



Cool Hills Ranch NATRC Ride & Clinic
Auburn State Recreation Area, Cool, California

Saturday: Mini Clinic & B1 Leisure Ride

Sunday: B2 Leisure Rides

April 11-12, 2026

Rider limit = maximum of 25 each day

This ride takes place through the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) trails, in Cool, California. It consists of single track and fire roads through the heart of historic California Gold Country. The ride is sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) and will be conducted under NATRC rules as published in the 2026 NATRC Rule Book (available online at natrc.org). All riders will stage out of COOL HILLS RANCH, a private facility close to the Olmstead Staging Area in Cool, CA.

Leisure Riders may camp over Friday and/or Saturday nights, or choose to arrive Saturday and/or Sunday morning, early enough to attend the clinic, ride briefing, and morning check in for their horse.

This is a unique opportunity to experience a clinic with a sanctioned ride incorporated. After the sanctioned ride on Saturday, you will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding your scoring and performance. The judge will be available to answer questions after Sunday's Leisure ride as well.

If you're camping and will be arriving Friday or staying over on Saturday, please make arrangements with Cris Grey of Cool Hills Ranch in advance.

Share your trailer with a friend to save space when possible Camping fees are PER RIG.

- **Timing:** Leisure Saturday (B1) = 12.0 miles and Leisure Sunday (B2) = 12.0 miles. The pace is ~4.0 mph.
- **Leisure Division** is timed at a brisk and steady walk with a small amount of trotting. There are Adult, Junior and Experienced classes. Equines must be 4 years of age or older.
- **Junior Riders** must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equestrian helmet at all times while mounted. It is recommended that adults also wear helmets.

Ride Manager
Cristine Grey
(530)308-2450
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Ride Secretary
Tiffany Smith

Cancellations: Entry fee will be refunded minus a \$20 administrative fee if received by 4/4/2026. Management may approve late cancellations if due to medical issues or extenuating circumstances. Contact ride management to discuss. No refund if you are a No show.

THIS RIDE WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!

Registration is NOT complete until NATRC, CA and Cool Hills Ranch waivers are signed and provided to management along with payment. Return by mail with the entry form. If you enter via RMS, you still must mail the waivers to ride management and submit payment prior to the ride unless arrangements have been made with ride management to pay at the ride. PayPal is available for on-line payments and is also an option when using RMS (it's on the pull-down menu for payment).

Notes-Please read. You are in competition from the time you present your horse at check-in until check-back after the ride is completed.

1. A saddle with stirrups is required but there are no restrictions as to type. Stallions must be double tied and only ridden by an adult.
2. In camp, horses will be trailer tied in accordance with NATRC rules. High Ties are OK. There is not enough room for portable corrals. After 10 pm-QUIET TIME for campers
3. Water is available for horses. Bring your own human water. Hay is not available for purchase at the ride.
4. All Juniors under 18 are required to wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell or approved riding helmet at all times when mounted.
5. Minors must be accompanied by an adult in camp. Juniors must be 8 years old to compete. Riders 12 and under must ride with an adult sponsor or a junior sponsor 13 or older with more than 250 NATRC miles. Management strongly suggests all juniors be accompanied by an adult on the trail. All juniors must have a liability waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. Return signed waiver with entry by mail or bring to the ride. **Juniors cannot ride without the signed waivers. No exceptions.**
6. RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST SIGN all Liability Waiver(s) to participate in this ride.
7. **Camping is at a Cool Hills ranch with limited space for rigs. Please trailer pool if possible and park where directed as you arrive.**
8. **Please bag and take your manure back with you!** The barn only spreads manure from horses that are boarded there. This is a safety precaution to prevent the spread of disease.

Make sure your equine is up to date on vaccinations and deworming for everyone's safety.

****Note that Cool Hills Ranch is a private boarding facility and the owner has requested no dogs allowed at this event for the safety of her boarders. Please comply if you are camping or parking at Cool Hills Ranch.****

Make checks payable to: Cristine Grey

Mail Registration, Signed Waivers and Checks to:

Cristine Grey 3320 State Highway 49, Cool, CA 95614 or register electronically via RMS (preferred method).

Fees can be paid via check or PayPal. Include Ride name with payment. Cool Hills Ranch Region 1 PayPal email is chrevents@coolhillsranch.com or you can click on PayPal if using RMS (drop down window in RMS).

If you are paying through PayPal you must do it through friends and family. If you put goods and services then you will be charged a 3% fee!

For Questions, contact:

Ride Manager: Cristine Grey (530)308-2450 or Chrevents@coolhillsranch.com

Ride Secretary: Tiffany Smith

Ride Judge: Erin McChesney (916)690-5390 or empilothill@gmail.com

Directions:

To Cool Hills Ranch: From Interstate 80, take Hwy 49 exit (Elm St. exit 119C) toward Placerville.

Turn LEFT on High Street and follow signs to Highway 49 South. Stay on Highway 49 South (it's a winding road) for 2 miles, then turn RIGHT at the bridge to Cool (4 miles). Proceed to the stop sign, go straight ~3/4 mile.

Barn/facility entrance on the right (look for covered arena) Watch for the pink/yellow ribbons indicating the turn into Cool Hills Ranch.

To Cool Hills Ranch: From Hwy 50 (better for large rigs)** take Exit #37 Ponderosa/Shingle Springs. (The freeway exit is labelled with the street name and may not have "Exit #37" written on it)

(From Hwy 50 West, go left over the freeway. From Hwy 50 East, go right over the freeway). The first RIGHT once you cross over the freeway is N. Shingle Springs Rd. Continue on this two-lane road until you reach Lotus where it will dead end into Hwy 49. Turn Left on Hwy 49. Continue 12 miles to Cool. Cool Hills Ranch will be on the left, just past Northside School and Cool Church. Use the second entrance by the covered arena. Watch for the pink/yellow ribbons indicating the turn into Cool Hills Ranch.

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There will be a Camp Schedule sent out to all riders and volunteers approximately a week before the ride.

****After the ride, be sure to empty the bib pockets and return your bibs to
Ride Management**
Thanks!**



RIDER LIABILITY WAIVER

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

"I WISH to enter and participate in the Cool Canyon NATRC Competitive Trail Ride, to be held at Auburn State Recreation Area on April 11-12. "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."

Junior riders 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

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I acknowledge that I have noted the following WARNING which will also be posted at the ride sign-in location:

“WARNING: Equine activities are inherently dangerous. You are assuming the risk of injury or death by participating in this activity. NATRC will not be liable for the injury to or death of a volunteer or participant in this activity.”

I also acknowledge the following:

I waive all liability of NATRC and its affiliates for any loss, injury or damage which arises 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

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

**COOL HILLS RANCH
JOHN & CRISTINE GREY OWNERS**

HORSE RIDING INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

HORSEBACK RIDING CAN BE DANGEROUS SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY

By this agreement made and entered on (date) _____

By and between (your name) _____

Hereinafter referred to as "I" and Cool Hills Ranch, hereinafter referred to as "Cool Hills Ranch" of 3320 Hwy 49, Cool, CA 95614.

It is hereby agreed to as follows:

1. **HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY:** I understand that horseback riding is a hazardous activity and that horses are unpredictable by nature; that when frightened or angry or under stress, a horse's natural instincts are to jump forward or sideways, to run away from danger at a trot, canter, or gallop, to kick, to buck, to rear up in front, or to bite; that horses are extremely powerful; and that if a rider falls to the ground, the fall distance will generally be more than 5 feet. I understand that these risks and voluntarily assume these risks and dangers for myself or on behalf of my child or legal ward. I further expressly agree that the forgoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement are intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the State of California and if any portion thereof is held invalid it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. _____ (Initial here)
2. **RIDING HELMETS:** I understand that I can better protect myself against head injuries by wearing protective equestrian head gear while mounting, riding, dismounting and being around horses. I accept full responsibility for the increased risk of injury if I decide not to wear a helmet or not to require my child or legal ward to wear a helmet. _____ (Initial here)
3. **LIABILITY RELEASE:** I understand that, except in the event of Cool Hills Ranch wanton or willful negligence, I am responsible for bodily injury or property damage that I or my child or legal ward should sustain while riding a horse. I am also responsible for medical expenses or any other expense incurred as a result of such bodily injury or property damage. I am responsible for any time I, or my child or legal ward shall lose in employment or school or other activity. I hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns release and discharge Cool Hills Ranch (John and Cristine Grey) from claims, demands, actions, and causes of action for such injuries sustained to my person, or that of my child or legal ward and/or my property. _____ (Initial here)
4. **INDEMNITY:** I hereby agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless, each of them from loss, liability, damage pay any expenses, loss or damage that is incurred due to my participation I said instruction, training, riding, handling, leading, Veterinary assistant of personal horse or other horses and Ferrier assistant whether caused by negligence of release or otherwise by Cool Hills Ranch. _____ (Initial here)
5. **INDEMNITY / LIABILITY RELEASE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD OR LEGAL WARD:**
In the knowledge that a parent by law can not waive the personal injury rights or other claims of a (their) minor child or legal ward, the undersigned parent or guardian of said minor child or legal ward agrees to indemnify Cool Hills Ranch from any financial loss suffered as a result of any claim brought on behalf of said minor child or legal ward. Further, I agree not to bring any claim or other legal action against Cool Hills for personal injuries suffered by said minor alleging negligent acts or acts of omissions by Cool Hills Ranch. _____ (Initial here).

DO NOT SIGN BELOW UNLESS YOU HAVE THOROUGHLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE FORM

Signature of Rider One

Date _____

Signature of Rider Two

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian.

Date _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____