

Back in the Saddle

Competitive Trail Ride April 12-13, 2025

Hillsdale State Park, Saddle Ridge Campground, 2680 W. 253rd Street, Paola, KS 66072

Governed and Sanctioned by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference

Type A, B1, B2: Open, Novice, Competitive Pleasure 30 rider limit

Type B: Leisure Division - B1 Saturday, B2 Sunday 20 rider daily limit

Directions: **From Kansas City:** 1-35 South to US 169 South in Olathe. 169 South to Hillsdale exit. Go West 3.5 miles on W 255th Street to Harmony Road, turn right onto Harmony Road, then left onto W 253rd Street to Saddle Ridge Campground. **From the South:** North on US 169 to the Hillsdale exit. West 3.5 miles on W 255th Street to Harmony Road, turn right onto Harmony Road, then left onto W 253rd Street to Saddle Ridge Campground. **From the West:** K-68 East from Ottawa to Hillsdale Lake sign (Osawatomie Road) turn North, going over dam. Turn left on Harmony Road just past the Park and Corps Headquarters, then left onto W 253rd Street to Saddle Ridge Campground. Watch for signs starting at Harmony Road.

Trails: Mostly wooded with some open meadows and some rocky creeks and hills. Shoes are recommended, but not required.

Camping: Sites with water and electric are available, as well as primitive camping. Contact the park office at (913) 594-3600, Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:00 to reserve campsites and tell them you are with NATRC. Water and electric sites are \$23 per night & primitive are \$10 per night both with a one-time \$2.75 fee for the first night. Showers, toilets, and a wash rack are located in camp. Park will collect fees for all vehicles.

Dogs: *Must be leashed at all times and are not allowed at management areas, check-in, briefing, meals, etc.*

Stabling: A limited number of corrals 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 tied, HiTie (or equivalent), use hitching posts, or sliding tether. No permanent corrals may be used for competing horses while in competition *unless management determines that there are enough for everyone*. Dispose of manure in manure bunkers. Water hydrants and wash rack are available.

Meals: Provided for ride management and judging staff. We'll have potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings for everyone.

Health: Proof of negative Coggins test, and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection dated within 30 days required for all out-of-state equine.

Entry Fees:

A Open, Novice, and CP: Adult	\$130 member	\$165 non-member
A Open, Novice, and CP: Junior	\$100 member	\$135 non-member
B1/B2 O/N/CP: Adult	\$ 85 member	\$120 non-member
B1/B2 O/N/CP: Junior	\$ 85 member	\$120 non-member
B1/B2 LeD: Junior, Adult, Experienced	\$ 65 member	\$ 85 non-member

Free first-year competing memberships are available from NATRC, as well as First Ride Free for first-time riders.

- All rider fees are included in entry fee. • No refunds after April 3rd. • No show, no refund.
- All cancellations must be sent to Ruth Mesimer (preferably by email, or in RMS, or both).
- Entry fee minus \$10 refunded if horse is deemed unfit to compete at check-in.
- A deposit of \$30 required with entry. Checks payable to Holly Barrett can be mailed to 1403 Farnam St #802, Omaha, NE 68102, or send payment through Venmo @Holly-Barrett-4.

Please enter through the RMS system at natrcr6.org.

Check-In Schedule: (subject to change)

- A Ride and B1 for O/N/CP: Rider check in begins at 1:00pm on Friday. Horse and rider check in with judges begins at 2:00 pm Friday and continues as needed.
- B2 O/N/CP will check in with ride secretary Saturday afternoon.
- Leisure Division riders check in with ride secretary Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., followed by check-in of horses at 8:00 a.m., ride briefing at 8:45, and ride out at approximately 9:30.
- Riders requiring late check-in must make arrangements with management.

Ride Chairs: Rhonda Levinson, 913-909-2025, rhndlev@msn.com

Holly Barrett, 303-547-4066, hollylynnbarrett@gmail.com

Ride Secretaries: Ruth Mesimer, 816-863-3221, RuthM9496@gmail.com

Rianna Deselich, 816-547-0451, deselichr@gmail.com

Horsemanship Judge: Lori Allen

Veterinary Judge: Verona Chaffin

Leisure Judge: Alice Perryman

Emergency Phone Numbers

Hillsdale State Park Office: (913) 594-3600

Miami County Sheriff: (813) 294-3232

On-Call Farrier: Cheryl Bohling (402) 269-5625

On-Call Veterinarian: Strain Equine (913) 728-2499

Map of Saddle Ridge Campground

Sites 220 through 225 are reserved for ride management and judges.

