Trace The Trails

Intro, 25/30 Mile LD, & 50 Mile END

November 9th & 10th 2019

SANCTIONED BY AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE (AERC) & SPONSORED BY TEXAS ENDURANCE RIDE ASSOCIATION (TERA)

***Ride & Tie Sat & Sunday***
7 Mile, 15 Mile, 21 Mile
(Approval Pending!!!)

Ride Manager: Kerry Lowrey, (337) 424-7074 (KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com)
Assistant Ride Manager: Bo Parrish
Ride Secretary: Kerry Lowrey
Head Control Vet: Carter Hounsel
Additional Vets: Gail Conway, Val Bixler, & Val Jaffe
Start Times: 25/30 & 50 Daylight Start, Intro: TBD

TRAILS: Trace Trails in Athens, Texas is a privately owned 1,000 acre working cattle ranch in northeast Texas. This ranch offers over 50 miles of sandy and scenic trails. The trails are diverse with flat to rolling sandy terrain, open grassy meadows, and thick forests. Trails are barefoot friendly, though due to some washouts roots can be just as dangerous as rocks, so if you plan on racing through the trails shoes would be recommended.

RULES: Endurance is an athletic event for both horse and rider. The goal is to complete the marked trail within the time given as established by AERC standards with an equine that is fit to continue from checkpoint to checkpoint. Equines must pass a complete vet check before, during, and after the ride. All AERC rules will apply. Safety helmets are recommended for all riders, but are required for juniors at any time they are on their equine, in camp or on trail. Junior riders must be accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) at all times during the ride. Juniors riding as Seniors must show AERC approval.

GATE HOURS: Camp will open on Friday at 10:00am, and close Monday at 10:00 am. Friday’s schedule: Registration opens 2pm; Vet checks open 3pm; Pre-ride Meeting starts 6pm. Water for horse and human is available in camp. Vet checks will be in camp.

ALL manure and hay must be spread nicely!

CAMPING: The camping fee and day rider fee is included in your ride entry. If you plan to ride before, or after the ride there is a $10 fee. Generators off at 10pm, on at 5am. There are no hookups available. There WILL BE a generator area for all night generators. If you arrive before Friday am you will need to pay an overnight fee directly to Trace Trails (Box available)

FOOD: There will be a meal provided Saturday night. Details to come.

PRIZES: Completion prizes to all distances. Best Condition, High Vet, Midpack, Turtle, etc

**Special 2 day competitors prizes this year AND Veterans Awards—watch our Face book page for more info. ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/1976777672416859/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1976777672416859/))

Please NOTE: The Limited Distance Ride will be a 30 mile elevator ride on Saturday, and a regular 25 mile ride on Sunday! Checks will be held until after the ride. You may mail/email your entry without payment and it will be considered n early entry.

***There will be lights on the trail this year for riders who may finish after dark***

Early Entry: Entries received BEFORE Nov 1st will be entered into a drawing for a free entry AND will have their shirt size reserved for them (shirts do run a little small)
Trace The Trails Entry Form

(Office Use Only) Rider#__________ Check#__________ Amt Paid $________

Rider Name:________________________________________ AERC#_________________
Street Address:_______________________________________ City:__________________
State:________ Zip:___________
Cell Phone:(_____)____________________________ Home#::(____)__________________
Email:________________________________________________________
Emergency Contact:_________________________________________ Phone:_________________(Circle one):
Shirt Size:     S      M       L        XL     XXL             Special Mileage Attempt? ______________
Weight Div:     Heavy (>210lbs)       Middle (186-210 lbs)       Light (161-185 lbs)      Feather (<161 lb)  Junior

If you are a junior the following must be completed:
Sponsor’s Name:________________________________________ AERC# _______________
Emergency Contact:_______________________________________ Relation:______________
Phone: ________________________________________________

Sat: Horse Name: _______________________________________ AERC#______________
Horse Owner: ___________________________ Owner AERC# _________________  Distance: 50 30 Intro

Sun: Horse Name: _____________________________________ AERC#_______________
Horse Owner: ___________________________ Owner AERC# _________________  Distance: 50 25 Intro

Entry Fees:(Fee includes EVERYTHING!—Trail Access Fee, Camping, AERC Drug Fee, & One Meal)

+______ Intro Ride $55 ** No Discounts Apply **
+______ Junior Rider $75 (LD or 50, No other discounts Apply)
+______ 30/25 Mile LD $120 (30 on Saturday is an Elevator Ride!)
+______ 50 Mile END $120
+______ $15 Non-AERC Member Fee (Do not pay if you are an INTRO rider)

Choose ONE DISCOUNT ONLY:
$5 TERA Member discount. TERA # ___________ or
$10 Discount for Entering Both Days (Diff horse ok!) or
-______ $20 Veteran Discount-- Branch Served in: ______________

Check # ______

Make checks payable to: Kerry Lowrey
Mail Payment, Entry form & Liability release to: Kerry Lowrey, 163 Fisher McConathy Rd.,
Anacoco, La 71403 Email: KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com
Trace The Trails Liability Release

Liability Release As a participant in the Trace The Trails Ride, I, __________________________ agree to abide by the rules of AERC, TERA, and the Trace The Trail ride rules. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communication, transportation, and medical facilities, that these areas have many natural or man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate: that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride covers, blameless for any accident, injury or loss and free from all liability of such injury or loss that may occur due to my participation in the ride. I have read and understand this liability release.

Rider Signature: __________________________ Date ______________

Junior Guardian Signature: __________________________ Date ______________

Known Drug Allergies: __________________________

Medical Condition: __________________________

Please be courteous at all times and remember we are doing this for FUN!!!

Directions: In Athens take Texas Loop 7, then exit onto US 175 & head northwest towards Mabank for approximately two miles. Turn right on Co. Rd. 3918. (after the church) Follow this road around a 90 degree curve to the right, then take the first left, which is Co. Rd. 3914 (you will also see signs for Tara Winery). Co. Rd. 3914 is narrow and curvy. Pass the winery on your left (it’s a two story white house with large pillars and a vineyard — you can’t miss it). Continue on 3914. After a curve in the road you will see a silver gate on your left — pass this gate and continue on Co. Rd. 3914. Trace Trails will be on your right and easily seen from the road. From Co. Rd. 3914 it is approximately 1.7 miles. The campground is in a large tree lined meadow. There is a wooden sign placed on two metal barrels. The turn is BEFORE you get to the sign.

Weather: Early November in east Texas can be anything from warm (highs in the 80’s) to cooler (highs in the 60’s). Come prepared for just about anything!! Ride venue handles water fairly well, so ride will go on unless there is a flood the week of. Please ignore any people talking about cancellation unless it comes from myself!! (Kerry Lowrey)

Thank you & Hope to see you there!!