



Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride

Northwest Florida Panhandle, Blackwater River State Forest, Coldwater Recreation Area
Saturday, October 30th, 2010: 25/50

Base Camp Location: Blackwater Equestrian Center,
7639 Buddy Hardy Road, Milton, FL 32570
GPS Coordinates: N 30°49.497' W 86°58.400'

Sanctioned by: AERC, SERA, SEDRA, AHA

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Photography

≈BASE CAMP: The Blackwater Equestrian Center (BEC), a private facility located in the Coldwater Recreation Area of the Forest, has once again agreed to accommodate us! Camping will be in a flat open grassy field. Generator quiet hours are from 10 pm – 5 am. There will be porta-potties throughout camp. Horse water is available but please bring your own human water. Hot-water wash racks are available behind the barn. Ground fires are not allowed. Please pack all trash and take it with you when you leave camp and spread manure and hay. Well-behaved dogs are allowed but must be on a leash at all times. Several 12' x 13'5" stalls in BEC's stable are available for an additional fee on a first pay first serve basis. Please bring your own shavings and be sure to clean your stall before you leave.

Note: Electric/water campsites and stalls *may* be available at the Coldwater Rec Area Campground & Stables 2 miles north of base camp. You may contact Forestry at (850) 957-6161 to check for availability. The Coldwater Recreation Area Campground has a bathhouse with showers & flush toilets.

≈TERRAIN AND TRAILS: Trails are mostly packed sand, red-clay soil, and grassy two-track. Terrain is flat to gently rolling through the woods with a few technical sections. There are a few areas of deep soft sand and a couple of short stretches of rock and gravel. There are a few cold spring-fed streams & creeks that you will cross on the trail. All holds will be in camp.

≈FOOD: The nearest grocery stores & restaurants are about 15 miles away (Hwy 87/Hwy 90) although there is a convenience store with hot deli 7 miles from camp (corner of Hwy 87 & Hwy 4).

Dinner (Friday): Manicotti dinner available for just \$8 per person; this meal is NOT included in the rider entry fee. To guarantee your meal, please reserve and pay for your meal(s) no later than 20 October **

Lunch (Saturday): Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with a variety of chips, soda, and bottled water will be available for a nominal fee; pay as you go, no need to reserve in advance.

Dinner (Saturday): Chicken cordon bleu will be served and IS included in the rider entry fee. To guarantee your meal(s), please reserve and pay for any additional meals for your family/crew no later than 20 October**

**Tickets will be given at check-in and collected at dinner to ensure plenty of food for those who paid.

≈**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you should have to cancel, withdraw, or pull before crossing the start line, entry fees will be refunded, minus the \$20 (\$5 for juniors) non-refundable portion of your entry; however, no-shows/no-calls and withdrawals or pulls after crossing the start line will not receive any refunds. Meal tickets are non-refundable unless your ticket can be sold. Cancellations must be made to ride management in person, by phone, or email.

≈**FARRIER AND VET FEES:** Riders will be responsible for any farrier or vet services that may be individually incurred.

≈**AWARDS:** Completion, Top 10, Best Condition, Junior, and Turtle for both distances will be presented.

≈**JUNIORS:** SERA rules require that all juniors be at least 8 years old and **wear an approved helmet** when mounted. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult sponsor (21 years or older) for the duration of the ride.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BLACKWATER EQUESTRIAN CENTER (BEC)

GPS Coordinates: N 30°49.497' W 86°58.400'

“AERC” or “BW Boogie” signs will be out Thursday afternoon

FROM THE NORTH (I-65 southbound): Take I-65 South to Hwy 113 (exit 69); head south to Flomaton, AL, which runs you into US Hwy 29 South. Take this to Hwy 4/S.R. 4 (red-light) in Century, FL. Turn left & follow 4 East to the blinking stop light at Hwy 87 in Berrydale. Go 1 ¾ miles farther to Gordon Land Rd and turn right (watch for Blackwater/Coldwater sign). Follow main paved road 6 miles. After you pass Coldwater Recreation Area & Stables, continue on the main paved road and go 2 more miles. BEC is on the right with a 3-board white fence.

FROM THE EAST (I-10 westbound): Take I-10 west to Hwy 85 (exit 56) & head north to Crestview. In Crestview, head west on Hwy 90/W. James Lee Blvd and travel 4 miles. In Milligan, turn right and take Hwy 4 northwest approx 13.10 miles (be sure to follow Hwy 4 to the left in downtown Baker) to Hwy 191/Munson Hwy. Turn left (sw) on 191 & go approx 5.6 miles. (After the second horse crossing sign, watch for the Blackwater Div. of Forestry/Coldwater Rec. Area and Stables sign). Turn right on Buddy Hardy Rd.

**Follow the main paved road 3.6 miles (road will make several 90 degree turns). BEC will be on the left with 3-board white fence.

FROM THE WEST (I-10 eastbound): Take I-10 east to Hwy 281/Avalon Blvd (exit 22). Head north & take Avalon Blvd to Hwy 90/Caroline Street, where you will turn right (east). Take Hwy 90 towards the business section of downtown Milton. At Hwy 87/Stewart Street (red-light with Burger King on the corner), turn left (north). Go 0.8 miles on Hwy 87 & you will see a Shell gas station on the right at the intersection of Hwy 191/Munson Hwy (there is no light or stop sign). Turn right (northeast) & follow Hwy 191 for 14.2 miles. Just before your turn, you will see a fire station sign on the left. Turn left on Buddy Hardy Rd (watch for Blackwater Div. of Forestry/Coldwater Rec. Area and Stables sign). Follow the ** above.

NOTES:

- 1) We are on **CENTRAL TIME**;
- 2) Your best choices for diesel, gasoline, food & ice before getting to base camp will be in Crestview (I-10/Hwy 85 or Hwy 85/Hwy 90), Milton (Hwy 87/Hwy 90) & Berrydale (Hwy 87/Hwy 4);
- 3) While tempting, it is suggested that you do **NOT** take the Hwy 191 exit off of I-10. This section of Hwy 191 routes you through the narrow streets of downtown and residential areas with lots of jogs. It's not fun for large rigs & it's easy to get lost;
- 4) **PROBLEMS?** Contact Diane at (850) 374-1403, Cindy at (850) 598-7000, or Kyle at (850) 218-5417.

*****IMPORTANT*****

FLORIDA LAW **REQUIRES** A CURRENT NEGATIVE **COGGINS**. Show proof at rider check-in. FLORIDA LAW **REQUIRES** A CURRENT **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** on all livestock traveling into Florida! **ALL TRAILERS MUST STOP AT** AGRICULTURE INSPECTION STATIONS. For more information, contact your vet or visit <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/>

~~Approved Safety Helmets required for all riders~~

EQUINE ACTIVITY RELEASE – READ CAREFULLY:

WARNING: As a participant in the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC, SERA, SEDRA, Forestry, and the ride management of the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas may have natural and 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 that I am riding. I hold ride management, all ride personnel, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, hosts, and property owners blameless and free from liability for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride. This release is valid for my animals, personal belongings, family, or guests in my company. I have read and understand this liability release.

Medical Release: I give consent for, and will be financially responsible for, emergency medical treatment for myself if I'm unable to give informed consent.

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I acknowledge that I've read and understand the conditions of the above Equine Activity and Medical releases and the requirement to wear a safety helmet at all times while riding:

Participant Name (PRINT): _____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian name if participant is under 18 years (PRINT) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

I give my permission for photos of myself and my horse taken at the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride to be published and utilized in any positive media relating to this ride or event.

Participant Name (PRINT): _____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name if participant is under 18 years (PRINT) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Drug Allergies or Medical Conditions we should know about: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone # (Please list two):

1) _____

2) _____
