



Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride — JULY 27—29, 2018 Sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference

Ride Location:	How to Sign Up	ENTRY DEADLINE:
<p style="text-align: center;">Knik River Public Use Area Palmer, Alaska (please see entry form for directions to ride camp)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First, please sign up online at http://rms.natrc.net Then Mail your check to Jessica Kelsch, Ride Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Early Bird" discount: Sign up by June 26th (please see entry form)</p>

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The **Knik River Ramble** will be held starting the afternoon of Friday, July 27, through Sunday, July 29, 2018. The ride is sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), following 2018 rules. Riders in all divisions will camp at the ride site with their horses beginning the night before their ride (Friday night for Open and CP, and Saturday night for Novice). The course will follow trails in the Knik River Public Use Area and adjoining lands near Palmer, Alaska. The Open and Competitive Pleasure (CP) Divisions will compete over 2 days (July 28 & 29), and the Novice Division will compete on 1 day, Sunday, July 29. The trail covers rolling terrain and river bottom. The trail surface ranges from single-track, to open river bottom, to occasional muddy and slick sections, to gravel roads. Shoes or boots for your horse are recommended. Exact trail distances, specific time guidelines, and a trail map will be given to all entrants at the pre-ride briefings.

About Competitive Trail Riding

Competitive trail riding is not a race, but timing/pacing is important. The ride will test your horse's condition, soundness, and manners over a well-marked course in a specified minimum and maximum riding time. You may encounter ascents, descents, water, and challenging footing. During competition, your horse will be examined/observed by an NATRC-sanctioned veterinary judge for condition, soundness, trail ability, and manners. Your horsemanship will be judged separately by an NATRC-sanctioned horsemanship judge. The horsemanship judge will focus on how well riders ride a horse cross-country safely and efficiently. Balance, control, and partnership between horse and rider, as well as basic safety and care in camp, are all part of the contest. Both judges will provide riders with separate evaluations on two informative scorecards.

Divisions

Open Division is for more experienced riders and is timed for a well-conditioned horse that can trot at an even pace on the flats and walk fast up and down hills. Equines must be at least 5 years old. The trail is approximately 50-60 miles in length over 2 days. The average pace is 4-6 mph.

Competitive Pleasure Division (CP) is for the rider who wants to ride 2 days but prefers a shorter ride at a slower pace than the Open Division. Good conditioning is essential to be able to complete both days. Equines must be at least 4 years old. CP is timed at a brisk walk with some trotting in the flat areas. The trail is approximately 35-40 miles in length over 2 days. The average is pace is 3.5-5 mph.

Novice Division is for young or inexperienced horses and/or riders new to competitive trail riding. It is timed at a brisk walk with some trotting in the flat areas. Equines must be at least 4 years old. Novice riders follow the same trail as CP riders, which is approximately 15-24 miles in length over 1 day – Sunday, July 29. The average pace is 3.5-5 mph.

Classes

Open and Novice Divisions offer Heavyweight, Lightweight, and Junior Classes, as defined below. CP offers Adult (combined heavyweight and lightweight) and Junior Classes.

Weight Classes:

- **Heavyweight:** Rider and tack = 190 pounds and over.
- **Lightweight:** Rider and tack = 100 pounds through 189 pounds.

Rider and tack weight for the above classes must be maintained throughout the ride.

Junior Class:

Junior Riders must be 10 years old by the day of the ride and not over 17 on the first day of the ride year (11/13/17). No weight requirements apply if a Junior is competing in a Junior Class. If a rider under 18 years of age prefers, he or she may compete in Open or Novice Heavyweight or Lightweight Classes (depending on which weight requirements are met) or in the Competitive Pleasure Adult Class against adults rather than in the Junior Class. If a rider under 18 years of age chooses to compete in an adult class, he or she must sign up and pay as an adult and be at least 10 years old by the day of the ride.

All riders under 18 years of age **MUST** wear an approved ASTM/SEI, Snell, or equivalent helmet while mounted, whether in camp or on the trail. Management requires that riders under age 16 have a responsible adult in camp, and, for their safety, management prefers that an adult accompany all under age riders on the ride. Under age riders may **NOT** ride stallions.

Distance Only (Do):

The Distance Only (DO) option is for riders who would like to ride the distance but not be pressured to compete. Distance Only riders/horses do not compete for placings. Participants follow NATRC rules (except those pertaining to leg protection), adhere to the same min/max ride times, and wear an approved ASTM/SEI, Snell, or equivalent helmet if under 18 years of age. Both horses and riders are evaluated by the judges. Riders and their horses receive scorecards with educational comments and accrue mileage in their respective divisions. They may opt to complete or pass on trail observations. DO entries have the option of riding 1 or both days of a 2-day ride. When choosing to ride 1 day only, they must ride the first day. A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post-ride checkout, but before 8:00 PM. Riders may ride DO in any of the three divisions provided the horse meets the age criteria. Both horse and rider may participate DO. Riders who do not wish to compete themselves but who want to have their horses eligible for placings may ride as DO and must adhere to the rules for DO as found in the NATRC Rule Book.

For more information on Divisions, Classes, and Eligibility, see Section 4 of the NATRC Rule Book found at www.natrc.org. The Rule Book is free for members, and **for 2018 those who have never been a member of NATRC may join for free.**

Helmet use is required for all riders under 18 years of age, and a helmet is strongly recommended for all adults as well.

IMPORTANT STUFF TO READ

1. **Check in** – When you arrive at ride camp, check in with ride management. You will receive a packet with ride information, competition numbers, and other information. If you would like a current Rule Book, you may download an electronic version from the NATRC website www.natrc.org, or you may order a hard copy for \$5 by contacting natrc@natrc.org. Members may request the current Rule Book free.
2. **Pre-Ride Vet Exam** – **PLEASE BE ON TIME** for your division vet exam. See schedule below. If you must arrive late, please contact ride management prior to check-in day.
3. **Camping** – Camping at the ride site is “primitive.” All competitors (including those riding DO) must camp at the ride site with their horses for the duration of the ride. You are in competition from the time you present your horse for the pre-ride vet exam until the final vet check. If you must leave camp for any reason, you must notify ride management and have someone designated to be responsible for your horse. If you must leave the ride prior to the awards ceremony, please advise the ride manager. No fires in ride camp.
4. **Meals** – See Meal Order Form to order the Sunday evening dinner and additional meals. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner on Saturday evening. An Awards Dinner is being offered on Sunday evening.
5. **Awards** – All awards will be presented on Sunday. Horse registration papers must be shown to be eligible for breed awards. Alaska is designated as Region 1A, which is attached to NATRC Region 1. Riders who are NATRC members are eligible for year-end and mileage awards (for both horses and riders) from NATRC.
6. **Camp rules** – Rules that apply to the camp area will be available in the rider packets. Both riders and guests at the ride are expected to observe the camp rules.
7. **Negative Coggins (EIA) Certificate required** – please include your Negative Coggins Certificate when registering.
8. **Emergency phone number** – If someone needs to reach you while at the ride, the emergency phone number is 907-354-7454. This number is the Ride Manager’s cell phone. Please remember that cell service in the Knik River area may be spotty.
9. **Dogs and Extra Horses** – no dogs may accompany riders on the trail. No dogs may be left unattended (in or out of vehicles) at the ride camp. If you bring an extra horse that is not part of the competition, you must have someone in camp who is responsible for the horse at all times. **RIDE MANAGEMENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HORSES LEFT UNATTENDED IN CAMP.**
10. **Saddles** – A saddle is required on the ride, but there is no restriction on type or mixture of tack styles.
11. **Shoes/Boots for the horse** – Shoes/boots are recommended but not required. There are no restrictions on types of shoes or pads; however, NO leg protection is permitted (bell boots, splint boots, support boots, leg wraps, etc.). NATRC rules allow for all types of hoof boots designed for sole protection. Hoof boots with keepers, gaiters, or straps are allowed as long as they do not extend above the pastern. Judges may, and are encouraged to, check for rubs or chafes under any boot or their attachments. See the NATRC Rule Book for more information.
12. **Stabling** – At camp, horses may be either stationary-tied to trailers or confined in portable panel corrals. **ELECTRIC FENCE CORRALS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Please see NATRC Rule Book for more information. Dimensions of corrals may not exceed 144 square feet per horse, and panels must not extend more than 12 feet from the trailer. (That is, if you have two horses, and are using two corrals on one side of a trailer, they must be side-by-side, not end-to-end, so as to not extend more than 12 feet from the trailer.) Corrals must be securely and safely attached to a trailer. Acceptable methods of attachment are at judges’ discretion.
13. **Stallions** – Stallions must be well-mannered at all times, be kept under control, be handled only by an adult (18 years and over), and be double tied when at the trailer. Stallions **MUST** be stationary tied and will **NOT** be stabled in portable panel corrals. Stallions must wear yellow ribbons in mane and their tail. See NATRC Rule Book for more information on stabling stallions.
14. **Water** – Water will be available at the ride camp for you and your horse. There are no facilities for bathing of horses (or riders) at the ride camp.
15. **First-time riders** – If this is your first competitive trail ride, please check the “Yes” box indicating “First Time Rider” on the entry form. If you would like to have assistance from an experienced competitor during the ride, please check that box also. You will receive assistance during the ride from someone who “knows the ropes” and can answer all your questions about this fun and addictive sport!
16. **Manure Disposal** – All manure must be cleaned up and deposited on a pile at the ride camp. Please do not put any plastic bags or other garbage in the manure pile.

Pre-Ride Vet Check and Briefings

Pre-Ride Vet Check

Open and CP Divisions. Begins 1:00 PM, Friday, July 27, 2018

Novice Division Begins approx. 4:30 PM Saturday, July 28, 2018

PRE-RIDE BRIEFINGS - ALL RIDERS MUST ATTEND THE PRE-RIDE BRIEFINGS:

Open & CP Divisions. Possibly earlier, but no later than 8 PM, Friday, July 27, 2018

All Divisions. Possibly earlier, but no later than 8 PM, Saturday, July 28, 2018

Directions to Ride Camp at Saddle Up Arena

Snowbear Lane at Mile 10 Old Glenn Hwy, Butte, Alaska

Coming from Anchorage:

- Take the Old Glenn Hwy exit.
- Follow Old Glenn Hwy for 10 miles to Snowbear Road on left. Saddle Up Arena is down this road. Look for horse crossing sign just before turn.

Coming from Wasilla and Points North:

- Follow the Parks Hwy to the Glenn Hwy interchange.
- Continue on the Glenn Hwy toward Anchorage, and then exit onto the Old Glenn Hwy (Note: this route is slightly longer—about 4 miles—then taking the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy to Palmer, but there are fewer traffic lights).
- Follow Old Glenn Hwy for 10 miles to Snowbear Road on left. Saddle Up Arena is down this road. Look for horse crossing sign just before turn.

Alternate Route from Wasilla and Points North and if coming from the East on the Glenn Hwy:

- Turn left onto the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy from the Parks Hwy.
- Follow the P-W Hwy about 9.5 miles to the Glenn Hwy.
- Turn left on the Glenn Hwy and go about half a mile to Arctic Avenue (which is the Old Glenn Hwy).
- Turn right (**left if coming from East on the Glenn Hwy**) onto Arctic Avenue (the Old Glenn Hwy).
- Follow the Old Glenn Hwy about 7 miles to Snowbear Road on right. Saddle Up Arena is down this road. Look for horse crossing sign just after the turn.

For those riders coming from out of town (Fairbanks, Kenai, etc.), Brit and Gregory at Saddle Up Arena have pens and stalls that can be rented before and after the ride. Contact Brit and Gregory for information and rental costs: 745-7526 <http://www.saddleuparena.com>

2018 Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride Entry Form & Liability Waiver

Entry not complete unless Statement of Rider Liability Waiver is completed and signed.	Entries must be postmarked by July 18, 2018. Limit 45 Riders. A Wait List will be maintained.	Negative Coggins Certificate required. A copy of your horse's registration is required for Breed Awards.
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Rider's Name		Horse Owner's Name	
Rider's Signature		Horse Owner's Signature	
Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	
Emer. Contact Name		Home Phone	Cell Phone
Horse's Name			
Breed		Reg. No.	
Horse's Age	Sex	Height	Weight
OPEN DIVISION * 2-Day Ride		• Open Heavyweight (190 + lbs.)	\$110.00
		• Open Lightweight (100-189 lbs.)	\$110.00
		• Open Junior (age 10 – 17 of age)	\$90.00
COMPETITIVE PLEASURE 2-Day Ride		• Adult (combined heavyweight and lightweight)	\$110.00
		• Junior (age 10-17)	\$90.00
NOVICE DIVISION * 1-Day Ride		• Novice Heavyweight (190 + lbs.)	\$95.00
		• Novice Lightweight (100-189 lbs.)	\$95.00
		• Novice Junior (10 to 17 yrs. of age)	\$75.00
DISTANCE ONLY * Not for Awards <small>* Riders under 18 years of age who compete in an adult class must sign up and pay as an adult.</small>		• DO Open: Hwt or Lwt: 1 Day ___ 2 days ___ Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$110.00
		• DO Open Jr: 1 Day ___ 2 days ___ Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$90.00
		• DO CP: 1 Day ___ 2 days ___ Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$110.00
		• DO Novice: Hwt or Lwt: Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$95.00
		• DO Novice Jr: Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$75.00
NATRC Non-Member Fee – (mandatory if not an NATRC member)		\$10.00	
NATRC MEMBERS ONLY (Note: for 2018, membership is free for 1 st time members! www.natrc.org) Exp. Date ___/___/___			
Deduct \$10.00 for entry PAID by June 26, 2018		(\$10.00)	
Add \$25 Late Entry Fee - after July 18, 2018		\$25.00	
Subtotal: Entry Fees			\$ _____

Entries made on the day of the ride will be charged the late fee + \$25.00. If a rider cancels by 7/18/18, management will retain a \$15.00 processing fee. NO REFUND for cancellations after 7/18/18 unless pulled by vet at check in.

Amount for breakfast and lunch meals from order form		\$
Sunday Awards Banquet	# of dinners _____ X \$20.00	\$
Ride T-Shirt	Specify size: S M L XL # of shirts x \$15.00	\$
Grand Total : (Entry Fees + Meals + Shirt)		\$ _____

Enter the 2018 Knik River Ramble CTR by using the Ride Management System (RMS) on the NATRC website: www.natrc.org. Select "Rides" and then "Enter Online." Or you may print and mail your entry and check (payable to Jessica Kelsch) to Jessica Kelsch, 2480 N. Hope Circle, Palmer, AK 99645. We prefer you use the RMS because we'll have to enter you by proxy if you don't do it yourself.

Rider Checklist

- Horse Registration Certificate copy attached? Yes _____ No _____ EIA (Coggins) Certificate copy attached? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you a first-time competitor? Yes _____ No _____ Would you like a mentor during the ride? Yes _____ No _____
- Are an experienced CTR competitor willing to mentor a new competitor? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you a youth member of a 4H Club _____ or a Pony Club _____ List Club Name? Yes _____ No _____

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

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RIDER LIABILITY WAIVER

The following must be signed and dated for entry to be valid:

"I WISH to enter and participate in the **2018 Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride**, to be held at **Knik River Public Use Area** on **July 27-29, 2018** (date)". "I HAVE READ the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. I AGREE to abide by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference and the aforementioned ride. I UNDERSTAND that competitive riding is a high risk activity, which involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and/or man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; that personal belongings can be damaged, lost, or stolen, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time.

I AGREE to assume all risks associated with my participation in this activity, and I accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. As a condition precedent to my being allowed to participate in this activity, I agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR BRING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE, ITS DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS, RIDE MANAGEMENT, RIDE PERSONNEL, VOLUNTEERS, PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE EVENT TAKES PLACE, AND/OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THEREOF, (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE RELEASED PARTIES") FOR ANY INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS OF ANY KIND WHICH ARISES OUT OF THIS EVENT, AND WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH OR LOSS, EVEN IF SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS ARISES FROM THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS STATE'S EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING (IF APPLICABLE), A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY HORSE IS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATION AND WILL NOT BE TREATED WITH OR GIVEN ANY MEDICATION PROHIBITED BY NATRC RULES. I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE OR THEIR DULY APPOINTED AGENT, TO TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO MY HORSE."

Riders under 18 years of age must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equal equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted. To the extent any dispute arises out of this agreement, the parties agree to submit said dispute to binding arbitration before a neutral arbitrator mutually selected by the parties, said arbitration to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. All such arbitrations shall be held in the county or district where NATRC National headquarters are located. If the prevailing party, NATRC shall be allowed to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including attorney's fees and costs. "MY SIGNATURE BELOW CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE."

Name of Rider/Participant (print) Signature of Rider/Participant Date

Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) who consent to Junior Rider/participant working and/or riding in Competition. Signature of at least one parent or legal guardian is required while the signature of both parents or legal guardians is preferred.

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 (print) Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1 Date

Parent/Legal Guardian 2 (print) Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2 Date

Name of Junior Rider/ Participant Birthdate

Name of adult responsible for Junior Phone

Owner of Equine, if different from rider (print) Signature of the equine owner Phone

LIABILITY WAIVER ALASKA

I have noted the warning sign posted at the ride sign-in location and acknowledge the following:

I waive all liability of NATRC and its affiliates for any loss, injury or damage which arises from any loss, injury or damage arising from the "inherent risks" of an equine activity.

"Inherent risks of an equine activity" also means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- (b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, person, or other animals;
- (c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- (d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- (e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

Name of Rider/Participant (print)	Signature of Rider/Participant	Date
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Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) who consent to Junior Rider/Participant working and/or riding in Competition. Signature of at least one parent or legal guardian is required while the signature of both parents or legal guardian(s) is preferred:

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 (print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian 2 (print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2	Date
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Name of Junior Rider/ Participant	Birthdate
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Name of adult responsible for Junior	Phone
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Owner of Equine, if different from rider (print)	Signature of the equine owner	Phone
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