

SAVE THIS DATE:

MARCH 17th (Rain Date 3/24/18)



**St. Patrick's Day
Hunter Paced
Timed Trail Ride**



Wicomico Demonstration State Forest

To benefit 4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program Special Riders

Get your horse tuned up for riding season! Explore the beautiful pine forested trails with your friends and enjoy a challenging but relaxing experience with your horse! Dress up for St. Paddy's Day and have some fun!

Trailer Parking and Ride Start at:

9AM Fast Ride; 10AM Slower Ride
Wicomico County Forestry Office
6095 Sixty Foot Rd Parsonsburg, MD
(1.5 miles south of Rt. 50)

Trail length: Three to 6 miles of trails over natural terrain with water obstacles and optional jumps from 6 inches to 2.5 ft

Fast pace 6 miles (white trail); slower pace 2.6 miles (dark blue trail)

Fast riders come early and be prepared to start riding at 9AM

Children 15 and under are to ride with an adult

Liability release form required (go to www.4stepstrp.org or call Sandy at 410-835-8814)

Entry Fee: \$35 per rider includes light lunch and prizes

Registration deadline: March 10th

To register online go to <https://www.4stepstrp.org/events.html> or call Sandy at 410-835-8814 for a registration form.



What is a Hunter Pace Timed Trail Ride

A hunter pace timed trail ride is a low key competitive event derived from foxhunting. Teams of two or three riders follow an outdoor course laid out over terrain which is meant to simulate the riding conditions encountered during a foxhunt. The course is ridden at the mixture of gaits a foxhunter would typically use as a fox's scent is found and followed by hounds through open country and along wooded trails. There is no set length for a hunter pace course. It is up to each team to guess the ideal time to complete the course and to adjust its progress accordingly. The ideal time is usually determined by sending out one or more test teams to ride the course before the event. Prizes are awarded based on how close the team matches the ideal time. We offer a "Pace Division" for experienced riders who wish to take the course at a faster pace, and a "Trail Ride" division for those who wish to travel more slowly. Although jumps and water crossings are found along the course, taking them is always optional for both divisions. Even though there is a competitive aspect to a hunter pace, most riders simply regard it as an enjoyable way to spend a day in the countryside with their mounts and congenial company.