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Branched Oak Summer Sweat NATRC Competitive Trail Ride August 15 & 16, 2026

Area 2 of the Branched Oak State Recreation Area
12000 W Branched Oak Rd, Raymond, NE 68428
Governed by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC)

Novice / Competitive Pleasure / Open

A Ride and B1 & B2 will be offered (no LeD at this ride)

Check-in of horses will be Friday afternoon, and first thing Saturday morning (if needed). The ride will be 16 to 17 miles, and will be two loops for Novice/CP at about 4mph, and three loops for Open at 5mph.

If you want to try Novice (or Open) then this ride is an excellent place to start. Sign up for Saturday's B1 and if your horse does OK, you can sign up Saturday evening for Sunday's B2.

The park is quite small, so the loops will be a repeat of the same trail. Most of the trails are in the trees, so very shaded.

Ride Notes: All competing out-of-state horses must have a negative Coggins and current Health Certificate. Terrain is barefoot friendly. **Dogs are not allowed in management area, check-in area, briefings or at meals, and must be leashed at all times (insurance requirement and State Park rules).**

Directions: From Highway 79 at the Raymond, Nebraska corner, take Raymond Road west for 6 miles. Turn right into Homestead Campground Area 2 and veer left to the equestrian campground.

Park Fees & Camping Facilities: Nebraska State Park Permit is required and can be purchased online at <https://ngpc-home.ne.gov/>. This equestrian area offers 15 pull-through sites with electrical hookups reservable at the park office only, as well as 14 corrals. Call 402-783-3400 to reserve by the Thursday prior (no online reservations). Camping and park fees are NOT included in the entry fees. Please independently take care of all park fees. The park staff do come round and check. Drinking water, pit-toilet and fire rings are available in the equestrian camping area.

Entry Fees (checks payable to NECTRA, send to Ride Secretary):

Novice / CP / Open Ride B rides (each day)	\$85 / \$120 (member / non-member**)
Novice / CP / Open Ride A ride	\$130 / \$165 (member / non-member**)

A deposit of \$30 or full registration must be received by Ride Secretary by August 7th to confirm your entry.

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

First NATRC ride is sponsored by NECTRA and is 50% discount for adults and free for juniors (the B1 and B2 options are considered separate rides). Please indicate in your registration if this is your first NATRC competition.

Horsemanship Judge: Sarah Hays

Veterinary Judge: TBD

Ride Chair: Alex Braun alexdouglasbraun@gmail.com 402-414-7030

Ride Secretary: Helen Smith hsmithtmoran@gmail.com 402-298-1411 (send text if no answer)

Trail Master: Tammy Vasa (TBC)

Workers: P&R crew, safety rider, judges' secretaries, and mentors. Contact Helen or Alex if you can help. Volunteers make these rides possible & fun. No inexperienced trail horses or riders permitted as safety riders & must meet NATRC age guidelines. Auditors are welcome and will be encouraged to help during the ride.

In Case of Emergency, Call 911

Branched Oak State Recreation area 402-783-3400 or Ride Management at above #'s.

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Camp & NATRC rules:

Keep all dogs on leash

Pay camping fees and vehicle permit fees in self-serve box in equestrian campground

All horses need a current negative Coggins

All horses coming from states other than Nebraska need health certificates within the last 30 days

Friday

1pm to 6pm Check-in with Ride Secretary: **Riders** - sign rider liability waivers, pick up rider packets, pay balance due, **Volunteers** - sign worker liability waivers

2pm to 6:00pm: A & B1 Riders Vet Check-in

6:00 pm: Ride briefing for Saturday's ride

6:30pm: Likely dinner at the Mexican restaurant by marina on other side of lake

Saturday

6:30am to 7:30am: Breakfast for volunteers (& sign liability waivers as needed)

7:00am late check-in (please notify Ride management for late check-in)

8:00am: Riders time out

11:30 to 1:30pm: lunch for Volunteers and Judges (make your own sandwiches)

6:00pm: Ride briefing for Sunday's ride, B1 awards

6:30pm: Potluck Dinner or back to restaurant (TBD)

Sunday

6:30am to 7:30am: Breakfast for volunteers (& sign liability waivers as needed)

7:30 am: Riders time out

11:30am to 1:30pm: lunch for Volunteers

12:00pm to 1pm: Check-out – turn in vests

3:00pmish: awards

- Manure is to be deposited in the bins around the campground. Please make sure you have picked up all manure and hay from your campsite or pen before you leave – please do not leave this chore for ride management!