

MIDDLE OF THE TRAIL DISTANCE RIDER ASSOCIATION

Big River Run!

June 25 & 26

20111 Goodloe Orchard Rd. Lexington, MO 64067 Phone: 816-616-9339

30 mile and 15 mile CTR Rides each day

TBA, DVM

Directions: Big River Ranch is located at 20111 Goodloe Orchard Rd., Lexington, MO 64067 (just outside of town). Phone: 816-616-9339 *From the East:* I-70 going west, take 13 Hwy north to US Rte 24 turn right (East) on 24 Hwy for about 200 yards, then immediately turn left (NW) on Hwy 224. On 224 less than 100 yards, turn right (North) on Goodloe Orchard Road. Follow until you run into Big River Ranch. You will take one 90 degree turn to bring you facing East, just keep going.

From the West: Take I-70 East, get off in Odessa in 131 Hwy North, so a left turn after you get off the freeway. 131 North to 24 Hwy East. When you get to Lexington, look for the 13 Hwy junction then on 24 Hwy for about 200 yards, then immediately turn left (NW) on Hwy 224. On 224 less than 100 yards, turn right (North) on Goodloe Orchard Road. Follow until you run into Big River Ranch. You will take one 90 degree turn to bring you facing East, just keep going.

From the North and Northwest: Take I-35 South to exit 40, Turn left onto 116 East 12.3 miles to Polo, Turn Right on 13 go approximately 31 miles to 224 go left (west) on 224 less than 100 yards, turn right (North) on Goodloe Orchard Road. Follow until you run into Big River Ranch. You will take one 90 degree turn to bring you facing East, just keep going.

ALL MOTDRA RULES APPLY. Equids (horses, 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. 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 and chiggers of all varieties.

Pre-ride vet in starts at 6 PM Friday, June 24th Dr. Peddicord's clinic is in Odessa, MO and he is driving over after seeing his last client. We will get you all checked in under the lighted arena!

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Big River Ranch contains many primitive campsites and has 24 with water/electrical hookups. There is a shower building, arena, and main meeting room. Corrals and overhead tie posts are located adjacent to some of the campsites, you can rent an outdoor stall. All season water hydrants are scattered throughout the campground. The set-up is similar to Eagle Ranch, without as many of the covered stalls. Camping costs vary between primitive and electric, so please reserve your camping spot at:

<http://www.bigriverranchtrailriding.com/pricing.html>

The trails consist of multiple loops along the Missouri River and the bluffs adjacent to the river. Most of the trail is very easy, but we need to sort out a winner, so you will be climbing and going down two very challenging sections in the tree lines that connect the bluffs to the river bottoms. Given weather conditions, you can expect a 5 to 6 mph pace, probably 6 mph unless we get some heat. Hoof protection is recommended, but not required at this ride.

We will be sharing trails with pleasure riders, including an organized group of 30 or so. As always, please be respectful. Since we all have different levels of “control” over our mounts, when coming up behind groups ask them to move over, don’t simply run by. A word of warning, it will be very easy to overrun at this ride. Pace yourself. Water should not be an issue on trail, but we will set out tanks if things dry out.

Ride Fee: \$45 per horse/rider per event, \$30 for the Introductory ride. If the ride exceeds 12 riders, entry fees will be \$40 per horse/rider. If the ride exceeds 16 riders per horse/rider, entry fees will be \$35. So, please talk your friends into coming since it will keep all of our costs down!

Ride meeting and potluck around 8:30+/- PM on Friday, please bring a dish. We’ll have the grill going on Friday & Saturday night, so whatever we put on is what you get. There will be bagels and sticky sweet stuff on Saturday and Sunday 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) enelson@ucmo.edu and Gary McDaniel 816-820-0214
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Make checks payable to: Eric Nelson, 1128 NW 400 Rd, Centerview, MO 64019

BIG RIVER EQUESTRIAN CAMPGROUND RULES

- 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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