** _____

Horse Name _____ **AERC#** _____ **Age*** _____

Tee Shirt Size _____ (S, M, L, XL)

ENTRY FEES:

100 mile non Mentor \$175.00 _____

100 mile Junior \$125.00 _____

100 mile Mentor \$150.00 _____ (MENTEE's Name) _____

50 mile \$100.00 _____

25 mile \$100.00 _____

Junior (25 & 50) \$60.00 _____

Intro ride \$60.00 _____

Non AERC member \$15.00 _____

Late fee \$10.00 _____

Meal \$8.00 _____

Total \$ _____

To avoid late entry fee, form must be received by October 12, 2019
No refund once horse has been vetted in.

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE EAST

I-10 West into Mississippi.

Exit 46B. Merge onto MS 15 North/MS 67, go approx 23 miles.

Merge onto US 49 North, go approx 3.5 miles.

There will be a BROWN road sign, McHenry WMA Shooting Facility.

Turn right on East McHenry road, go approx 4 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto CITY road. At approx 2 miles, Airey Lake Recreation Area will be on the left, approx 6/10 mile past, turn left at Bigfoot Horse Trail signs.

FROM THE WEST

I-12 to I-10 in Slidell, Louisiana. Continue I-10 into Mississippi

Exit 34B US 49 North go approx 21 miles. McHenry WMA Shooting Facility sign. Turn Right onto East McHenry Rd approx 4 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto City Road. At approx 2 miles, Airey Lake Recreation Area will be on the left, approx 6/10 mile past, turn left at Bigfoot Horse Trail signs.

FROM THE NORTH

From Birmingham take I-20 south to Meridian, MS.

From Meridian, take I-59 South to US 98E, exit 59. This is south of Hattiesburg. Go approx 2 miles Exit at US Hwy 49 south, Mississippi Gulfcoast/Gulfport. Go approx 40 miles on Hwy 49 S. McHenry WMA Shooting Facility sign Turn Left onto East McHenry Rd. Go approx 4 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto City Road. At approx 2 miles, Airey Lake Recreation Area will be on the left, approx 6/10 mile past, turn left at Bigfoot Horse Trail signs.

LIABILITY RELEASE

As a participant in the Hunting for Bigfoot Endurance Ride on _____, I hereby agree to comply with any rules of AERC, SERA, SEDRA and the conditions and regulations of this event. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation and medical facilities, that these areas have many natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate. I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I assume full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding or in my care. I will hold AERC, SERA, SEDRA, it's officers and all individual members thereof, all ride personnel, and property owners over whose land I may cross, their representatives, successors and assigns blameless for any accident, injury or loss that may occur due to my participation in the Hunting for Bigfoot Endurance Ride. I further agree to hold any and all of the aforementioned individuals and organizations free from all liability for such injury or loss. This release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and I expressly waive any benefits that I may otherwise have under the provisions of the laws of Mississippi relating to the release of unknown claims. I understand that this release constitutes a limitation upon my legal rights.

UNDER MISSISSIPPI LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

I hereby certify that my horse is not under the influence of medication and will not be treated with or given any medications prohibited by AERC rules. I also hereby give permission to AERC or it's duly appointed agent to take any appropriately action deemed necessary to check for possible administration of drugs to my horse. The undersigned verified acceptance for risks and responsibility for rider's and horse conditions and certifies that all information on this form is correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

I give consent for and will be financially responsible for emergency medical treatment for myself and/or the horse that I am riding or is in my care if I am unable to give informed consent.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS RELEASE.

DATED _____

RIDER'S SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF JUNIOR RIDER _____

HORSE OWNERS SIGNATURE _____