

Quitaque Climb



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

October 4th and 5th, 2024

Intro, 30 Mile LD, & 50 Mile END

****Region 9 AHA Endurance Championship**

Oct 5th**

Head Control Vet: Dr. Laura Blanton

Additional Vet: Dr. Carter Hounsel

Ride Managers: Valerie L. Bixler DVM, 214-514-3618 email: bixlerdvm@gmail.com
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Ride Secretary: email: quitaqueclimb@gmail.com

TRAILS: Pole Canyon Ranch sits on the edge of the caprock escarpment. There is a mix of footing types on two-track ranch roads with rock, grass, packed topsoil, and sand. Canyons are numerous with steep climbs, descents, and creek crossings. Hoof protection is strongly recommended. There are creeks, ponds, and water troughs for water. There is extremely limited to no cell phone service on the trail.

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.

PRIZES: Completion award to all distances, Best Condition and possibly more ;)

AHA Awards: Purebred and Half Arabian will receive Champion, Reserve Champ, and Top 5 Plaques with ribbons. Best Condition awards will also be awarded to both divisions.

GATE HOURS: Ride camp will open on Thursday at 10:00 am, and close Sunday at 10:00 am.

Pole Canyon Ranch is open to the public. To arrive and camp outside official ride camp hours, please see <https://polecanyon.com/> or with questions contact ride management. Registration opens at 12 pm Thursday. Vet check opens at approximately 3pm. Pre-ride meeting approximately 7pm.

CAMPING: A Pole Canyon Ranch camping form must be filled out with payment submitted at registration to receive your vet card and number. *All RV hook ups are reserved for ride management and volunteers from Wednesday, October 2nd through Sunday October 6th. Payments for camping and pens are payable to Pole Canyon Ranch.*

Pens will be available @ \$5 a night. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. Water for horses and humans is available in the camp. All manure and hay must be cleaned from pens and moved to designated manure areas. Those who camp in the pasture may spread manure and hay. Do not spread shavings in the pasture! Please bag them or use a wheelbarrow to dispose of them in the designated area. There are bathrooms with showers. Dogs must be always on a leash. If you cannot keep your dog on a leash: LEAVE THE DOG AT HOME! NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE RIDE MEETING OR FOOD TRUCK AREA.

Pole Canyon Ranch: 2601 FM 689 Quitaque, TX 79255 **JOTFORM: <https://form.jotform.com/242386182259160>**

For information on best routes to ride camp or nearby amenities call Valerie L. Bixler DVM, 214-514-3618

(Office Use Only) Rider# _____ Check# _____ Amt Paid \$ _____

Quitaque Climb Entry Form

Friday Oct. 4th and Saturday Oct. 5th

Rider Name: _____ AERC# _____ TERA# _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Weight Div. (circle one): Heavy (>210lbs) Middle (186-210 lbs) Light (161-185 lbs) Feather (<161 lb) Junior
Please complete the following for junior riders:

Sponsor's Name: _____ AERC# _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Friday: Horse Name: _____ AERC# _____

Circle Distance: **50 30 Intro**

Breed: _____

Saturday: Horse Name _____ AERC# _____

Breed: _____

Circle Distance: **50 30 Intro**

Entry Fees:

Days ___ x _____ = _____ Intro Ride \$70 (\$95.00 after 9/21/2024)

Days ___ x _____ = _____ 30 Mile LD \$135 (\$160.00 after 9/21/2024)

Days ___ x _____ = _____ 50 Mile END \$135 (\$160.00 after 9/21/2024)

Days ___ x _____ = _____ Junior Fee \$75

+ _____ \$15 Non-AERC Member Fee (LD or 50 distance)

_____ **Total** Check # _____

Make checks payable to: Valerie Bixler mailing address: 784 CR 1660 Chico, TX 76431

Zelle, Venmo, or PayPal (Friends & Family): thomas.robichaux@gmail.com ****Note Name and Ride Dates****

Payment needs to be **POSTMARKED** or received by September 21, 2024, to receive the discount. If paying at camp, make sure to bring appropriate funds for the \$25.00 convenience fee of paying at the ride.

A \$25.00 management fee is non-refundable on each ride date signed up. Bring the completed entry form with you at check in. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Liability Release

As a participant in the Quitaque Climb Ride, _____ agrees to abide by the rules of AERC, TERA, AHA, and AHA Region 9. 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, control, or eliminate. Horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and those 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 all liability of such injury or loss that may occur due to my participation in the ride. I have read and understand this liability release.

Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

Junior Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Known Drug Allergies: _____

Medical Condition: _____

Riders are subject to disqualification for the following: disrespect or harassment of another rider, veterinarian, volunteer, or ride manager. Blatant disregard for camp rules. Reckless endangerment of their horse or fellow riders such as racing into camp or rushing past unmounted riders, failure to control their horse in the vet check.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pole Canyon Ranch
Quitaque Climb Endurance Ride
P. O. Box 25 -- Quitaque, Texas 79255
polecanyon@polecanyon.com
www.polecanyon.com

Name: _____ Circle one: rider...volunteer...radio...vet
Make/color of Vehicle: _____ License Plate: _____
Description of Trailer: _____
Please list others in your group: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Camping: **RV Parking** \$25 nightly per site with water and electricity
Primitive Camping \$20 per night

Number of nights for site w/water & elec. = _____ X \$25 per site = \$ _____ (RV site # _____)
Number of nights for site w/o water & elec. = _____ X \$20 per site = \$ _____

Pens: \$5.00 per pen daily

Number of pens (____) X number of nights used (____) = _____ X \$5.00= \$ _____

Dump Station: \$5.00= \$ _____

Total remittance: \$ _____

Leave remittance with ride secretary to pick up your vet card and number.

POLE CANYON CAMP RULES

No firearms allowed.

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES

NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE RIDE MEETING OR FOOD TRUCK

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE RESTROOM YARD

Take responsibility for your dog's waste. There are trash barrels located near the pens.

Place all trash in trash barrels. RM will provide trash bags. Ask for one!!

Quiet time (Generators off) @ 10PM

Pens must be cleaned. Place manure through the wire fence at the wheat field east of the pens.

Wheelbarrows available at the pens.

DO NOT SCATTER SHAVINGS- use a wheelbarrow and place in wheat field

Spread manure.

Pole Canyon Ranch is open range. Cows will come into camp. Keep hay inside your trailer!

Keep your trailer doors closed to prevent unwanted visitors!

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF DANGERS, RISKS AND HAZARDS
OF RECREATIONAL HIKING, BIKING, AND/OR EQUESTRIAN RIDING
OR OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

I hereby acknowledge that I have knowingly and willingly entered a Recreation Agreement, or become a party bound by the terms and conditions of a Recreation Agreement by and between Pole Canyon Ranch. (hereinafter the Owner, whether one or more), and the undersigned guest. I understand the terms, provisions, and conditions of this agreement.

I further acknowledge and understand that no warranty, either express or implied, is made by the Owner as to the condition of the Owner's property (hereinafter the recreation premises) or of any roads, buildings, gates, or other improvements located thereon. This document serves to warn me that dangerous conditions, risks, and hazards do exist. My presence and activities on the recreation premises expose both me and my property to dangerous conditions, risks and hazards, including but not limited to: poisonous snakes, insects and spiders; erosion and general condition of the land, both on and off roadways, ranch roads, trails or senderos, creating rough, hazardous and dangerous driving, recreational activities including: equestrian riding, biking, hiking, camping and walking conditions; animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous; deep water; and the use of vehicles. I hereby state that I am aware of these facts and expressly assume all such dangers, risks, and hazards.

In consideration for the right to enter the recreation premises, I hereby release and agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Owner and his or her respective heirs, agents, employees and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action and damages, including attorneys' fees, resulting from any accident, incident or occurrence arising out of, incidental to or in any way resulting from the use of the recreation premises and any improvements located thereon, whether or not caused by the Owner's negligence or gross negligence. This release applies during the time that I am permitted on the recreation premises. I hereby further covenant and agree that I, my heirs, successors and assigns will not make any claim or institute any suit or action at law or in equity against the Owner or his or her respective heirs, agents, representatives, employees, successors or assigns by reason of conditions of the recreation premises or activities occurring thereon.

As used in this release, the terms *I, my person, myself* and *guest* include minors in my care while on the leased premises.

Signature _____ Spouse or other adult _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City, State & Zip _____

Telephone _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Telephone Number _____

Name(s) and D.O.B. of child(ren) if release is for minor(s):

Name

D.O.B.

WARNING: Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from inherent risks of equine activities.

POLE CANYON RANCH

And how to find us

GPS coordinates of the ranch entrance: 34.299063, -101.130465.

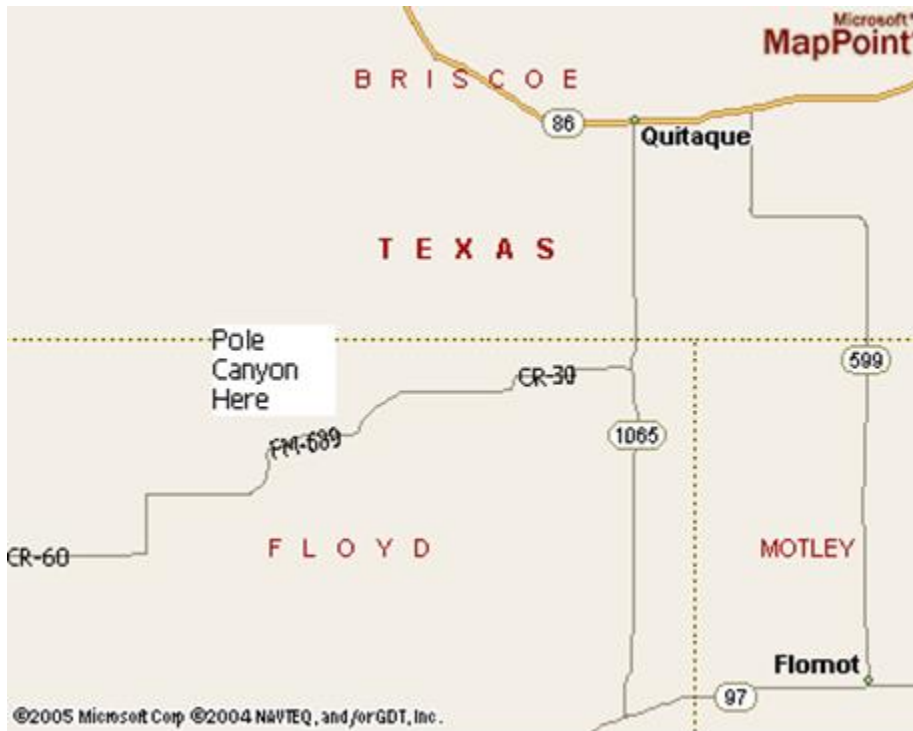
Getting to Quitaque, TX

Quitaque is located in northwest Texas, inside the triangle formed by I-27 between Lubbock and Amarillo and Highway 287 from Wichita Falls to Amarillo. It is on Highway 86, between Estelline and Tulia, in the beautiful Caprock Canyon country.

Quitaque is the home of [Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway](#) (part of the same canyon system that includes Palo Duro Canyon) and the [Comanchero Canyons Museum](#).

From Quitaque to the ranch

- 4 miles south on FM 1065.
- Turn right (west). Proceed on FM 689 for 4 miles.
- You'll see a cattle guard on the right. Our sign is to the east.
- Turn in and go 1/4 mile to parking areas.



FACEBOOK RIDE PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/awgzecTNyyx4YecJ/>

JOTFORM INFORMATION: <https://form.jotform.com/242386182259160>