



**2023 Ride & Tie Championship**  
The Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina  
September 22 – 24, 2023

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**EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, September 22, 2023**

Ride & Tie Championship Long Course – 31 miles (16.6 loop, 14.3 loop)

Ride & Tie Short Course – 17 miles (16.6 loop)

**NEWLY ADDED** – Ride & Tie Introduction – 5 miles

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

Ride & Tie Championship Short Course – 20 miles (8.6 loop, 11.6 loop)

**NEWLY ADDED** – Ride & Tie Introduction – 5 miles

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Equathon Championship – 13-mile ride, 8-mile run (12.5 loop, 7.5 loop)

Ride & Tie Introduction – 5 miles

Pre-Entry is greatly appreciated. A refund minus \$25 per registered event will be made if you're unable to attend and notify the Ride Secretary at least 48 hours in advance. No refunds will be given after that time as those funds will have been allocated to race expenses.

Vetting for each event will start the afternoon of the prior day. Our Head Veterinarian, Dr. Greg Fellers, will set vet parameters. All decisions by the vet are final.

Pre-Ride Briefings will be conducted the evening before each event.

Our Championship is being held in conjunction with an AERC Endurance Ride on Saturday, September 23, so be prepared to share the vets, trails, and camping area.

**THE BILTMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

The Biltmore Equestrian Center is located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Estate in Asheville, NC. Built in 1895, the Estate trails promise a challenging event along the French Broad River and over rolling hills and low mountains. We recommend that all horses have hoof protection, and potentially pad at the longer distances. Breast collars/cruppers may be helpful. Each loop will circle back to a central vetting area adjacent to the main camping area.

**Length of Stay Passes.** As part of the need for security on the Estate, and to provide a more official mode of access for attendees to the Estate grounds, entry will require a name pre-supplied to the gate guards. Entry fees for the event automatically include the ride & tie/equathon team and two named crew members for the 'gate list' for each day ridden. Entry must be via the main gate. On the Estate, including at the ride site, colored wristbands will be required to be worn as visible proof of permission, and can be used for re-entry. *Note: Children 16 years old and under are free, but still must be on the gate list and wear the wristbands.*

**NOTE: A list of ALL persons (i.e., racers, crew, volunteers, family, friends, etc.) entering Biltmore Estate Equestrian Center must be provided to the Ride Secretary (Alison Zeytoonian) in advance who will then provide to Biltmore Estate for entry into the Equestrian Center. If you have additional visitors/campers beyond what is allowed in the race fees, additional access fees will be required by the Biltmore Estate Equestrian Center. Contact the Ride Secretary for coordination.**

### **CAMPING**

Camping is primitive in large open pastures. Corrals are limited to 15' by 15'. There are no camper hook-ups, but water and porta-potties are available. Open fires are prohibited, but small charcoal grills are OK. Dogs MUST be ON LEASH with you or corralled at all times and confined (not tied) when you are racing.

There are multiple motels/restaurants within 2 miles. On first-call-to-reserve basis, Biltmore has 6 stalls @ \$50/day in the Guest Barn including shavings and muck-out, some large paddocks @ \$30/day/horse (about ½ mile from camp) and some paddocks @ \$50 day/horse close to the action, 6 pipe pens @ \$20/day. A new barn is open close to the action at \$50 per horse/day, no shavings, no muck-out.

The Biltmore Equestrian Center phone is: 828–225-1454.

Your race fees include a night of camping for each event you participate in plus an additional night of camping. For example, if you are participating in two days of events, your fees cover three nights of camping. If you are staying to crew, you can camp additional nights as part of the two-person crew allowed under their camping fees. If you are not crewing, it's an additional \$30/night to camp.

Camp opens on Thursday, September 21, 2023. If you plan to arrive earlier, please indicate it on entry form and be prepared to pay extra camping and trail fees. All entry to the grounds will be through the MAIN GATE of Biltmore Estate (open 24 hrs). Everyone will also exit through the main gate. If you have extra vehicle(s) driving with you, please note driver name on entry form. *All entering the Estate must have individual names on the Gate List ahead of time.* Camp closes on Monday morning, September 25, 2023.

### **FOOD**

Hope for Horses, a local equine rescue, is catering dinner on Friday night for a fee of \$25 per person. Profits go directly to the rescue. Meals must be paid for in advance and noted on the registration forms. They are also doing a silent auction!

## **DIRECTIONS**

If approaching Asheville from the EAST on I-40, take Exit 50B, US 25 NORTH. Follow signs to entrance to Biltmore Estate, turning right off exit ramp and moving into the LEFT lane to prepare for the turn into Estate Entrance.

If approaching Asheville from the WEST on I-40, take Exit 50, turn LEFT off the exit ramp at the light, following signs to Biltmore Estate Main Entrance. Stay in the left lane after your merge into traffic.

If approaching Asheville from the SOUTH on I-26, continue to the junction with I-40 EAST. After you get on I-40, take Exit 50 and follow directions as above.

If approaching Asheville from the NORTH on I-26, get onto I-240 EAST to I-40 WEST. Take Exit 50B, and follow the directions above.

Pass through the first archway (Lodge Gate) and go “straight” past the main Ticket Booth. Follow signs to “Horse Event” or BEC making several turns. Watch for oncoming traffic and stay well to the right side of road. Cross the large stone bridge and go straight onto gravel road, which will bear right, allowing turn for large trailers. Signs will direct you to camp area near the outdoor arena. Do NOT try to drive through fields before you get to camp area.

**All participants must be members of Ride and Tie ([www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org)) - \$25 annual membership or \$10 one-day membership fee. This race is sanctioned by the Ride and Tie Association- see Ride and Tie Rules (<http://rideandtie.org/rules.html>).**

***Abuse of vets, staff, volunteers, or other riders is grounds for immediate disqualification.***

**Negative Coggins required with registration.**





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, September 20

Time	Event
2:00 pm	Ride camp opens

### Thursday, September 21

Time	Event
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Vet in for Friday Events <i>(Note: If you will be coming in after 5:00 pm, please notify the RM so we can make arrangements with the vet)</i>
6:00 pm	Ride Meeting and Potluck Dinner

### Friday, September 22

Time	Event
7:00 am	Start of Championship Long Course
7:00 am	Start of Short Course
9:30 am	Start of Intro Course
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Vet in for Saturday Events <i>(Note: If you are using the same horse on Saturday, your Friday vet out scores are your Saturday vet in scores. A vet must see your horse trot out on Saturday morning before the start.)</i>
5:00 pm	Awards for Friday and Ride Meeting for Saturday
6:00 pm	Hope for Horses Dinner – optional. Tickets available for \$25.

### Saturday, September 23

Time	Event
7:15 am	Start of Championship Short Course
9:30 am	Start of Intro Course
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Vet in for Sunday Events <i>(Note: If you are using the same horse on Sunday, your Saturday vet out scores are your Sunday vet in scores. A vet must see your horse trot out on Sunday morning before the start)</i>
5:00 pm	Awards for Saturday and Ride Meeting for Sunday

### Sunday, September 24

Time	Event
7:00 am	Start of Equathon
9:30 am	Start of Intro <i>(Note: The same horse may be used for the equathon and intro; however, your horse must be “fit to continue” following the equathon as determined by the vet. Your equathon vet out scores are your intro vet in scores).</i>
12:00 pm	Awards for Sunday



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Equestrian Center



SERA is proud to sponsor RideWithGPS maps for this ride. Please follow these instructions to get the app installed on your phone and the maps downloaded to your phone. There is no charge to you for this service. Because internet access is sketchy at best and non-existent in many cases and places, please complete steps 1-4 before arriving at camp to be sure you have the maps for the ride.

Please note that as long as you download the maps before the event, you can navigate them in airplane mode as the GPS functionality for most phones does not depend on cell tower coverage.

1. On a browser (phone, laptop or desktop), go to <https://ridewithgps.com/signup> and create a user account.  
If you already have an account, go to Step 2.
2. On your phone or on your browser, RSVP to access the event maps for the event(s) you have entered by selecting the corresponding li
  - Friday Long Course Championship Ride & Tie [\[link\]](#)
  - Friday Short Course Ride & Tie [\[link\]](#)
  - Saturday Short Course Championship Ride & Tie [\[link\]](#)
  - Sunday Fun Ride & Tie [\[link\]](#)
  - Sunday Equathon Championship [\[link\]](#)
3. If you don't have the Ride with GPS app on your phone, download it. Else, go to Step 4.
  - a. Android: [Google Play](#)
  - b. iPhone: [App Store](#)
4. Download the maps on your phone:
  - a. Open the Ride with GPS mobile app and sign in with your user account.
  - b. Select "More" from the bottom right of the app. Select My Events. You should see this event listed under Upcoming.
  - c. Select the event you RSVPed to and you will see the list of Event Routes.
  - d. Select the 3 vertical dots beside the trail you want to download and select Download for Offline.
  - e. Repeat step d for each trail you want to download. Download all that you might need.
5. When it's time to ride:
  - a. Open the Ride with GPS mobile app and sign in with your user account.
  - b. Select "More" from the bottom right of the app. Select My Events. You should see this event listed under Upcoming.
  - c. Select the event you are about to participate in and you will see the list of Event Routes.
  - d. Select the 3 vertical dots beside the trail you want to ride. Select Navigate.
  - e. Go Ride and follow the audio prompts.
6. If you would like to print maps from your computer, complete the following steps.
  - a. Make sure you have completed Steps 1 and 2 above
  - b. Go to the link for your entered event (from above)
  - c. Select the route you want to print.
  - d. Select "Print map and cue sheet" to access the PDF file.