

JACKSON FOREST 2026

Come enjoy the beauty of the Mendocino timber country, ride cool canyons, and enjoy eye-catching views

This is both an A & B-Ride

August 22nd & 23rd 2026:

**A Open/ CP/ Novice
B1-Open/CP/Novice/Leisure
B2 -CP/Novice/Leisure
Limited to 40 riders**

This is a public campground, so camp has no opening time, and distance travelers may pull in Thursday. Try to arrive no later than 3 pm on Friday out of respect for judges and workers. Park in designated area, then check in with ride secretary to pick up rider packet. Ride entry fee covers Friday and Saturday camping fees, if you are arriving early or staying over Sunday, expect to pay a \$20 camping fee.

See last page of entry for maps.

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The Ride is sanctioned by the NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE and will be conducted under the rules as published in the 2026 NATRC Rule Book. The following ride divisions are available:

Open "A": 50 to 55 miles over 2 days. (30 to 35 miles day 1; 20 miles day 2)
Open "B": 25 to 30 miles on Saturday
Novice/CP "A": 35 miles over 2 days. (20 to 22 miles day 1; 15 to 18 miles day 2)
Novice/ CP "B1": 20 to 22 miles on Saturday.
Leisure "B1 and "B2": approximately 10 miles each day

OPEN Division is timed for a well-conditioned horse that can trot evenly on the flats and walk fast up and down hills. Equines must be 5 years or older.

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE (CP) is for experienced competitors who are no longer eligible to compete in the Novice Division but do not wish to advance to the faster pace and distance of Open. Equines must be 4 years or older.

NOVICE & Leisure Divisions are timed at a brisk and steady walk. Horses must be 4 years or older.

Weight classes for O/CP/N have been combined for the 2026 ride year and are now listed as "Adult"

Leisure Division classes are Experienced, Adult and Junior.

Junior Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equal equestrian helmet at all times while mounted.

REGULATIONS: You are in competition from the time you present your horse for the pre-ride examination until the final vet check. Check in for "A" and "B1" Open/CP/Novice rides will start on Friday at approximately 3 pm. A saddle is required on the ride, but there are no restrictions on type. In camp, horses will be trailer-tied in accordance with NATRC rules, there is no room in this camp for portable corrals. There are limited fixed corrals, reserved for safety riders and first-come-first-served Leisure riders. Hay or other feed is not available for purchase. Stallions must be double tied and ridden only by an adult. After 10 pm. all should be quiet so we

can rest for the next day's ride. Dogs must be on leash and well behaved; absolutely no loose or noisy dogs. **Dogs are not allowed on the trails, in official management areas, food areas or at P&R stops. See www.natrc.org/download.php?code=DOG_POLICY.** All minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult in camp. 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 juniors be accompanied by an adult on the trail. **ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING ON THE TRAIL.** Water will be available for horses in camp; bring your own to drink. Jackson Forest has no potable water in camp, it must be trucked in from a nearby source. **Horses are not allowed to drink directly from communal troughs- please bring a collapsible bucket for use on the trail.** Camp is far from stores, so bring necessary food and supplies with you. There are no hookups, but rough toilet facilities are available. If, due to extenuating circumstances, a rider finds it necessary to leave prior to announcement of awards, riders must advise both ride chairman and appropriate division judges (Rulebook Section 5.A.5, p. 5-1).

*There will be a potluck dinner on Friday night and a catered dinner on Saturday night. A breakfast of muffins and coffee is free to everyone. **Raffle Saturday at dinner.***

Directions: Go north on 101 from the city of Ukiah for about 15 miles, take the Highway 20 off-ramp into the town of Willits. At the 3rd stoplight turn west on Hwy 20 (If coming from Southbound 101, take the first Willits offramp, then go all the way thru old town to a right turn onto Hwy 20) and proceed west approximately 17 miles on scenic winding highway 20. Watch for a sign stating "horse camp" on your right and the historic Little Red Schoolhouse on your left. **Continue on** over a bridge and turn left into the Jackson Forest Day Use area – MAKE A U TURN THERE and head back west over the bridge. Turn right onto the forest service road, and left again on the first gravel road. Camp is ¾ mile down that gravel road on the left. There is no real GPS address, if you use a GPS put in the address 15800 State Highway 20, Fort Bragg Ca. That is the Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp – the U Turn is right across from that. There is NO phone service in the camp so you can't call into camp. If you are arriving on Friday, we will have the turns well marked.

Entry not valid without signed & dated liability waivers

JACKSON FOREST NATRC

Entry Form

Name of Rider _____ Phone number () _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail address (if applicable) _____

Current NATRC Member? **Yes** **No** (circle one) **Expiration date of membership** _____

Full Name of Horse _____

Color _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Mare/Gelding/Stallion (circle one) Breed _____

Reg # (If not on file in RMS, send copy of papers) _____

Name of horse owner (if different from rider): _____

Signature of horse owner (if different from rider) _____

Is this your first NATRC ride? **Yes** **No** Rulebooks are free with membership or download at www.natrc.org

CLASS/DIVISION (Check One)

ENTRY FEE

Open A (Saturday & Sunday)	Adult [] \$145	Junior [] \$75	
Competitive Pleasure A (Saturday & Sunday)	Adult [] \$145	Junior [] \$75	
Novice A (Saturday & Sunday)	Adult [] \$145	Junior [] \$75	
Open B1 (Saturday)	Adult [] \$120	Junior [] \$65	
Competitive Pleasure B1 (Saturday)	Adult [] \$120	Junior [] \$65	
Novice B1 (Saturday)	Adult [] \$120	Junior [] \$65	
Leisure B1 (Saturday)	Experienced \$75 []	Adult [] \$75	Junior [] \$40
Competitive Pleasure B2 (Sunday)	Adult [] \$120	Junior [] \$65	
Novice B2 (Sunday)	Adult [] \$120	Junior [] \$65	
Leisure B2 (Sunday)	Experienced \$75	Adult [] \$75	Junior [] \$40
DISTANCE ONLY A (Circle One)	Open \$120	CP \$120	Novice \$120 Junior \$60
DISTANCE ONLY B (Circle One)	Open \$105	CP \$105	Novice \$105 Junior \$50 Leisure \$45

FEES SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY

Entry fee from above	\$ _____
All riders if not a current competing member of NATRC, non-member fee:	\$36 _____
Leisure Division camping fee/ night if overnighting	\$20 _____
Saturday night dinner # of dinners _____	x \$25 _____
Mandatory CA drug fee	\$14 _____
Early bird discount (prior to 7/15/26)	-20 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to: NATRC REGION 1, and mail to ride secretary listed above, or PayPal at @NATRCRegion1
In case of emergency during competition, please notify:

Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

www.natrc.org, natrc@natrc.org



RIDER LIABILITY WAIVER

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

"I WISH to enter and participate in the Jackson Forest Competitive Trail Ride, to be held at Ft. Bragg, CA on August 22nd and 23rd 2026

(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."

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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 consents 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

Fun facts about Jackson Demonstration Forest:

Established: **1949**

Area: **48,652 acres**

Elevation: **80 - 2,200 ft.**

Precipitation: **39 in per year along coast, 70 in per year inland**

Avg Temperature: **63° F**

Jackson is the largest of the state's eight demonstration state forests. Located in the middle of California's coastal redwood region, on the western edge of Mendocino County at Fort Bragg; The area has a long history of industrial logging activity, which began in 1862 and continued under private ownership until the State's purchase of the property in 1947. Today, more forest growth occurs each year than is harvested. The most common tree on the forest is coast redwood, but visitors will also find Douglas fir, grand fir, hemlock, bishop pine, tanoak, alder, madrone and bay myrtle.

Three demonstration trails have been developed with trail guides to inform visitors about the ecology, history and management of the redwood forest. There are also numerous hiking trails situated in historically and ecologically interesting settings, such as the Waterfall Grove Trail and the Forest History Trail. Recreational activities include camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, swimming and picnicking.

There are two main overnight camping areas with a number of campsites, including equestrian camps. There is no single-use fee for camping. **Campsites have picnic tables, fire rings, and pit toilets. There is no water at the campsites or day use areas. Pets are allowed but must be on a leash.** Permits are required for overnight camping and group events, firewood cutting and mushroom harvesting. Hunting is allowed in season. No fishing is allowed per Department of Fish and Game rules.

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