

“The Allegany Shut Up and Ride 2011”

AERC/ECTRA Sanctioned

October 1st 2011

75/50 Mile Endurance Ride/30 Mile Limited Distance Ride



What: AERC/ECTRA 75/50 Mile Endurance Ride /
30 Mile Limited Distance Ride

The 30 Mile distance will offer an elevator option for successful finishers. Be sure to ask about or read up on the elevator rules! All AERC and ECTRA rules apply and can be reviewed at www.aerc.org and www.ectra.org – please review them!

When: Saturday, October 1st 2011

Friday, September 30th – Camping opens at noon (call or email if you plan to arrive earlier)
Register starting at 1:00pm – Vet Check starting at 3:00pm until dark on Friday – no Saturday morning vet-ins!

Ride Briefing shortly after dusk Friday evening.

Awards will be held Saturday evening when the last 50 miler has completed. Awards for 75 milers will be on Sunday morning.

(Early or late arrivals must notify Ride Management for approval and instructions.)

Pre-Registration Deadline: September 19, 2011 with \$20 Deposit (non-refundable)

Where: Allegany State Park

Near Salamanca, New York [Exit 19 off NY INTERSTATE 86/OLD RTE. 17]

Who: Open to all Horses, Mules and Ponies - Limited to 60 Rigs

Awards: 75 Mile Endurance Ride

Top Ten

Best Condition

Completion Award

30 Mile Limited Distance Ride

Completion Award

“Lookin’ Good” Award

50 Mile Endurance Ride

Top Ten

Best Condition

Special “To Finish Is To Win” Award selected

based on a lottery of completing riders

Completion Award

Food: Coffee and Danish will be provided Saturday morning

Volunteers will be fed

Friday night is Share-a-Dessert with Ride Briefing

Saturday night will be Pizza or Grilled Burgers/Hot Dogs/Stuff

We’ll find a way to do a Sunday morning Awards Breakfast!

To Enter: Pre-Registration & Deposit Deadline is September 19, 2011

(Entries will be accepted in order of postmark)

Vets: Nick Kohut, DVM; Pamela Karner, DVM; Treatment Vet – Lynne Johnson, DVM

Farrier: Tom Lewandowski will be on site on Saturday. Contact Ride Management for details.

Riders are responsible for paying farrier fees directly to the farrier prior to leaving camp

Fees: **Entry Fees; \$120 for 75 miles; \$100 for 50 miles; \$70 for 30 miles**
\$20 late fee (for entries postmarked after 9/19)
\$15 Non-AERC Member Fee for non-members.
\$10 Camping Fee per night (Friday night camping fee included with entry)
\$15 Discount for Juniors (under 18 years of age).

Notes of Interest:

- We really **WANT to have the 75 mile distance** to offer a special challenge but in order to invest in glowsticks and awards and more trail clearing and marking we need to know **WELL IN ADVANCE** if we'll have enough riders to make it a go! If we don't have **AT LEAST 11 entries** by the pre-registration deadline, we'll have to cancel the distance.
- Camping space is a bit tight at this ride. When you arrive, you must check in with our Parking Coordinator. Rigs that park in unapproved locations may be asked to move.
- All riders must wear an ASTM/SEI approved equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted.
- Sending a copy (not original!) of current Coggins Test and 2011 AERC membership card is helpful; otherwise we must see these when you register at the ride.
- Horse water is available; it may be easiest to bring some of your own. Please bring human drinking water.
- Allegany State Park rules indicate that dogs must be leashed or confined at all times. We will enforce this rule in ride camp. Please don't make us be "The Leash Police"!
- No arrivals at camp prior to noon on Friday unless prior arrangements have been made with ride management.
- We always need volunteers! If you'd like to volunteer, or are bringing along someone who can volunteer, please let us know with your entry form, or by emailing us at procompsvc@earthlink.net, or calling 716 560 8297.
- Please bring your best manners and sense of humor. Our best friends and families make this ride happen and we won't tolerate nastiness. Bad behavior may result in disqualification, at the Ride Manager's discretion. This ensures everyone has a great time, gets to giggle a lot, and no one cries!

Trail Information:

Allegany State Park Horse Trails: "This is mountain country! The terrain is rugged and beautiful. The mountains have a quality all their own -- they are not as rough as the Adirondacks, nor as rocky as the Catskills. They are somewhere in between, as though a giant sanded off their rough edges, leaving a pleasing ripple of land."

Ride New York by Anne M. O'Dell

Trails consist of hard-packed jeep roads, some single track trail, a few paved Park road crossings, with lots of long climbs and descents, and a few steep climbs. If you're not going up, you'll be going down. If Mother Nature cooperates, footing will be good. If Mother Nature delivers a deluge of rain the week prior to the ride, expect muddy conditions. We're contemplating some trail changes for this year and will keep you in the loop prior to the ride if we'll be having an away vet check.

Getting There: To get to Allegany State Park, take NY Interstate 86 (Southern Tier Expressway/old Rte. 17). **Take Exit 19 for the Bay State Road/Red House Lake area centrally located in the Park. This exit is to ASP 2 (Park Road #2) and simply dumps you out on the Park road – no need to make any turns! Ride camp is located on your left ~5 miles from the exit.** As you approach the Park Entrance, if there is an attendant at the guardhouse, please let them know that you are with the Endurance Ride, and that your camping fee is included in your entry. You may be asked to provide your name. If you have not pre-registered well in advance, you'll have to pay an entrance fee for the park (non-refundable). If you need to stock up on essentials such as gas/diesel, food and ice, the city of Salamanca can provide all of these (Exit 20). Do **not** use Exit 21 to access the park. There is a steep 5 mile climb and descent. And if you follow your GPS to find the Park it can be more of an adventure than you might have intended!

Parking & Amenities: **Friday, September 30th camping fees are included with your ride entry, all other days of camping fees (e.g. Thursday and/or Saturday night) are to be paid with entry.** A vehicle use fee will not be charged if camping in park. Please inform staff at entrance booth you are camping upon entering park. Current Coggins certificates are required by State law; Rabies vaccinations are recommended. The Park has many restroom facilities throughout the park, but they are not always convenient to where you will be riding; the closest shower facilities are at Congdon Cabin area -- turn right out of camp, 1.5 miles from ride camp on left. The centrally located trail head site you will be riding from is on ASP 2. Water for horses, Port-A-Potties, and dumpsters for manure are located at the trail head. Horses will be **tied to trailers or on high picket lines or kept in portable corrals or in tie stalls (first come, first served).** **At no time are horses permitted to be tied to trees.** You will be required to clean up after your horse and yourself, **and leave your campsite clean when you depart.**

Allegany State Park Administration Building: (716) 354-9101

Allegany State Park Police: (716) 354-9111 or 354-9112