



The Whole Hog

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Saturday, April 29 &
Sunday, April 30, 2023

Intro, 25 Mile LD, and 50 Mile Endurance Sat and Sun!

SANCTIONED BY AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE (AERC) & SPONSORED
BY TEXAS ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TERA)

Come one, come all! No limit on participants!

(OK, if 200 people sign up, we'll have to talk!)

Ride Manager: John Nowell, (972) 672-8250; jcnowell@msn.com

Ride Secretary: Kerry Lowrey, (337) 424-7074 (KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com)

Assistant Ride Manager: Bo Parrish **SS Rep:** Tommy Robichaux

Head Control Vet: Dennis Seymore **Additional Vets:** Carter Hounsel,

Ride Site:

**LBJ National Grasslands, Operated by the
U.S. Forest Service North of Decatur, Texas
HQ at Valley View Campground
(NOT TADRA Point!)**

APPROXIMATE Start Times for all distances:

50 Miles: 7:00 AM

25 Miles: 7:30 AM

Intros: 9:00 AM

(Note: The times are approximate and for planning purposes only. Final start times will be posted when determined.)

PRIZES: Completion prizes for both distances. Best Condition, High Vet, etc.
See Face book page for more info.

The Food Truck will be available on SATURDAY ONLY!

The Whole Hog Entry Form

Rider Name: _____ AERC# _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell _____

Phone: (____) _____

Home#: (____) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Shirt Size: YM YL S M L XL Special Mileage Attempt? _____

Weight Div: Heavy (>210lbs) Middle (186-210 lbs) Light (161-185 lbs) Feather (<161 lb) Junior

If you are a junior the following must be completed:

Sponsor's Name: _____ AERC# _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: _____

Sat Horse: _____ AERC# _____ Distance: **50 25 Intro**

Sun Horse: _____ AERC# _____ Distance: **50 25 Intro**

Entry Fees: (Fee includes EVERYTHING!—Trail Access Fee, Camping, & AERC Drug Fee)

+ _____ Junior Rider \$75 (LD or 50, No other discounts Apply)

+ _____ Intros \$60

+ _____ 25 Mile LD \$110 (**\$120 AFTER April 17th**)

+ _____ 50 Mile END \$110 (**\$120 AFTER April 17th**)

+ _____ **\$15 Non-AERC Member Fee (DO NOT PAY if you are INTRO)**

Available Discount:

\$5 TERA Member discount TERA # _____**

Total: _____ Check # _____ OR CASH at the Ride

Make checks payable to: **John Nowell**,

Fill out Jotform @: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/990900021395424>

Mail Payment, Coggins Copy, & Liability release to: Kerry Lowrey, 163 Fisher
McConathy Rd., Anacoco, La 71403 Email: KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com

The Whole Hog Liability Release

Liability Release: As a participant in the 2023 The Whole Hog Endurance Ride, I,

_____ agree to abide by the rules of AERC, TERA, and The Whole Hog ride rules. 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 or man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate. I also understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride covers, blameless for any accident, injury or loss and free from any and all liability of such injury or loss that may occur due to my participation in the ride.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this liability release.

Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

Junior Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Known Drug Allergies: _____

Medical Condition: _____

Please be courteous at all times and remember we are doing this for FUN!!!

Rider meals not will be provided; however, there will be a food truck on-site ON SATURDAY ONLY offering items to purchase.

Schedule:

Camp Opens:	10:00 AM Friday
Vet-In Begins:	3:00 PM Friday
Ride Meeting:	6:30 PM Friday
Awards Meeting:	after 50's finish on Saturday

Directions to The Whole Hog (TWH)

The headquarters and ride site for TWH will be the Valley View Campground at the LBJ Grasslands. If you have been here before, you probably have your favorite route; and all of you probably have access to a good GPS. Here are a couple of suggestions if you need them.

From the West, South, or East: Take US 380 to Decatur. Exit to FM 730. Take FM 730 north approximately 9.2 miles to CR 2461. Turn left on CR 2461, and then take an immediate right on CR 2560. Proceed approximately 4.7 miles to the junction of CR 2560 and CR 2675. Continue straight on CR 2675 for 2 miles to the entrance to Valley View Campground on your right.

From the North: Proceed to the city of Era, TX (consult your map). From Era, take SH 51 southwest to FM 455, about 12 miles. Turn right on FM 455 and proceed to FM 730, about 7.2 miles. Turn left on FM 730 and proceed south to CR 2461, about 7.6 miles. Turn right on CR 2461, and then take an immediate right on CR 2560. Proceed approximately 4.7 miles to the junction of CR 2560 and CR 2675. Continue straight on CR 2675 for 2 miles to the entrance to Valley View Campground on your right.

NOTE: If you come through the Decatur area, watch your speed, as there are always city and county law enforcement officers monitoring the area.

There should be ample parking for everyone, but a monitor will be on hand to help you park if we have a large turnout.

TRAILS: The ride will be held on the trails of the LBJ National Grasslands, operated by the U.S. Forest Service. The terrain is gently rolling and varies from open meadows to some forested areas; it is not considered "technical". You may encounter some sandy areas. The trail surface is considered barefoot friendly. Trails are permanently marked and easily visible; additional trail markings will be provided where needed. The trails we will use are loops, and all vet checks will be held in camp.

RULES: Endurance is an athletic event for both horse and rider. The goal is to complete the marked trail within the time given as established by AERC standards with an equine that is fit to continue from checkpoint to checkpoint. Equines must pass a complete vet check before, during, and after the ride. All AERC rules will apply. Safety helmets are recommended for all riders, but are required for juniors at any time they are on their equine, in camp or on trail. Junior riders must be accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) at all times during the ride. Juniors riding as Seniors must show AERC approval.

GATE HOURS: Camp will open on Friday at 10:00am, and close Monday at 10:00 am. Water *for horses only* is available in camp. Riders, please bring your own water for your consumption. Vet checks will be in camp.

ALL manure and hay must be spread nicely! Human trash must be packed out – no dumpster available!!

CAMPING: The camping fee and day rider fee is included in your ride entry *for Friday and Saturday only*. You are responsible for your camping fee if you arrive before Friday (or Sunday if you stay over until Monday). This fee is \$10 fee per vehicle per day. You must pay these fees to the US Forest Service directly; a drop box is available to deposit your payment. There are no hookups available.

Many thanks for your interest in The Whole Hog!

**As always, I'm available to answer any questions.
See you in April!**

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