HECTOR HALF-HUNDRED

50-MILE, 30-MILE, 16 MILE, AND RIDE AND TIE/EQUATHON ENDURANCE RIDES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

SANCTIONED BY AERC AND ECTRA AND RIDE AND TIE.ORG

Location. Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department grounds, 5736 NYS Route 414, Hector, NY.

MAJOR CHANGE IN DATE AND WEEKEND FORMAT. This is due to DEC's new anterless deer season. The first day is the 12th and it is rifle and archery. Hunters from all areas of the state are being encouraged (earn extra buck permit, etc) to go to the select areas where this season is happening. This is not safe for us especially first day!
Please note changes in ride start times, food, awards, etc.

SCHEDULE:
Sept 10:
12Noon Fire Hall Base Camp opens.
3:30pm-8:00pm Registration open.
3:45pm vetting open until dark.
8:00pm pre ride talk PLEASE all attend even if not coming until AM on Friday.

Sept 11:
6:00am Light breakfast.
6:30-9:30am vetting as necessary that was not done on Thursday.
7:30am Start 50 miles.
9:30am Start 30 miles.
10:00am Start Intro 16 miles.
Ride and Tie/Equathon start with horses in your distance.

3:45pm Hold 2 closes for 50 mile riders.

BC for 50s at finish and BC for 30s 1 hour after finish time.

6:00pm Take out chicken BBQ for everyone and 30 mile awards.
8:00pm ish 50 mile awards.

I am really sorry that some of you may not be able to come due to Life! Jobs, school, etc. Anyone who is already entered will of course get a full refund.

ENTRY LINK: https://form.jotform.com/262184860273157

IF YOU ARRIVE WEDNESDAY, THERE IS A REALLY NICE HORSE CAMP A FEW MILES AWAY, bring your own horse water:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl/recreation/backbone-trailhead

Trail. Consists of vineyard paths with lots of lake vistas, dirt roads, and woodsy trails, some hills. Unfortunately, a little paved road on the way to the National Forest (can ride alongside). There are rocks and sometimes muddy spots in the Finger Lakes National Forest. Riders will cross public grazing pastures—that is, "we got cows." There will be one "away" hold for both 50-mile and 30-mile horses. Management will haul crewing supplies to the hold and there will be plenty of water and lots of grass.

Facilities. There will be camping in the fire department field with port-a-johns. There are no electrical hook-ups, but plenty of water will be available for horses. Entry fee includes Friday and Saturday night camping.

Meals. Your entry fee covers chicken dinner on Friday night and there will be a light breakfast and coffee Friday am.

Entries. Preregistration is required. Entry for all rides requires a nonrefundable $50 deposit. Entries postmarked after September 4th at midnight must be accompanied by a $50 late fee.

Competitor Requirements. proof of a negative Coggins test, dated within 1 calendar year from September 11, 2026. ASTM certified helmet mandatory. **All horses in all rides will have their temperatures taken when they vet in**. **Please accustom your horse to this.**

Recommended: Reflective jackets or vests because morning fog can cause low visibility. Horseshoes or hoof protection is also highly recommended.

Sponsor Requirement. The AERC requires any rider under 16 years of age as of January 1, 2026, and entered in any of the rides to be accompanied on the ride by a competent, mounted adult sponsor, 18 years or older. Riders under 16 who qualify to ride without a sponsor must furnish an AERC verification letter.

Awards. First-to-Finish, Best Condition, Top Ten, Turtle, Junior and Completion awards will be given.

Photographer. Kelsey Eliot. Kelseyeliotphotography.pixieset.com CAN NOT COME due to forced schedule change!

Ride Manager. Pam Karner, 603 Hayts Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. drpamkarner@gmail.com. (607) 280-2282. PLEASE CALL if you have any questions.

Ride Secretary. Eva Norris, PO Box 76, Harpursville, NY 13787. hectorhalfhundred@gmail.com. 607-693-4024.

DIRECTIONS TO THE RIDE:

FROM NYS THRUWAY *EASTBOUND*: Take Exit 42 and turn right on State Route 14 and go south to Packwood Road. Left on Packwood for about a mile and a half, then right on Serven Road to Routes 5 and 20,. Right on Routes 5 and 20 for less than a mile. Go left on Route 96A and continue to Ovid. At four-way stop , go right on 96A and 414. Continue south on 414 to Ball Diamond Road. The Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department (#5736) will be coming up on your left, and beyond it the Hazlitt Winery. TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, TURN LEFT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD BEFORE THE FIRE STATION, THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.

FROM NYS THRUWAY *WESTBOUND,* Take Exit 41 and turn right on Route 414. Go to Routes 5 and 20. Turn right and follow signs to Route 96. Go south on Route 96 to Ovid. At four-way stop, stay straight on Routes 96 and 414. Continue south on Route 414 to Ball Diamond Road. The Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department (#5736) will be coming up on your left, and beyond it the Hazlitt Winery. TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, TURN LEFT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD BEFORE THE FIRE STATION, THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.

FROM ELMIRA: Take **I86** (old route 17) to Elmira. Turn north on **NYS 14** (not 414). Because of street closings in Watkins Glen Friday, do not go into Watkins Glen. Instead, take NYS 14 into **Montour Falls**. As you come into Montour Falls, you will pass the Fire Academy on your right. Continue 0.5 miles to 2nd light. Turn right on **Route 224**. Proceed out of village and cross the bridge. Immediately after the bridge, turn left on **L'homme Dieu Street**. Stay left. This becomes **County Road 8, Skyline Drive**. Continue 5 miles until Skyline Drive dead-ends into **NYS 79**. Turn left on NYS 79. Proceed almost a mile into the village of Burdett. At the stoplight in Burdett, stay straight and continue to the first stop sign. Turn right on **Main Street** and go out of the village. This road merges with **NYS 414**. Go north until you see the **Fire Department** (#5736) on your right. TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, CONTINUE ON NYS 414 PAST THE FIRE STATION AND TURN RIGHT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD. THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.

FROM ITHACA: Follow State Route 79 West from Ithaca through the village of Mecklenburg and into the village of Burdett, follow Old Main Street to take a right on Route 5 out of town to NYS Route 414. Take NYS Route 414 north for about 5 miles. The Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department (#5736) will be on your right just after Hazlitt Winery. TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, CONTINUE ON NYS 414 PAST THE FIRE STATION AND TURN RIGHT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD. THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.