

Blackwater Swamp Stomp Ride and Tie
Saturday, March 16, 2019
Ride and Tie – 50/26/19/9
Equathon – 9 ride/9 run and 19 ride/7 run
Tidewater Horse Trail, Ivor, Virginia



Date/Time: Saturday, March 16. 50-mile race starts at 7:00 am. All other distances start at 8:00 am.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Blackwater Swamp Stomp Endurance Ride.

Entry Fee: \$70 per race
Entry fee includes fees for Ride and Tie insurance and use of Tidewater Horse Trail.

Race Location: Tidewater Horse Trail (www.tidewaterhorsetrail.com)
37093 Warrigue Road, Ivor, VA 23866

Note: This is the GPS address. Larger rigs might find it easier to enter from Broadwater Road off 460 to Warrigue Road vs. coming in from Proctor's Bridge Rd.

Camp Location: Red Gate Farm (Alison Zeytoonian's farm – 757-947-6244)
17615 Bowling Green Road, Smithfield, VA 23430 (Follow GPS and look for Ride and Tie sign)

Camping: Camping will be at the Ride Manager's farm due to limited space at the endurance camp. Our farm is located about 25 minutes from the race location. Ride briefing will be held the evening before following dinner and vet in will be the morning of the race. If space frees up at THT, I will let everyone know.

Arrive to our farm anytime on Friday. We will have electric and water available as well as some pasture or stall space and portable corrals/fences are fine, too. You may camp in your living quarters or we have spare rooms/couches for those without living quarters. We'll serve dinner Friday night and have the ride briefing.

On Saturday morning, we will depart the farm at 6:00 am so we have time to vet in and tack up for a race time of 8:00 am. If you don't want to drive home Saturday you are welcome to stay at the farm.

We recommend you bring your own horse water for race day as water may be limited in camp. Also, old running shoes are recommended. Trails will likely be wet and muddy!

Trails: Tidewater Horse Trail is a private preserve of farmland and forest along the Blackwater River and its adjacent swamp. Trails consist of mostly flat, sandy roads; double and single track trail; and some unplowed land along the edges of open fields. If we get a lot of rain, trails will be soggy in places, but most of the trail will have a firm base. This ride is doable for barefoot horses; all vet checks are in camp and riders can crew from their trailers.

All participants must be members of Ride and Tie (www.rideandtie.org) - \$25 annual membership fee. This race is sanctioned by the Ride and Tie Association- see Ride and Tie Rules (<http://rideandtie.org/rules.html>).

Helmets are REQUIRED while mounted.

Contacts: Alison Zeytoonian (757-947-6244, azeytoon@gmail.com)

Registration: Please return the attached registration form, check (made out to Alison Zeytoonian), and waivers by **March 1, 2019** to Alison Zeytoonian, 17615 Bowling Green Road, Smithfield, VA 23430.