

Chalk Rock Endurance Ride June 27, 2009

The Redwood Empire Endurance Riders (REER) invite you to join us at this year's Chalk Rock Endurance Ride. Enjoy panoramic views as you wind around Chalk Mountain and through the meadows of a real, working cattle ranch.

The Barnwell Family has allowed REER to hold this ride on their ranch for almost thirty-five years. They are gracious hosts. You'll find that everyone wants you to finish and will bend over backwards to see that you and your horse have a great experience here.

We offer a 50-mile, a 30-mile and 10-mile fun ride. The surface is mostly hard-packed ranch roads, with a few miles of trail thrown in. Roads are rocked in places, and you may want to think about front pads/boots if you're a front-runner. There is lots of horse water along the trail, mostly in water troughs. Use all the water you need, but please don't use sponges in the troughs—cattle depend on clean water from them. The ride is challenging, but you and your horse won't be thrashed at the end.

RIDE CAMP: Camp is fairly small; so don't count on space to set up corrals. Horse water in camp will come from the creek or from a water truck. You'll need to bring your own drinking water. Mornings in June can be damp and foggy, giving way to bright sunshine and warm but not sweltering afternoons.

DIRECTIONS: *From Highway 101*, take the Highway 36 exit just south of Fortuna. Continue east on 36 for about 30 miles to the bridge at Bridgeville. Turn right at the end of the bridge; you'll be heading for Blocksburg. Follow signs about 2 miles until you see a marked pipe and wire gate on the right side of the road. Turn right into camp.

From I-5, take Highway 36 from Red Bluff to Bridgeville and turn left at the bridge; then follow the above directions. If you're unfamiliar with Highway 36, turn up your trailer brakes before heading down McClellan Mountain into Bridgeville and USE LOW GEAR.

RIDE RULES: The Chalk Rock Endurance Ride will comply with all AERC, REER & State of California rules/regulations. All equines must have some type of hoof protection to enter the rides. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash.

FOOD: Dinner will be provided for all entrants at the awards banquet on Saturday evenings, starting about 6:00pm. Extra meal tickets are \$15. Catered by Ramone's Café, and always delicious.

ENTRY FORM NOTES: Download adult and junior rider entry forms at www.RedwoodEndurance.org. 30 and 50 milers must show proof of current AERC membership or pay a \$15 non-member fee. Entries postmarked by June 17th save \$10 per ride entered.

Make checks payable to: "REER/Chalk Rock"

Mail signed entries with fees to:

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