

# Rabbit Valley Competitive Trail Ride

Near Grand Junction, CO

Sanctioned for Colorado-Utah

Rider Limit: 60

October 12-13, 2019

Type A (2-Day Ride)

The Rabbit Valley Competitive Trail Ride has returned and we invite you to come ride with us to experience the beauty of the high desert landscapes of Western Colorado and Eastern Utah.

Rabbit Valley is part of the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (NCA), for the BLM National Landscape Conservation System. This conservation system conserves, protects and restores some of America's most spectacular landscapes with rock outcroppings, unique rock formations and ancient Indian rock art. Beautiful views overlook the Colorado River and the Black Ridge Canyon Wilderness.

You will be riding on parts of the Old Spanish Trail that traversed through many of the southwestern states. This is a 2-day ride with Novice and Competitive Pleasure (CP) riders covering approximately 30 miles, and Open division riders 50 miles. Some areas are rocky and hoof protection is recommended. This ride is sanctioned for both Colorado and Utah.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:** Rabbit Valley is accessed from I-70 just a few miles from the Colorado-Utah state line. From the East, travel west on I-70 toward Utah, and take **Exit #2** which is clearly marked. Go South on the overpass crossing I-70 and follow the signs to camp. From the West heading from Utah into Colorado, take Exit #2 as above. Nearest services approximately 20 miles.

**CAMP FACILITIES:** Camping is in a designated, graveled parking area with porta-potties and horse water ONLY. Bring your own drinking water. Nights will be cool, so be prepared to blanket your horses.

Horses can be tied to the trailers, secured by a high-tie attachment or portable corral panels not to exceed 12'x12'. (See Rule Book Section 5B)

**Since parking is limited to the area specified by the BLM, a parking attendant will help you park in the most space-saving manner possible.**

**Certified weed-free hay is required by the BLM.**

**SCHEDULE:** Pre-ride vet check-in begins at 12 Noon until dark on Friday, October 11. Please make arrangements for late check-in if necessary. Ride briefing will be given Friday and Sat evenings for the next day's trails.

A special First Time Competitor meeting will be held after the briefing on Friday night.

**Due to the change from Daylight Savings time, dusk comes sooner so our start times are earlier.**

**\*MEALS:** Friday Night "Happy Hour" will begin 4:15ish. Bring a snack to share, your favorite beverage and mingle with old friends and new! Ride Management will provide Saturday lunch to all riders & volunteers. Saturday Night Potluck: please bring your favorite dish to share. Ride Management will provide the main course.

Volunteer workers will receive all meals. Non-volunteers can purchase meals for \$25.00.

**RULES:** This ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. Colorado state law requires that out-of-state horses have a current Coggins and health papers. Please bring them to registration. No open fires allowed and No smoking on the trails. **All dogs must be leashed/tied at all times. No dogs allowed at meals.**

**AWARDS:** Awards will be 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> given in all divisions with Sweepstakes awards given to Open, CP and Novice. Send a copy of horse registration papers for breed awards as donated. Awards will be ASAP Sunday afternoon, so plan to stay if you can. This is a fun and special time.

**JUDGES:** Vet Judge: TBD      Horsemanship Judge: Jerry Sims

**ENTRY FEES:** Adult NATRC member: \$150; Adult Non-NATRC member: \$175. Junior riders are \$30 less. Fees are all inclusive and cover entry, all NATRC fees, drug fee, BLM use fee and \*meals. \$50 deposit

required when you register. Please make checks payable to Rabbit Valley CTR and mail to ride secretary.

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