

HILLSDALE Spring Fling 2025

March 15 & 16 2025

55/30 Mile and Intro Rides Both Days

Sanctioned by AERC and OCER

Come join us at the Hillsdale Spring Fling endurance ride in beautiful Hillsdale State Park in eastern Kansas. Ride around the lake, over rolling hills, and through open fields on well-marked trails. Enjoy a potluck dinner on Saturday and sit by the campfire with old and new friends!

ADDRESS: Saddle Ridge Equestrian Camp, Hillsdale Lake
26800 253th ST Paola, KS 66071

RIDE MANAGERS: Gerry Cummings & Melissa Martinez

CONTACT: hillsdalespringfling24@gmail.com
Gerry Cummings at 618-409-8272
Melissa Martinez at 316-990-1630

VETS: Jeanie Hauser DVM
David Cross DVM

CAMPING: Saddle Ridge has 34 campsites with corrals or tie posts. Bathroom and shower facilities are onsite as well as horse water and wash rack. Check-in & checkout is 2:00 pm daily

CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS: Contact the Hillsdale Park Office directly at 913-594-3600.
*Electric/water sites: \$22 per night, *Water only sites: \$10 per night, *Primitive camping available. *Daily vehicle permit of \$5, *Transaction fee \$3.

DIRECTIONS: From the South and West: Take I-35N towards Kansas City. Take the KS-68 exit toward Ottawa/Louisburg. Turn right onto KS-68. Turn Left onto Osawatomie Rd. After you cross the dam turn left on Harmony Road (go about .3 miles). Turn left onto W. 253rd St. (go about .2 miles). Saddle Ridge is on the right. From the North and East: Take I-35S. Take the US-169 S, exit 215 towards Paola/Hillsdale Lake. Turn left onto US-169S (go about 13.5 miles). Take the 255th Street ramp. Turn right onto W. 255th St (go about 2.5 miles). Turn right onto Harmony Road (go about .3 miles). Turn left onto W. 253rd St. (about .2 miles). Saddle Ridge is on the right.

LOCATION: GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude): 38.669835, -94.895688

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://form.jotform.com/250036995961062>

This is the best way to register. This is for the benefit of the riders to help ensure there are enough vets available to keep the vet lines short. We can also plan for all aspects of the weekend knowing how many riders to expect and determining if we have an ample number of t-shirts for the completion award. Ride fees will be collected onsite. **Please pre-register by March 9th!**

JUNIOR RIDERS: are those who are 15 or younger as of the first day of the new ride year (December 1, 2024) and must be accompanied by an adult sponsor throughout the ride. A helmet is also required while mounted. If the junior has no sponsor before the ride, please contact management and often a sponsor can be arranged. We love Junior riders and would like to encourage the new generation of endurance riders, therefore **ALL JUNIORS RIDE FOR FREE at our ride!**

INTRODUCTORY RIDERS: The purpose of the Introductory Ride is to give a new rider or equine a chance to experience the sport of endurance. The equine must be at least 48 months old but there is no age limit on the rider!. There will be a standard vet exam. The non AERC member fee does not apply. This is a fun and low key way to get to know our sport. Please invite your friends to try out endurance riding at the Hillsdale Spring Fling!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE :

Friday March 14

2 pm Registration Opens
4 pm Vet-IN
7:00 pm Ride Meeting
8:00 pm Campfire

Saturday March 15

6:00 am 55 Mile Start
8:00 am 30 Mile Start
9:00 am Intro Ride Start
7:00 pm Potluck & Awards
8:00 pm Campfire

Sunday March 16*

6:00 am 55 Mile Start*
8:00 am 30 Mile Start*
9:00 am Intro Ride Start*
? pm Awards - listen for horn

*Note - need 3 or more riders to start each distance on Sunday

POTLUCK DINNER: We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday night at the Ride Meeting and Awards. Please bring your favorite dish to share! Utensils, plates, napkins, and drinks will be provided.

DOGS: Hillsdale State Park requires that all dogs must be on a leash at all times.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: Get all the ride details at [Hillsdale Spring Fling 2025](#)

To Finish is to Win! Let's Have Some Fun!!

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Rider Entry Form

Rider Information:

Name: _____
AERC#: _____ OCER Member: YES or NO
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Weight Division [includes tack] Please Check One:

_____ Junior (<16 on 12/01/2024) _____ Featherweight (0-160lbs)
_____ Lightweight (161-185lbs) _____ Middleweight (186-210lbs)
_____ Heavyweight (211lbs—ABOVE) _____ Young Rider (Age 16 to 21)

Note: Juniors wishing to ride as seniors must present a letter from AERC stating that said junior meets the age and mileage requirements. A parent or guardian's signature is required even if riding in the correct weight division.

Equine Information:

Sat. Horse Name: _____ AERC#: _____
Sun. Horse Name: _____ AERC# _____

Kansas State Law requires negative Coggins papers dated within 12 months of the ride to be presented in camp. Health papers dated within 30 days of the ride are required for all out of state equines. Address for health certificate: Saddle Ridge Equestrian Camp, Hillsdale Lake 26800 253th ST Paola, KS 66071

FEES:

Saturday

Intro \$50 _____
30 Miles \$90 _____
55 Miles \$110 _____
*AERC Non-member + \$20 _____
(does not apply for Intro)

Total Saturday _____

Sunday

Intro \$50 _____
30 Miles \$90 _____
55 Miles \$110 _____
*AERC Non-member + \$20 _____
(does not apply for Intro)

Total Sunday _____

TOTAL RIDE FEES BOTH DAYS _____

- FREE - **JUNIORS RIDE FREE!** - If you are a junior, please indicate your distance when you register.

[JOTFORM LINK - REGISTER & PAY BY MARCH 9TH!](#)



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Liability Release

THE FOLLOWING IS A LEGAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY WHICH WAIVES CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE. DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE FOLLOWING. As a participant in the Hillsdale Spring Fling Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and understand endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, away from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas may have natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot control and identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. As a condition precedent to my participation in this activity, I agree to take full responsibility for myself, my children, animals and property. I further agree to hold harmless AERC and OCER and their respective officers, ride managers, directors, members, volunteers, sponsors, participants, and/or premise owners of all properties where the activities take place (hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Released Parties"), and further agree I will not bring a claim, suit or litigation of any nature against the Released Parties for any damages I suffer, economic or noneconomic, which relate in any manner to my participation and/or involvement in these activities, including those instances arising from the alleged negligence of the Released Parties.

WARNING: Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in livestock or domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of livestock or domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004.

Signature of Rider: _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minors (under age 18)

_____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian for Minors



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Medical & Photo Permissions

Emergency Medical Care Authorization

I grant my permission for Ride Management to arrange Emergency Medical Treatment if I am unable to do so myself. I will assume financial responsibility for any and all medical services provided.

Signature of Rider: _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minors (under age 18) _____

_____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian for Minors _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Photo Reproduction Permission

I grant Ride Management permission to take photographs of me and my property during this event and to use, reuse, copy, publish, display, exhibit, reproduce, license to third parties, and/or distribute materials in any educational or promotional products or other forms of media, which may include but are not limited to, publications, catalogs, articles, magazines, recruiting, brochures, websites, social media, or publications, electronic or otherwise, without notifying me. I also agree that AERC/OCER may identify me by name that I am participating in the photo activities as a volunteer without expectation of compensation for the use or publication of these materials

Signature of Rider: _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minors (under age 18) _____

_____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian for Minors _____