

# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Cave Competitive Trail Ride & Celebration!

## September 16-17, 2023

Indian Cave State Park, 65296 - 720 Rd, Shubert, NE 68437  
Governed by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference

**NATRC Type A – Open / Competitive Pleasure / Novice**

**60 rider limit**

**B1 Saturday, B2 Sunday – Open / Competitive Pleasure / Novice / Leisure Division**

**30 rider daily limit**

*Join us for our 50th annual competitive ride! This is the longest standing ride in the nation and we are celebrating a monumental anniversary this year that you won't want to miss! This is a gorgeous ride through one of Nebraska's state parks boasting rich Native American and fur trade history as well as a stop along the famous Lewis & Clark route. You will ride well-marked and established trails over hills and bluffs along the Missouri River. The trails offer a variety of terrain from grassy meadows to challenging forested hills; a test of your skills and your horses' condition.*

**Directions: From I-29** (northwestern Missouri), exit #110 (Hwy 136), go west on Hwy 136 to one mile west of Brownville, NE.

Turn left (south) on Hwy 67 and go 9 miles to 64E Spur/720 Rd (Indian Cave State Park sign), turning left (east) and continue to the park. **From Auburn, NE:** take Hwy 136 east to Hwy 67, turn right (south) and continue to the park sign, then turn east.

**From the South** (Hwy 75): turn on Hwy 62 east (Shubert) to Hwy 67, turn left (north) and go two miles, then turn right at the Park sign and head east. **Note:** It is 5 miles to the park from the corner of Hwy 67 and 64E Spur. Once in the park, stay on the main park road approximately 2.5 miles. Camp is in the park's designated horse campground.

**Camping:** The Park will collect a camping fee, per night per vehicle, plus a day state park entry permit or you may purchase an annual Nebraska State Park sticker. Camping is primitive with outhouse facilities. A shower house is available within a short drive to the neighboring campgrounds. **We will be offering an incredible catered anniversary meal in conjunction with our Saturday evening 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration you won't want to miss! Make sure to register for it through RMS.**

**Stabling:** Permanent corrals and hitching posts are available on a first come, first serve basis for safety riders and LeD competitors staying overnight. Type A, B1, & B2 O/N/CP competitors must stationary tie, hi tie or sliding tether to your trailer. Scatter manure into the woods or put into the manure bunk by the corrals. Water for horses is provided in camp.

**Ride Details:** Type A & B1 O/N/CP ride will start with check-in with the ride secretary at 1:00 pm on Friday. Check in of A & B1 O/N/CP ride horses will run from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Late check-ins must make arrangements with ride management.

Type B2 O/N/CP ride will start with check-in with the ride secretary Saturday afternoon.

The Leisure Division rides will start with rider check-in with ride secretary Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 am; followed by check-in of horses, ride briefing, and trail time-out at 11:00am. Terrain is challenging but barefoot friendly. **Dogs are not allowed in the management area, check-in area, or at briefings, and must be leashed at all times per park regulations and our event insurance policy.**

**\*All competing out-of-state horses must have negative Coggins and a current Health Certificate.\***

### Entry Fees:

Adult – Open, CP, Novice Type A Ride .....	\$100 member .....	\$125 non-member
Junior – Open, CP, Novice Type A Ride .....	\$ 80 member .....	\$105 non-member
Adult – Open, CP, Novice Type B Ride .....	\$ 85 member .....	\$110 non-member
Junior – Open, CP, Novice Type B Ride .....	\$ 65 member .....	\$ 90 non-member
Leisure Division (per day) .....	\$ 60 member .....	\$ 70 non-member
Saturday evening Anniversary Meal (per person) .....	\$ 15 for all attending	

**\*NATRC offers free First year memberships at [natrc.org/membership.htm](http://natrc.org/membership.htm)**

A *non-refundable* deposit of \$30 must accompany ride entry. Please enter through the RMS system at [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org). Click on the Ride button in the orange menu bar and then scroll to the bottom and click on the purple Register for a Ride button.

**Volunteers:** Anyone wishing to help with the ride please contact Ride Chair Sarah Smith. **No horses will be allowed on the trail unless safety riding or competing as we utilize trails that are not designated park equestrian trails for portions of this ride.** No inexperienced trail horses permitted for safety riders and must meet age guidelines of NATRC.

**Judges:** Veterinary - Tamara Gull, DVM, / Horsemanship - Priscilla Lindsey / Leisure – Debby Starr

**Ride Chair:** Sarah Smith / 402-806-8708 / [saddle1up@live.com](mailto:saddle1up@live.com)

**Ride Secretary:** Helen Smith / 402-298-1411 / [hsmithtmoran@gmail.com](mailto:hsmithtmoran@gmail.com) / 750 County Road B, Ashland, NE 68003

**Trail Master:** Chuck Edwards / 402-440-5569 / [candmelstars@juno.com](mailto:candmelstars@juno.com)

In case of EMERGENCY

Emergency Park Phone: 402-883-2575 / Ride Management at above numbers

**\*\*\*Please note: Cellular phone reception is poor inside of the park, for true emergency contact park phone.\*\*\***

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