

**Pierce Creek Competitive Trail Ride**  
**Pierce Creek Recreational Area**  
1476 A Ave, Essex, IA 51638  
**May 18-19, 2024**

Governed by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) **20 Rider Limit each day**  
**Leisure Division Ride (Saturday May 18, 2024) & One Day Novice/CP/Open Sunday May 19, 2024**

This ride is intended to offer the experience of transitioning from an LeD ride to a Novice, Competitive Pleasure or Open ride. The clinic portion of this weekend will be a short introduction and Q&A session will be held on Saturday afternoon to prepare riders for the differences (no charge). The Novice/CP will be approximately twice around the park. The Open ride will entail approximately 3 circuits of the park. Terrain is barefoot friendly (grass and dirt). This ride is sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) and NATRC members will earn points towards regional year-end awards and mileage.

**Camping:** There are about 12 electric sites, and priority for these will be given to management and judges. There is plenty of primitive parking in both non-electric sites and day parking sites. Pay for the camping at the time of the ride.

**Entry Fees (checks payable to NECTRA send to Ride Secretary) or pay via PayPal at [nectrainfo@aol.com](mailto:nectrainfo@aol.com)**

Leisure Division Ride Saturday	\$60 / \$75 (NATRC member / non-member*)
Novice/Competitive Pleasure/Open Ride Sunday	\$70 / \$85 (NATRC member / non-member*)
LeD Saturday & Novice/CP/Open Sunday	\$120 (discount only for NATRC members*)

***A deposit of \$30 or full registration must accompany the entry to hold your spot in the ride***

\*First year membership is free. To join NATRC visit <https://www.natrc.org/join> prior to the day of the ride

**First NATRC ride is sponsored by NECTRA and is free (each day is a separate ride). Please indicate in your registration if this is your first NATRC competition.**

**Leisure Division Judge:** Norma Newton **Horsemanship Judge:** Norma Newton **Veterinary Judge:** Verona Chaffin

**Saturday**

7:00 am to 7:45am: Breakfast for volunteers (& sign liability waivers as needed)  
7:45 am: Check-in with Ride Secretary; sign liability waivers, & pay balance due (at the picnic shelter)  
8:30 am: Ride briefing (at the picnic shelter)  
9:00 am: Check-in with Judge (without tack)  
10:00 am: Riders time out (sooner if everyone is ready)  
1:00 pm: lunch for Volunteers and Judges (make your own sandwiches)  
1:30 pm ish: Check-out with LeD Judge (turn in vests) (listen for car horn!)  
2:30 pm: Check-in with Ride Secretary for Sunday's ride  
3:00 pm ish: Awards for LeD, followed by Q&A and instruction/discussions of the differences for Sunday's ride  
5:00 pm: Check-in with Judges for Sunday's Ride  
6:30 pm: Ride briefing Novice / CP / Open  
7:00 pm: Potluck Dinner: Pulled pork and buns provided, please bring sides and desserts to share

**Sunday**

6:30am to 7:30am: Breakfast for volunteers (& sign liability waivers as needed)  
7:00 am: Open Riders time out  
7:30 am: Novice / CP Riders time out  
noon to 1:00 pm: lunch for Volunteers  
1:15 pm ish: Check-out with judges, and return vests  
3:00 pm ish: Awards

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**Ride Secretary:** Helen Smith [hsmithmoran@gmail.com](mailto:hsmithmoran@gmail.com) 402-298-1411 (send text if no answer)  
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- Manure is to be deposited in the bins around the campground. Please make sure you have picked up manure and hay from your campsite or pen before you leave – please do not leave this chore for ride management!
- All horses need current Coggins, and all out of state horses need health certificates.
- **Dogs are not allowed in management area, check-in area, briefings or at meals, and must be leashed at all times (insurance requirement).**