

## **RIDE INFO**

### **Sugarloaf Spring Fling, Feb. 22, 2025**

**HELMETS:** Helmets are required at all times when mounted. This includes in base camp, on trail and during competition.

**PRE-RIDING:** Pre-riding the trail is allowed. However, the entry fee includes a permit for riding **ONLY** on ride day (Saturday). If you plan on riding any other day, whether you are race registered or not, you **MUST** purchase a ride permit from the day riding kiosk up the road from camp and are required to carry on your person when riding. **There is a \$250 fine for NOT having your permit.** Please pay the \$5/day or \$25/year.

**RIDE BRIEFING:** The Ride Briefing will be held Friday early evening. Please check whiteboard for updated meeting time.

**REGISTRATION:** Rider packets will be given to you upon registration.

**AWARDS/CEREMONY:** We will be awarding:

1. Top Ten, and BC in both the 25 and 50 mile
2. First to finish in the R&T distances
3. Completion certificate for all finishers

Completion certificates and awards can be picked up at the Ride Manager trailer after completion of the ride. No ties in the Top 10. All vet decisions are final.

**MEALS:** The fabulous Evelyn Baig will be serving a hot meal for all riders Friday night. Extra tickets are \$10. We will have bottled water and assorted beverages. There is shopping about 15 miles away in Hartsville (straight out Ruby Hartsville Rd.), 14 miles away in McBee (west on Hwy 1), and 20 miles away in Cheraw (east on Hwy 1).

**BREAKFAST FOR RIDERS, VOLUNTEERS AND VET STAFF:** Coffee and prepackaged breakfast items will be provided Saturday morning.

**COFFEE:** For everyone.

**HORSE WATER:** Water troughs in camp will be available on Friday, but timing is uncertain. We highly recommend you bring horse water with you. No sponging from tanks in camp.

**CAMP AMENITIES:** This is a primitive camp site with no running water or structures. We will provide port-o-pots. You're welcome.

**DOGS:** Please supervise and control your dog(s). Dogs must be on a leash or in a kennel.

**DOG POOP.** It seems the obvious, but after years of attending rides with dogs, it must be said. Please pick up your dog poop and dispose of properly. Fling that stuff far away into a non-traffic area. If we catch you leaving your dog poop, we will do our best to publicly shame you.

**HOLES:** Holes created by pacing horses and digging dogs need to be filled in prior to leaving.

**MANURE:** Dispose of manure by scattering in low people traffic areas.

**TYING:** No trying to trees allowed.

**VET TREATMENT:** Vet treatment between the treatment vet and yourself is a private treaty and must be paid before leaving camp.

**FARRIER:** There will no farrier on site.

**FIRE PITS:** No metal or glass trash is allowed in the fire pits. Downed wood and paper can be burned. DO NOT CUT TREES.




**TRASH:** Plan on hauling out all trash. There are no dumpsters or trash bins available. PLEASE be respectful and clean up your campsite.




**GENERATORS:** Generators must be turned off between 10pm and 5:30am.

**TRAIL INFO:** Besides being beautiful, diverse and mind engaging, these trails are lovingly marked by our Trail Master, Patsy Gowen.

- **Footing** – Hoof protection is not required. Trails are sandy, but not deep sugar sand. There are short sections of gravel with access to the sides, no rocks and very little mud. There are several places where caution will be needed when crossing pavement.
- **These are horse trails only and are used by day riders. Please be courteous, slow down and ask to pass.**
- **Forest Service Gates** - Gates will either have a go-around or be open. Be aware of guide/support wires.
- **Be aware that Forest workers are often out on or immediately off of trails raking pine straw.**

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- From the WEST take I 85 to SC 5 to SC 521 Bypass 9 in Lancaster to SC 903 to SC 151 to US Hwy 1. Travel 7 miles from McBee to HARTSVILLE-RUBY RD/SC 109 on US 1 north. Turn LEFT on to SC 109 /HARTSVILLE-RUBY RD. and go 3 miles to sandy road. Turn Right on to Scotch Rd.
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- VERY IMPORTANT!
- Slight change of plans for our route into camp. Gasline Rd will be too slick to safely use to get to camp. We will be going in the back way. Turn onto Scotch Rd, go 0.4 miles to Bottom Rd/Mountain Rd, there is a Sand Hills State sign at this spot, continue for 1 mile. (You will go over dam for Mountain Pond.) You will turn right onto Gasline Rd (there is a sign at this turn for Equine Camping) (this part of Gasline is flat and safe) and go 0.7 mile to equine camping.
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- Gasline Rd from SC 109 will be blocked off so no one can turn onto that road. It will be blocked off with yellow caution/danger tape.
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- From the EAST in Cheraw, take US 1/US 52/SC 9/ Market St. (these are all the same road) toward McBee or Columbia. Stay on US 1 about 17 miles. At the intersection of US 1 and SC 109 /HARTSVILLE-RUBY Rd. turn RIGHT. Continue 3 miles to sandy road.
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- Coming from the NORTH: how ever you usually get to Ruby-Hartsville Rd/SC 109. At the AERC signs turn Left onto Scotch Rd. Follow, directions below:
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#### **THERE WILL BE AERC SIGNS.**

IF you use your GPS, **DO NOT** follow if it tells you to go on any sandy road other than the one mentioned, Gasline Rd. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AS GPS WILL TAKE YOU ON SANDY ROADS WHERE **YOU WILL GET STUCK.**