



NAN RANCH NATRC COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

October 23-25, 2020

Sponsored by the

Gila NM Chapter Back Country Horsemen of America
Silver City, New Mexico



A competitive trail ride is a judged horseback riding event over measured distances and completed within specified times. Riders are judged for horsemanship; their equines are judged for fitness and soundness. Horses, mules, and ponies compete as a team with their riders. For more information about NATRC, visit the NATRC website at: www.natrc.org. The 2020 ride will be held on the historic NAN Ranch near Silver City, New Mexico. The 45,000+ acre ranch is situated in the high desert along the Mimbres River. The terrain ranges in elevation from 5100' to 6400' and

features deep canyons, riparian areas, river crossings, sandy washes, rocky and sandy two-track roads, and hills of varying steepness. For more information about the ranch, visit the website at www.elranchonan.com.

Ride participants will arrive at NAN Ranch beginning on Friday, October 23rd. The ride itself will take place over the following 3 days: Friday through Sunday, October 23, 24 & 25, 2020.

Divisions: Open, Novice, Competitive Pleasure, Leisure, Distance Only.

Open riders cover the most challenging trails & greatest distances during the ride. Horses must be 5 yrs or older.

Novice and CP competitors ride easier trails of shorter distances and duration. Horses must be 4 yrs or older.

Leisure competitors follow the Novice trails of approximately nine miles. Horses must be at least 4 yrs or older.

Distance riders must not interfere with pace or timing of declared Division.

See Rulebook for weight definitions for each class (www.natrc.org/RuleBook/Rulebook.pdf).

Awards and Classes:

Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Division Awards 1-6 are given for horse and horsemanship in Heavyweight, Lightweight, and Junior.

Adult and Junior class Leisure Division Awards 1-6 will be combined scores of horse and rider.

Rides:

"A" ride Saturday and Sunday for Open, Novice, Competitive Pleasure and Distance Only.

"B" ride Saturday only for Novice, Competitive Pleasure and Distance Only.

"Leisure" ride Friday only. Check in on the 23rd, 7:30am-8:00am. Ride begins at 9:30am

Trails:

Saturday Open trail - 30 miles, ("A" ride)

Sunday Open trail - 20 miles, ("A" ride).

Saturday Novice trail - 20 miles, ("A" & "B" rides).

Sunday Novice trail - 14 miles, ("A" ride).

Friday Leisure trail – 9 miles, ("Leisure" ride).

Water will be available for both riders and equines along the way.

NEW INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER:

Lodging and meals:

A and B Division competitors are required to camp with their horses, since camping is one of the horsemanship judging criteria. Camping with your horse for DO is required for safety reasons. All stallions must be double tied. Any stabling, including tied to trailers, is Ok as long as it is safe. If on a line between trees, trees must be protected. Portable corrals must be secured to trailers and no larger than 12x12.

Leisure Division parking is separate. You may camp Thursday night or come in early Friday morning. Due to corona virus protocol we will not be able to provide food. Ride information and maps will be included in your Rider Packet. Double check to make sure you have the correct map(s) for your class. If any changes are needed go to the Ride Office. There will be NO official Ride Briefing. However, if you have questions the Trailmaster and Judges will be available between 7:30 - 8:00 in the courtyard behind the Ranchers House. All participants as of entry time are required to wear masks except when riding competitively and maintain 6' distancing from others not in your travel group.

Support team members may take advantage of the lodging options offered by NAN Ranch. Housing reservations are handled directly by NAN Ranch. Contact the ranch for more information about housing accommodations and prices at 575-288-5368 or nan.ranch@gmail.com.

Liability waivers: Every competitor must sign three liability waivers:

1.NAN Ranch Ride 2.NATRC 3.State of New Mexico

Signed waiver forms must be submitted with your entry form (attached). If signed waivers are not included with your entry form, you will need to sign them when you check in at the ride.

Ride Fees and Entry Form:

A and B Division the registration fee for the 2020 NAN Ranch Ride is \$150 for each entry(NATRC members), \$205(non-members); Junior class riders fee is \$110(NATRC members) or \$150(non-members). For the Leisure Ride on Friday the registration fee is \$90 for adults and juniors, \$130 for non-members. The entry form and fees must be submitted by October 16, 2020 to the ride secretary.

NOTE: Proof of current negative Coggins test and a health certificate (for those traveling across state lines) will be required at check-in. **Interstate & Intrastate** travel also requires proof of ownership (hauling papers). By sending in fees and entry, you agree to comply with NATRC™ rules and facility rules set up by ride management.

ALL dogs must be on a leash at ALL times and kept out of the management and briefing areas. This is an INSURANCE requirement.

If you are not already a NATRC member, join right now. Your first year's membership is free. See details at <http://natrc.org/membership.htm>.

To enter, please use the **RMS program** at www.natrc.org or contact the Ride Secretary for mail-in entry forms that can be emailed to you. (see below)

Entries must be received by **October 16**. Cancellation notice by October 20 to qualify for refund, a \$20.00 administration fee will be deducted from the entry fee. **Make checks payable to Gila BCH**. Payment in full required to be considered entered. **Mail check to the Ride Secretary**, Charlen Perez, 27 Burke Loop, Silver City, NM 88061.

QUESTIONS? Contact: Ride Manager: Vicki Dowd vcartcat@hotmail.com or
Ride Secretary: Charlen Perez charlensvc@gmail.com / 575-644-9191.