



SPRING 25 MILE MUD RIDE and DRIVE and 15 mile CDR/CDD

APRIL 24, 2021

HEYDAY MORGANS, SPRINGFIELD, VT

ENTRY DEADLINE April 19th **PASS/FAIL ONLY**

EVENT LIMITED TO 18 HORSES (unless COVID rules change)
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETE, PAID AND RECEIVED
BY April 19th

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Secretary: Sara Lareau, 825 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset, VT 05253 802-779-7270, smlareau99@gmail.com

Make checks payable to **VERDA** and send entry to: Sara Lareau

Judge: Dr Joan Hiltz

Time: Saturday morning vetting begins at 6:30 AM **Trail:** The trail is mostly dirt roads.

Farrier: no Farrier available. Bring an easy boot(s)

Parking and RULES: Parking will be tight (read pre-ride email) try and travel with a friend. Water will be available but limited. PLEASE bring your own if possible. NO camping, NO paddocks. Access to southern end of arena only. This is a Morgan breeding farm, please keep your distance from the resident horses. **Dogs must be on leash at all times.** NO Dogs preferred. No one allowed in main barn, a porta pottie will be available. Hay, shavings and manure must be picked up. All ECTRA rules and regulations apply.

COVID: Due COVID restrictions. **NO FOOD** available. Bring your own coffee, snacks, drinks etc. We will be following the attached VERDA COVID plan. Coming from out of state? Please follow Vermont's Cross State Travel Restrictions, found here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

Stabling: None

Entry Requirements: Negative coggins test and proof of rabies vaccine is required with entry.

Refunds: All refunds will be made to any competitor if request is made earlier than April 19th or if COVID restrictions apply.

Directions:

From North:

Take exit 8 (Ascutney) off I-91 (Or take US Rte 5 to Ascutney and turn right on VT 131)

Turn right onto VT Rte 131. Go about 4/10 mile and turn left on Goulden Ridge Road. This is a dirt road. Go about 5 miles. Straight through all intersections (road name changes), at the Springfield/Weathersfield town line the road turns to rough pavement. This is the start of Eureka Road. Go 5/10 and the red house is on the left with a large Morton barn and arena. Follow signs to parking.

From the South:

Take exit 7 off I-91 (Springfield). At end of ramp turn left. From the light at the end of Interstate off ramp go 2.7 miles to Bridge street (on right just past the Irving gas station). Turn right onto Bridge St and go ½ mile. At the end of the road turn right onto Rt3 143 east. Go 1.5 miles and take a left onto Eureka Road. (Main road sweeps to the right and Eureka essentially goes straight) Go slow, bad pavement! The farm is on the right, Red house and large Morton barn and arena.

From the West:

Go to Springfield, VT by Rt 11 west: go into center of Springfield at light turn right (Village Pizza On the right)

Go up hill Then follow the same for Rt 11 east

Hope this makes since

From the East:

From the I-91 VT rte 11 intersection follow the directions from the South.



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Entry Fee:

Member	30 mile \$65.00	_____	15 mile \$35.00	_____
Non Member	30 mile \$75.00	_____	15 mile \$45.00	_____
	Junior 30 mile \$25.00	_____	15 mile \$15.00	_____
Total enclosed		\$	_____	

VERDA Membership is only \$25 ::: application on www.verda.org

Make checks payable to VERDA and send entry to: Sara Lareau 825 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset, VT 05253

Check one: Rider ___ Driver ___ NAME _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Horse Owner _____

Horse Name _____

Age _____ Sex _____ Breed _____ Color _____ Reg# _____

ECTRA Rider # _____ Horse # _____

PLEASE READ THIS COVID PLAN

- **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. (Bring your own is better!)**
- **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.**
- **P&R slips will be handled as little as possible. Plastic bags will be available. There will be a master list. Please note your pulse time and be responsible for pulsing at the correct moment.**
- **No one is allowed in the main barn. Use porta pottie.**
- **The half way hold will be held at the farm. You may cool out at your trailer or outside of the arena and present for pulse at the correct time. Good weather: pulse outside. Bad weather: pulse inside.**
- **Unfortunately there will be no farrier during the ride. Please consider carrying an easy-boot (or get a sense of humor).**
- **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.**
- **Ride briefing will be emailed to you before the ride. Any changes will be posted and trail marking samples will be posted.**

**Spring 25 Mile Mud Competitive Trail Ride and Drive and 15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride and drive
VERDA & ECTRA Sanctioned Saturday April 24th, 2021
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 Spring Mud 25 mile Competitive Trail Ride and Drive/15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride and Drive, 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)