

MIDDLE OF THE TRAIL DISTANCE RIDER ASSOCIATION

Berry Bend Boondocker!

August 2nd and 3rd

Berry Bend Equestrian Area, Opportunity Farms, MO

25 mile Competitive Trail and 12.5 mile Introductory Rides each day

J. Greg Houtsma, DVM

Directions: From Warsaw, 4.4 miles west on Missouri **Hwy 7**, 3 miles west on **State Route Z**, 1.8 miles south on paved access road. From Clinton, MO take Missouri Hwy 7, when you see the sign for UU, get ready to turn Right onto State Route Z, 1.8 miles south on paved access road. Do not take HWY Z from Clinton, it's twisty-windy, narrow, and slow. The name of the road is Berry Bend Ave, Opportunity Farms, MO.

ALL MOTDRA RULES APPLY. Equids (horse, mules and donkeys) must be at least 4 years of age for the 25 mile ride and 3 years of age for the 15 mile ride. A **negative Coggins** is required for all entrants. There are some pretty strict rules at the campground, but they seem obvious and a little more relaxed than at some places (see back of flyer). Please note that a **valid health certificate is required** for out of state horses, which is standard at any Missouri equestrian event, although often not enforced.

Horses should be capable of a 5 to 6 miles per hour pace. Any kind of tack is permitted. No liniments or drugs of any kind. Insect repellents, electrolytes, food supplements, etc... are OK. Horses needing treatment will be stabilized by the ride vet and any and all fees will be the total responsibility of the rider/owner. Junior riders under 18 must have a signed parent/guardian release and a pre-determined adult riding sponsor to ride with at all times. All riders are required to wear helmets, please respect this rule on this ride. Bring tick repellent, this area is infamous for ticks of all varieties.

Pre-ride vet in starts at 7 PM Friday, August 1. Dr. Houtsma's clinic in Warrensburg, MO is open until 5 PM, so please be patient, we will get you all checked in.

Berry Bend Equestrian Area is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project and is part of the Harry S. Truman Lake Project - <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/ht/Equestrian.cfm> Berry Bend Equestrian Park is limited to equestrian users, so we should have a fairly disturbance free ride. Berry Bend Equestrian Park contains 89 campsites- 24 with electrical hookups, a shower building, laundry facilities, children's playground, and park entrance station. Corrals and overhead tie posts are located adjacent to some of the campsites. All season water hydrants are scattered throughout the campground. Camping costs between \$12 and \$18 per night, there is a 2 night minimum. Please reserve your camping spot at:

http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Berry_Bend_Equestrian_Mo/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=73534&pstate=MO

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The trail is a loop following a rough, rocky terrain in the first part of the loop, returning on a softer yet hilly “lower” loop near the lake. There is intermittent water on both loops, but plan on going the first 6 miles without water, although I saw plenty of water on trail the weekend of July 13th. Shoes or Easy Boots are strongly recommended, think of the Greensfelder ride with rounder more frequent rocks. The trail is clearly marked with mile markers, so getting lost is really not an issue.

Ride Fee: \$40 per horse/rider per event, \$30 for the Introductory ride.

Ride meeting and potluck around 8 PM on Friday, please bring a dish. We’ll have the grill going on Friday night, so whatever we put on is what you get. There will be bagels and sticky sweet stuff on Saturday morning.

Ride Time: 6:00 AM. Awards: 1st to 6th place in each weight division. Completion to all who qualify. Champion and Reserve Champion for Open Riders.

Ride Managers: Eric Nelson (660-441-7063) and Allison Boswell (660-441-7062).
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BERRY BEND EQUESTRIAN CAMPGROUND RULES

The Berry Bend Equestrian Campground is for equestrian campers only. Equestrian day users should unload horses and access trails at Shelter #1 located on the main entrance road.

- 1) All horses entering the campground must have a VS Form 10-11 showing proof of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the past 12 months. Horses from out of state must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate).
- 2) Horse trailers may not be cleaned out at the dump station.
- 3) All pets must be kept out of the shower building.
- 4) Horses must be tethered so they cannot bark the trees.
- 5) All refuse must be cleaned from campsite and corrals and taken to the compost piles located in the park.

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