



AERC Sanctioned Endurance Ride in Flagstaff, AZ

Saturday May 30th: Intro, 30, 50, and Twilight 25

Sunday May 31st: Intro, 30, and 50

Entry Opens on March 30th, 2026

[Flagstaff Endurance Facebook Page](#)

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Ride Entry: The entry fee is \$140 per day for endurance and LD distances, \$70 per day for Junior and Intro riders, \$20 AERC non-member fee. **Entry opens March 30th and will be electronic.**

Entries are due by 5 pm Thursday, May 21st, 2026. Payments must be made at time of entry, otherwise you are not entered in the ride. All entries must be pre-registered by May 21st. **There is no on-site registration.**

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#) (link will not work until entries open)

Cancellations: Ride entry cancellations received **on or before 5 pm Thursday, May 21st, 2026**, will receive a refund less a \$25 administration fee. No refunds for cancellations **after 5 pm Thursday, May 21st, 2026**. Refunds will be processed within two weeks after the ride. Ride Management must be notified of cancellation.

Base Camp Location: 35.271951° N, 111.382511° W

Thank you for supporting the **CINDERS Endurance Ride**. The ride is located East of Flagstaff on the Coconino National Forest at the base of Cochrane Hill off Leupp Road.

Address for Health Certs: Cinders Endurance Ride. Forest Road 783 and Leupp Road. Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

This is not a physical address. DO NOT ENTER IT IN GPS. Please follow the written directions to base camp.

From I-40 direct to camp: Exit 211 onto Winona Road and drive west for 2 miles. Turn north on Leupp Road. Drive a little over 5 miles. Basecamp is on your left. There will be a dirt road marked with ribbons.

From 1-40 through town: Exit 201 onto Country Club Drive. Turn north on HWY89. Turn east on Townsend/Winona Road, drive 8 miles, turn north on Leupp Road and follow for a little over 5 miles. Basecamp is on your left. There will be a dirt road marked with ribbons. (This route is recommended if you want to stop at a gas station, grocery store or a feed store).

From Hwy 89: Turn east onto Townsend/Winona Road, drive 8 miles, turn north on Leupp Road and follow for a little over 5 miles. Basecamp is on your left. There will be a dirt road marked with ribbons.

Camping: Camping is free in the Coconino National Forest. Basecamp is mostly level, wide open, with limited shade. There are no RV hook ups. Porta-potties and horse water will be available during the ride. Cell service is decent in camp and spotty on trail. If you plan to arrive early or stay late, you must be self-contained. US Forest Service fire restrictions will be followed.

Water, Manure, Trash, Dogs: Water must be hauled in. Please help ride management by bringing as much water as possible for your horses. Spread manure. Pack out trash. LEAVE NO TRACE. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Please respect others and keep dogs on a leash, out of others camp sites and away from the vetting area.

Weather: Temperatures in May typically range between 35 and 70 degrees. The cinders radiate heat while the sun is out and will feel warmer than Flagstaff temperatures. Weather around the mountain can be unpredictable. Be prepared for anything.

Trails: The area is a mix of ponderosa pines and open high desert with pinions and junipers. The trails are a combination of well-maintained forest service road and cinders. They are not very technical; however, cinders are abrasive volcanic sand. **Hoof protection is strongly recommended.** There is a gradual elevation change, making this a great ride for first time endurance horses/riders. Some of the trails are in lesser used OHV areas; however, you may encounter the occasional off-road OHV 4x4.

Trail Navigation: Trails will be marked with ribbons and lights (twilight ride only). Ride with GPS (RWGPS) tracks will be provided before the ride and should be downloaded before you arrive. **Riders are strongly encouraged to use RWGPS.**

Twilight 25 Mile Ride: The twilight ride offers the unique opportunity to ride in the dark. Riders will complete the same loop twice. The first loop will be ridden during daylight hours; the second loop will be completed in the dark. The trail will be marked with ribbons, lights and guided by RWGPS. **If you are unable to attend the ride meeting on Friday night, you must speak to ride management before starting the Twilight ride.**

Junior Riders: All junior riders are required to wear a helmet while mounted on an equine and ride with an adult sponsor. Junior riders who qualify to ride without a sponsor must have the appropriate paperwork from AERC.

Intro Rides: Intro rides are a fun, low-stress introduction to endurance and will follow applicable AERC rules. The intro each day is approximately 12 miles. All horses will complete a pre- and post-ride veterinary exam. There is no vet hold. Riders will receive a completion award. No placing or best condition will be awarded.

Vet-Checks: All vet-checks are in camp. If you are riding the same horse both days, your vet out on day one is the vet in for day two. The vet's word is final. Please be respectful of the vets. They are here to help and care for the welfare of your horse. Harassing the vet is grounds for disqualification.

Awards: There will be Completion, 1st Place, Best Condition, Top 10 and possibly more for each distance! We hope that you can attend the award presentation. If not, please see ride management before you leave. **Awards will not be shipped.**

Ride Photographer: Alicia Toedter will be the official ride photographer for the event. All riders will receive one complimentary 5X7 digital ride photo as a completion award. Simply add the ride prize digital download to your cart and enter the coupon code to receive your free image. If you enjoy your photos, please consider purchasing additional images to support Alicia's work and help keep ride photography available for future events. Questions? Contact Alicia at alicia.toedter@gmail.com or 816-591-9831

Photos will be available within a few days after the ride and can be viewed at:
<https://aliciatoedter.pixieset.com/>

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Ride Packet: The ride packet will be sent via email. It will include PDF maps and cue sheets for you to print. It will also include information about using the Ride with GPS app to navigate the course. If you are unable to receive email or print ride maps, please contact ride management by **5 pm Thursday, May 21st, 2025**, so a printed packet can be prepared for you.

Potluck: We hope you'll join us for a Potluck Friday night before ride meeting. Ride management will provide disposable plates, bowls and flatware. Please provide your own serving utensils for the yummy dish you plan to bring. BYOB and chair.

Meals: Last year we had amazing help from the Backcountry Horsemen. They are unable to support the ride this year. The remote location of ride camp creates a challenge for catering, so options are being explored. **PLEASE LET RIDE MANAGEMENT KNOW ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PREPARE MEALS.** The official meal plan will be included in the rider packet.

Volunteers: *We cannot hold rides without volunteers.* Food, drinks, and unlimited fun will be provided for volunteers. No experience required, just a good attitude and love for the outdoors. If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact ride management ASAP. Let's make CINDERS unforgettable, together!

Rules and Regulations: The ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC rules. Go to www.aerc.org for the details. ***It is your responsibility to know the rules.***

- Health Certs and Coggins are required for all equines transported from outside AZ.
- No racing to the finish.
- We do not allow ties.
- A 4-year-old horse cannot be ridden on two LDs on the same day.
- Dogs must be on a leash. No dogs allowed on course during the ride.
- No smoking outside your trailer. The area is high risk for fire.
- US Forest Service fire restrictions will be followed.

Tentative Schedule: Camp opens Friday morning. Please contact ride management if you plan to arrive early. Horse water and porta-potties will not be available prior to Friday afternoon. Riders must vet-in the day before the ride except for twilight riders arriving Saturday; they may vet-in as vets are available.

Friday	May 29th, 2026
8:00 am	Base Camp Opens
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Rider Check-In/Vet-In
5:30 pm	Potluck
6:00 pm	Ride Meeting

Saturday	May 30th, 2026
6:30 am	50 Mile Ride Start (12 hours to finish by 6:30pm)
7:30 am	30 Mile Ride Start (7:15 hours to finish by 2:45pm)
8:30 am	Intro Ride Start
5:00 pm	Twilight 25 Ride Start (6 hours to finish by 11:00pm)
6:00 pm	Awards for 50 & 30/Ride Meetings

Vetting for Sunday as vets are free.

Sunday	May 31st, 2026
6:30 am	50 Mile Ride Start (12 hours to finish by 6:30pm)
7:30 am	30 Mile Ride Start (7:15 hours to finish by 2:45pm)
8:30 am	Intro Ride Start
9:00 am	Awards for Twilight 25
6:00 pm	Awards for 50 & 30