

The PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station CTR - May 18-19, 2019

Rock Creek Station State Historical Park, 57416 710th Rd, Fairbury, NE 68352

Governed by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference

60 Rider Limit

NATRC A (2-day) - Open/Novice/CP **NATRC B** (Sunday) - Open/Novice/CP **Leisure Division** (Saturday)

Join us for the competitive trail ride at Rock Creek Station Historical Park. Established in 1857 along the Oregon and California Trails, Rock Creek Station was a relay station for the Pony Express. Rich in cowboy history, you'll cross the bridge and ride through the ranch, through the creeks and prairies and canyons of Rock Creek Station and Rock Glen Wildlife Management Area. The terrain is mostly grassy meadows with some red rock in the canyon areas.

Directions: **Note:** GPS will route you on minimum maintenance dirt roads. The following directions will keep you on blacktop. **From Hwy 136:** Turn south in Jansen at the sign (573rd Ave). Drive south to 710 Road. Turn left (east) and go 1.25 miles. Turn in on your right. **From Fairbury:** Take 711 Rd/PWF 5 miles east. Turn right on 573rd Avenue & go 1 mile. Turn left (east) on 710 Rd and go 1.25 miles. Turn in on your right. **From Hwy 8:** Just east of Endicott, turn north on 573 Avenue for 3 miles. Turn right (east) on 710 Rd and go 1.25 miles. Turn in on your right.

Park Fees & Camping Facilities: Nebraska State Park Permit is required: \$31 annual or \$6 per day in state / \$46 annual or \$8 per day out-of-state and can be purchased online at <https://ngpc-home.ne.gov/>. Camping (basic) \$15 per night per vehicle (at the time of this printing) and can be paid at the kiosk in horse camp or at the Visitor's Center. Space is limited so management will assist with parking. The park now has a new restroom and shower house located between the horse camp and the south campground. **Dogs** are not allowed in management area, check-in and briefings or at meals and **must be leashed** at all times (insurance requirement).

Stabling: A-Ride: Horses will be stationary tied to horse trailers. Pens will be designated for working horses first (safety riders and trail markers), remaining pens can be used by B-riders and Leisure Division (first come first serve). Portable corrals are discouraged due to space limitations for trailer parking. Deposit manure in manure pile. Wheelbarrows are available. There are potable water hydrants throughout the horse camp.

Ride Details: All competing out-of-state horses must have negative Coggins and current Health. Terrain is barefoot friendly. No horses are allowed on wildlife management area unless working or competing.

A-Ride: Check-in starts at 2pm on Friday. **Leisure Division:** Check-in starts 9am on Saturday

B-Ride: Check-in starts 3pm on Saturday. Late check-ins should make arrangements with ride management.

Meals: Friday and Saturday evening are potluck with main dish provided by ride management. Please bring your own table service & drinks. All meals complimentary for ride workers.

Entry Fees:	A-Ride	Adult - Open/Novice/CP	\$90 Member	\$115 non-member
		Junior - Open/Novice/CP	\$70 Member	\$ 95 non-member
	B-Ride	Adult - Open/Novice/CP	\$90 Member	\$115 non-member
		Junior - Open/Novice/CP	\$70 Member	\$ 95 non-member
	Leisure Division		\$55 both member and non-member ¹	

\$10 discount for first time competitors in A or B ride. A non-refundable deposit of \$30 must accompany the entry.

Make Checks Payable to NECTRA & mail to Ride Secretary (address below)

If possible, please enter through the RMS System at <http://rms.natrc.net/Logon.aspx>

¹ NATRC offers free First year membership www.natrc.org/membership.htm

Workers: Ride Management needs volunteers, including P&R crew, safety riders, judges' secretaries, food crew, drivers for judges' pickup from airport, during ride & water truck. Contact Helen or Robin if you can help, volunteers make these rides possible & fun. ☺ No inexperienced trail horses or riders permitted as safety riders & must meet NATRC age guidelines.

Vet Judge - Natalie Goldberger, DVM; **Horsemanship Judge** - Esther Diaguila; **Leisure Division** - Sarah Rinne

Ride Chair: Helen Smith – hsmithtmoran@gmail.com (402.944-7321, 402-298-1411)

Ride Secretary: Robin Nore, 12539 Panama Rd., Hickman, NE 68372 - Robinn5810@yahoo.com (402.788.2761)

In Case of Emergency, Call 911.

Rock Creek Station Emergency 402.729.5777 or Ride Management at above #'s.

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