

Montana de Oro Endurance Ride
May 31, 2025
AERC Sanctioned 25/50 Mile Rides

The Montana de Oro ride is back for 2025. All proceeds from this ride will be given to the San Luis Obispo Parks, Open Space, and Trails Foundation (SLOPOST) to be used exclusively for the trails in Montana de Oro. Please consider an extra donation with your entry for trails. We have two online Jotform for entries. One is for entry with payment with PayPal and the other is for entry without payment and you can send a check by snail mail.

Entry link for payment with PayPal. Please note that Venmo may not work, only PayPal

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Ride Description: Most of the ride will be on single track trails. There are a few sections on dirt road. There are lots of hills and some technical trail. There are sections of narrow trail with steep drop offs. There are some sandy sections and a little bit of beach. The views are spectacular. It will not be an easy ride. Horses should be well conditioned. Most of the trail has good footing, but some sections are rocky so if you usually pad for rocky rides you should pad for this one. There is quite a bit of sand so try to do some conditioning for that.

Rider limits: The ride will be limited to 50 riders. This limitation is due to the size of horse camp and the number of pens. It is also to minimize the impact on the park.

Base camp: We will use the Montana de Oro Horse Camp. Each horse will have a pen. All horses will need to be kept in those pens. This will insure

that there will be room for all the rigs. There will be no room for portable pens or hot wire pens. Please do not plan to use them. There will be plenty of water for the horses, but there is no potable water available. Please bring your own drinking water. We would prefer that you leave your dogs at home, but if you must bring them, they have to be on a leash at all times and are not allowed on any trails at any time. These are state park rules.

Check in: Rider packets can be picked up starting at 1:00 PM on Friday May 30, 2025. Pre-ride vet check will be from 3:00PM to 6:00PM on Friday. Special arrangements can be made for late check in Friday. There will be no Saturday morning check in.

Ride meeting: 7:00 PM Friday

Start and finish times: The 50 mile ride will start at 6:00 AM. Riders must finish by 6:00 PM. The 25 mile ride will start at 7:00 AM. Riders must finish by 1:00 PM

Dinner and awards: Dinner Saturday night will start at 6:00 PM. One dinner is included with each ride entry. Extra dinner tickets can be ordered for \$20 each. Awards will be presented at 6:45.

Vet checks: The pre ride, lunch stop for the 50, and post ride checks will be in camp. There will be two away vet checks for the 50 and one for the 25 all at the same location.

Ride rules: All AERC rules will apply. Please be sure that you are familiar with AERC rules. They are available at the AERC website [AERC.org](https://www.aerc.org). State Park rules including no dogs off leash or on trails and no smoking on trails will also apply.

Directions: Take Highway 101 to San Luis Obispo. Exit at Los Osos Valley Road. Take Los Osos Valley Road west to Los Osos. Continue on Los Osos Valley Road until it becomes Pecho Road. Pecho Road goes into Montana de Oro State Park. There is a sign but no entrance station. Just after the Montana de Oro sign turn left into the entrance to horse camp.

