

**VERDA at Silver Hill 25 Mile Competitive Trail Ride & 15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride  
ECTRA Sanctioned Saturday September 19, 2020**

**General Information**

Check Vermont Travel restrictions before entering. <https://www.vermontvacation.com/travel-restrictions>

**Judges:** TBD

**Entry Requirements:** Entries open to equines 4 years old and over. No stallions in the Junior division. Rider use of ASTM Certified headgear is mandatory. A Coggins Test within a year is required.

**Ride Manager:** Steve Rojek (603-219-9217)

**Ride Secretary:** Kathy Hall, PO Box 57, Vermont 05071 [kathy.stormybrook@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.stormybrook@gmail.com)

**Ride Location:** 1851 Silver Hill Road, West Windsor, Vermont 05089

**Entry Fee:** For the 25 miles it is \$65, \$55 for the 15 mile ride. This price includes the drug testing fee and good food. Make entry checks payable to VERDA. There will be coffee and light breakfast foods available the morning of the ride, snacks and water at the hold, and a Kentucky Fried Chicken feast and ice cream afterwards. There is a \$10 discount for juniors. We are also happy to offer a \$20 discount to anyone who is managing a ride in 2020! Refund Policy: Refunds will be given until September 12, 2020. After that date, no refunds will be given for entrants who withdraw. Entries are limited, a waiting list will be kept. Full refunds will be given to anyone not accepted on the ride.

**Mileage and Course:** 25 miles to be completed in 4:10- 4:40 hours, including mandatory 20 minute hold. 15 mile CDR to be completed in 2:15-2:45, with no mandatory hold. This ride has typical Vermont hills and wooded trails, so come prepared. The first horse will leave the grounds as soon as possible after the last horse has been vetted and the pre-ride briefing. You must be on the grounds by 6:30 AM on Saturday. 15 mile CDR to be completed in 2:15-2:45.

**Dogs:** No dogs are allowed. If you do not think the previous sentence applies to you, think again, **absolutely no dogs.**

**Other:** If you wish to ride with someone, please indicate so on the entry, along with any request for starting order. We will attempt to honor requests for starting order, but cannot make promises. Remember, only one person can start first! Camping overnight is permitted on Friday night. No trailer hookups, but there will be water and sani-cans. Portable corrals are permitted. Snacks and water will be available for riders at the hold. A Kentucky Fried Chicken with fixings meal will be served following the ride on Saturday afternoon. All vetting will be done Sunday morning, starting at 6:30 am.

**Divisions:** Juniors – 17 and under (no stallions permitted in the junior division). Senior – 18 and over.

*A copy of ECTRA rules, procedures and requirements can be viewed at [www.ectra.org](http://www.ectra.org)*

**Send entries to:** Kathy Hall, PO Box 57, South Woodstock, Vermont 05071. Remember to sign release and include a copy of your Coggins and make checks payable to VERDA.

For questions, please contact Steve Rojek at [stever@vermontel.net](mailto:stever@vermontel.net).

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*General Guidelines due to the Pandemic*

**PLEASE READ**

- **Masks must be worn at all times while unmounted, except when eating.**
- **Please maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance from another at all times.**
- **Marking crayons will be available at pre-ride vetting. Please put your number on your horse.**
- **Please carry your mask while riding. You will need it at the hold.**
- **Masks must be worn for pre-ride and post-ride vetting, during P&Rs and during the 20 minute hold.**
- **There will be no P&R slips during the ride (to reduce human contact). There will be a master list. Please note your pulse time and be responsible for pulsing at the correct moment.**
- **Please load your own supplies onto the truck designated to go to the hold and reload it after you have finished using it. Volunteers will not handle your supplies. There will be plenty of grass and water at the hold.**
- **Unfortunately there will be no farrier during the ride. Please consider carrying an easyboot (or get a sense of humor).**
- **There will be human water and snack at the hold but you need to collect it yourself**
- **For vetting please stand on the side of the horse opposite to the veterinarian or pulse person wearing your mask.**
- **Please move away from the veterinarian maintaining the 6 foot distance as the veterinarian inspects your horse.**
- **Please be patient; things may move a bit slower due to social distancing, especially with pulse times and vetting.**

**DIRECTIONS TO RIDECAMP/SILVER HILL MEADOW**

**From Interstate 91:** Get off at Hartland exit #9, go North on Rt. 5. Turn left on Route 12 (north) go 1.4 miles. Turn left on the Hartland-Brownsville Road (Skunk Hollow Tavern and church steeple). Travel 1.7 miles to Jenneville Road. Turn right onto this dirt road and stay on until it "T"s. Go left on Silver Hill Rd. (not towards Smoke Rise Farm). The field is on the left after passing Kings Highway. Please enter only at designated areas as the field may be soft.

**From Woodstock** Turn right off the Green (route 4) onto Route 106 south. Go to South Woodstock, past the Kedron Valley Stables. Go left off the pavement at the firehouse onto Morgan Hill Rd. There is steep hill, then it levels off. Turn left onto Reeves Rd. Drive past "Smoke Rise Farm" and continue to a "T". Turn right onto Silver Hill Rd (before the bridge). The field is on the left after Kings Highway. Please enter only at designated areas as the field may be soft. The address is: 1851 Silver Hill Road, West Windsor, Vermont 05089. Day of the ride contact numbers: (print and keep with you!)

**Emergency – 911 Smoke Rise Farm – 802-436-2441 or 802-436-2442**

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**ENTRY FORM**

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider's ECTRA number, if a member: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse's ECTRA number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name (if different than rider):  
\_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency notify (name & phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years or older?: \_\_\_\_\_ Your first ECTRA CTR? \_\_\_\_\_ Your horse's first ECTRA CTR? \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M G S

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

**One entry per rider please:**

25 Mile CTR all inclusive \$65 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 Mile CDR all inclusive \$55 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional meals \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior riders, deduct \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Ride Managers, deduct \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Total, payable to VERDA \_\_\_\_\_

Please be certain to return both forms - the entry and the liability release – along with a copy of your horse's current Coggins test. Kathy Hall, P.O. Box 57, South Woodstock, Vermont 05071.

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## Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity Agreement

All official ECTRA rules will apply. This may include random drug testing. Horses must be four(4) years of age or older and have a negative Coggin's test, as per Vermont law. Junior riders under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and must be under that person's supervision and care. This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry. No crossouts or additions are permitted. And this is a legal document, please take the time to read it. We all enjoy this sport and want everyone to be safe riders, horses and those people contributing to its organization and management. In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the VERDA at Silver Hill 25 mile Competitive Trail Ride/15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crossed, Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA), their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal(s) that I am riding, driving or have entered. I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1. the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2. that these areas have many natural and manmade hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify or eliminate; 3. that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4. that as a result of participating in the ride I or my horse may be injured, die, or my property damaged. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary. I consent to a drug test to be performed on my horse. WARNING Under Vermont law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Check out the Law, it is good to know. Also, please be aware that equines do not have a 'right of way' on the roads in Vermont. Please ride with caution and thoughtfulness. I have read and understand the above liability release, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any ECTRA or VERDA Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the control of the ECTRA or VERDA Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the ECTRA or VERDA Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any ECTRA or VERDA Events. In conjunction with my participation in any ECTRA or VERDA Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: ECTRA and VERDA as well as any of the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Landowners and Volunteers involved with this ride. I further agree to hold free and harmless from any liability, claims, suits or damages of whatsoever kind or nature that may be occasioned by the horse(s) used by me or the negligence of the person(s) in charge of such horse(s) and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless this organization and individuals against all liability claims, suits, and expenses including attorney fees incurred arising out of any injury to any person or damage to any property caused by me, my horse(s) or attendants. I agree that if any harm occurs to me or my horse or to any equipment that I may use or intend to use, with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the ECTRA or VERDA Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (required if rider is under 18 years of age)