

# Back in the Saddle

## NATRC Region 6 Benefit Competitive Trail Ride May 16-17, 2026 Region 6 End of Year Awards Banquet and Presentation May 15<sup>th</sup>

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 Saturday and Sunday, B1 Saturday, B2 Sunday: Open, Novice, Competitive Pleasure Divisions ..... 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:** All sites have corrals within walking distance, available on a first come, first serve basis for safety riders and LeD competitors staying overnight. Type A, B1, & B2 O/N/CP competitors may be stationary tied, HiTie (or equivalent), use hitching posts, or sliding tether. Dispose of manure in manure bunkers. Water hydrants and wash rack are available.

**Meals:** Provided for ride management and judging staff. We'll have our Awards Banquet catered meal Friday night, everyone is invited to attend and cheer on last year's winners. This is a great opportunity to learn about the different end of year awards available to qualified competitors. We will also provide ticketed lunches and an entrée for dinner Saturday evening as an added fundraiser to be split between Region 6 and Hillsdale State Park for trails maintenance. Please bring a potluck side dish for everyone to share. Costs for all meals offered are listed after the schedule.

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

<b>Entry Fees:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>Deposit</b>
A Open, Novice, and CP: Adult .....	\$130 .....	\$165 .....	\$35
A Open, Novice, and CP: Junior .....	\$100 .....	\$135 .....	\$35
B1/B2 O/N/CP: Adult or Junior .....	\$ 85 .....	\$120 .....	\$35
B1/B2 LeD: Junior, Adult or Experienced .....	\$ 65 .....	\$100 .....	\$35
Awards Banquet Friday night meal and program .....	\$ 25 .....	\$ 25	
Awards program only .....	\$ 10 .....	\$ 10	

*Free first-year competing memberships are available from NATRC, as well as First Ride Free for all new junior riders or 1/2 OFF First Ride for all new adults is sponsored by NECTRA. Please indicate when you register if this is your first NATRC competition.*

- All rider fees are included in entry fee. • No refunds after May 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 \$35 required with entry. Checks made payable to Region 6 NATRC Inc and mailed to Ruth Mesimer 6818 N Elm Street Liberty MO 64068.

**Please enter through the RMS system at [natrcr6.org](http://natrcr6.org).**

**Check-In, Awards, and Silent Auction Schedule: (subject to change)**

\* Riders requiring Saturday late check in must make arrangements with management.

**Friday:**

- 12:00 - 4:30 pm - A Ride and B1 O/N/CP Rider check in at Camping spot # 564.
- 12:00 - 8:00 pm - Silent Auction items drop-off at pavilion.
- 1:00 - 4:30 pm - Horse and rider check in with judges, continues Saturday morning at 7 am for late arrivals \*
- 5:30 pm - Ride briefing at the pavilion.
- 6:30 pm - Awards banquet meal.
- 7:00 pm - Awards presentation.

**Saturday:**

- 7:00 am - A Ride and B1 O/N/CP Rider and Horse check in continues \*
- 7:00 am - Silent Auction opens.
- 8:15 am - A and B1 time out.
- B2 O/N/CP will check in with ride secretary Saturday afternoon.
- Leisure Division riders check in with ride secretary at 7:30 am, followed by check in of horses at 8:00, ride briefing at 8:45, and ride out at approximately 9:30.
- 5:00 pm - Silent Auction closes. Pay and pick up items after ride briefing.

**Sunday:**

- 7:00 am - A riders trot by.
- 7:15 am - A and B2 time out.
- Leisure Division riders check in with ride secretary at 7:30 am, followed by check in of horses at 8:00, ride briefing at 8:45, and ride out at approximately 9:30.

**Meals:**

- Breakfast - \$10
- Lunch - \$10
- Friday evening Awards Banquet with program - \$25
- Awards presentation (program only) - \$10
- Saturday evening Taco Bar potluck - \$10

<u>Ride Chairs:</u>	Holly Barrett	303-547-4066	hollylynnbarrett@gmail.com
<u>Ride Secretaries:</u>	Ruth Mesimer	816-863-3221	RuthM9496@gmail.com

Horsemanship Judge: Lori Allen

Veterinary Judge: Lucy Hirsch

Leisure Judge: Debby Starr

**Emergency Phone Numbers**

Hillsdale State Park Office: (913) 594-3600

Miami County Sheriff: (813) 294-3232

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

On-Call Veterinarian: TBD

# Map of Saddle Ridge Campground

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

