

## Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail (MC2C) 50 Mile Endurance Ride

June 26, 2020

11700 Wade Ln, Valley Springs, CA 95252

**Overview:** This is a 12 rider proof of concept ride on a beautiful 49.6 mile course with gentle rolling hills. Any net proceeds will be donated to the MC2C Trail Council. This is a no frills ride and provides only the minimum necessary services to obtain AERC sanction. There is no ride camp, but equestrian camping is walking distance from the start. If the ride is successful, then additional endurance rides will be scheduled with a LD ride the following day. This ride arises from the idea that small local rides are the future of endurance in a time of climate change and a contracting economy from COVID-19.

**Directions:** Go to Camanche South Shore Recreation Area, present your trail permit or purchase a day pass, proceed to Turkey Hill Staging Area near GPS coordinates 38°12'49.5"N 120°55'02.2"W (38.213754, -120.917265)

**Ride Camp:** This ride does not have a ride camp. The ride concept is for most riders to arrive on the day of the event. For riders traveling a longer distance, excellent equestrian camping is available within walking distance of the ride start and vet check area. Reservations may be made with Camanche Recreation Company calling their reservation line (866) 763-5121. The following URL provides description of the facilities.

<https://www.lakecamanacheresort.com/home-v2/camping-overview/#equestriancamping> .

Hay and Manure must be cleaned up and deposited in the provided disposal bins.

**Trail:** The trail provides beautiful views of Lake Comanche and Lake Pardee. Most of the trail is shaded by old oak and pine trees. The entire ride is 2-way and will be shared with hikers and trail riders. The trail is a mix of gravel road with soft shoulder and wide single track trails. The GPS distance is ~49 miles and the total verticle is ~1200 feet. The trial east to Patty's Point and back will cross a 270 foot deep gulch. The decent and assent are steep and dismounting is recommended. This is an easy trail by California standards, but it is the full endurance distance. Horse water is available every 6-8 miles. Human water on the trail is limited. Carry human drinking water.

**Trail Marking:** The trail has existing marking that directs the riders at each road or trail intersection. No addition trail marking or ribbons will be provided. A trail map is available at: [https://www.ebmud.com/index.php/download\\_file/force/1047/266/?Mokelumne-Coast-Crest-Trail-Map.pdf](https://www.ebmud.com/index.php/download_file/force/1047/266/?Mokelumne-Coast-Crest-Trail-Map.pdf). Please download this map to your phone or print it out for use on the trail if preferred. The ride will not provide a paper map.

**Trail Safety:** Footing is rocky so shoes or boots are strongly recommended. There are numerous low hanging branches so helmets are strongly recommended. There will be poison oak along some portions of the trail. There are several blind corners on the single track through the canyons. Slow to a walk and proceed with caution if you cannot see the trail ahead of you. Evacuation points on the trail system are very limited. If your horse goes lame or loses a shoe, you will need to walk to the nearest trail access point for evacuation back to Turkey Hill Staging Area. You should carry a spare hoof boot.

**Vet Checks:** Pre-ride inspection will occur the morning of the ride starting at 5am at Turkey Hill Staging area. A gate and go inspection will occur at Campo Seco Staging area at mile 16 of the ride. A gate to a 30 minute hold will occur at Campo Seco Staging Area at mile 35. Hay and wet mash will be provided. The ride does not provide lunch. Snacks and drinks will be available at the remote lunch time hold. Riders should send a crew bag for any special needs. Finish and best condition judging will occur at Turkey Hill Staging area at mile 49.6.

**Check in and Rider Meeting:** The Lake Comanche South Shore Recreation Area gate opens at 5am. Check in is at 5:30am on the day of the ride. A vet card will be available for pick up at 5:30 am for ride pre-inspection. Nothing else is provided. A short ride meeting will be immediately before the ride start.

**Start and finish times:** The 50 mile ride will start at 7:00 AM. Riders must finish by 7:00 PM.

**Dinner and Awards:** Dinner is not provided. There will be a short meeting after the ride to 1) announce placement, 2) announce best condition, and 3) allow riders to express opinions on the ride. Each rider and the BC horse will receive a certificate.

**Rider limits:** The ride will be limited to 12 riders. This limitation is due to limited trailer parking, and to minimize the chance of negative interactions with hikers and trail riders.

**Trailer parking:** Riders arriving on the day of the event should use the smallest trailer possible and trailer pool with others if possible. Space is not available for large live in trailers.

**Rider lottery:** Spots are reserved for riders that have provided early support and interest. The remaining spots will be selected by a lottery on 6/1/2020 from all that apply to participate. Please let the ride manager know if 2 or more riders desire to be considered as a team. Teams do not increase the maximum number of riders.

**Ride rules:** All AERC rules will apply. Please be sure that you are familiar with AERC rules. They are available at the AERC website <https://www.AERC.org>. EBMUD rules including no dogs off leash or on trails and no smoking on trails will also apply. You must have or purchase an EBMUD trail pass in your possession during the ride. You must sign in at the EBMUD station as a trail rider before the start of the ride. Manure must be picked up and placed in provided bins. Refunds for cancellations prior to 6/01/2020. Late cancel 50% refund – No shows, no refunds. Any equine that does not vet in will receive refund. Refunds subject to \$25 admin fee. There will be no ties.

#### **Ride Outline:**

Lake Comanche South Shore Recreation Area gate opens at 5am. Purchase trail pass if needed

Check in and vet check 5:30 to 6:30am

Ride Meeting 6:30

Start at 7:00am from Turkey Hill Staging Area (THSA) and proceed to Western Terminus.

Turn around and proceed east past THSA to Campo Seco Staging Area (CSSA)

Gate and go vet check at CSSA.

Proceed east past OK Corral to Pattys Point.

Turn around and proceed west past OK Corral to Campo Seco Staging Area (CSSA).

Gate to a 30 minute hold at CSS.

Proceed east to THSA.

Finish vet check and BD judging at THSA.

**Mokelumne Coast to Crest Ride**  
**Saturday, June 27, 2020 • Lake Comanche, CA • AERC Sanctioned 50 miles**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ AERC # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Rider's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ AERC \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (check here if rider is owner) \_\_\_\_ otherwise provide owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your division~Check ONE \_\_\_\_ Young Rider (16-21 years of age as of ride date)

\_\_\_\_ Featherweight (Rider w/tack up to 160 lbs) \_\_\_\_ Lightweight (Rider w/tack up to 185 lbs)

\_\_\_\_ Middleweight (Rider w/tack up to 210 lbs) \_\_\_\_ Heavyweight (Rider w/tack over 210 lbs)

\_\_\_\_ Junior Division (under 16 as of 12/1/2017) Junior riders, 16 and under, entered in the ride will be accepted and allowed to ride only if accompanied by an adult sponsor whose name and entry have been submitted for this ride. Junior riders must have sponsor present to start or continue on from any point of the ride, and must finish the ride within one minute of the sponsor. **ALL JUNIOR RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET WHILE RIDING AT ALL TIMES, BEFORE, AFTER AND DURING THE ACTUAL EVENTS. WE RECOMMEND HELMETS FOR ALL RIDERS!**

**ENTRY FEE:**

50 Mile (\$130) (Juniors & 2018 Ride Managers \$125) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ride managed: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 AERC fee for non-member \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
Roger Ward  
(Checks will be cashed as received)

**MAIL TO:**  
Roger Ward  
25302 N. Pearl Rd  
Acampo, CA 95220

**Cancellations on or before June 1 will receive full refunds. Late cancel 50% refund – No shows, no refunds.**

**Liability Release**

As a participant in the Mokelumne Coast to Crest 50 mile ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and by the rules of this ride. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communication, transportation and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which Ride Management expressly declines to anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate or warn against; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I release, hold harmless and indemnify the "Mokelumne Coast to Crest Ride" Management, Roger Ward, all ride personnel, and all property owners including all East Bay Municipal Utility District personnel from all liability arising from accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride.

Rider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_