

Don't Forget Your Wisconsin DNR Trail Pass!

The Wisconsin DNR requires a DNR Trail Pass when riding in the Governor Knowles State Forest. All riders (16 & over) must visibly display a 2011 Wisconsin DNR Trail Pass on their person/saddle while riding. Annual passes are \$20 and day passes are \$4. If you don't have a Wisconsin Pass, we will be able to sell you annual or day passes when you check-in. You can also purchase passes "on-line" via the state DNR web-site, but be advised that it takes a while to receive your pass in the mail. Annual passes can also be obtained at the Polk County Information Center located at Highway 8.

Wisconsin Coggins Certificate

You are required to have a copy of your current Wisconsin Coggins to leave with ride management. Wisconsin requirements mandate that the Coggins be issued in the current year and it must therefore be dated January 1, 2011 or after.

Helmets Please...

Yes, we're now starting to sound like nagging mothers, but it's worth saying it one more time. This ride will have a mandatory helmet requirement. Lack of a helmet will result in automatic disqualification.

Crewing Options

Crewing won't be a necessity for this ride. We plan to have water available at the endurance out-check, and trail water tanks will be positioned at key locations for all of the events. However, for those who have crew support, there will be several places along the trail that intersect with roads, where crewing could take place. Road and trail maps will be available for crew members at the registration office.

Out-check Process for 50 and 75 Mile Endurance Rides

There will be one out-check (second leg) for the endurance rides on Saturday. It won't be necessary for you to haul your buckets and accessories to the out-check area prior to the ride. At the registration office, we'll have a supply of large, heavy cardboard boxes. Take a box and write your name boldly on the bottom of the box. Fill it with your bucket, sponges, etc. There will also be name labels for your buckets/bags. On Friday night or before 7:30 on Saturday morning, place your box inside the designated trailer that will be going to the out check on Saturday morning. Prior to your arrival at the out check, our crew will fill your bucket(s) with water and have your box out and ready to go (as you come in, just look for your name on the tipped up box). When we're done, your goods will be placed back into your box and hauled back to camp. There aren't any facilities at the out check but we'll have plenty of toilet paper and tall bushes for the modest and our ride photographer has promised his usual discretion...

Office Registration

Please be advised that we'll have fixed hours for registration. The office hours for on-site registration will be 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday afternoon, 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, and 5:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Sunday morning.

Vet Check-in Hours

We'll be vetting in from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday evening, 5:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Saturday morning, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, and 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Sunday morning.

Campsite Issues

- A. Parking - As you turn into the Wolf Creek Bar parking lot, proceed west toward the open field. We will have a parking steward watch out for you and offer directions (no you don't have to tip him but you can if you want!).
- B. Camping fees – Camping fees are \$5.00 per day only or \$10.00 per night. Camping fees will be collected with your registration. The parking steward will give you a camping sticker for your truck window. Our host is being extremely accommodating with the fees charged and he's also allowing use of an "honor system" for payment; so let's not disappoint him.
- C. No utilities - This is a primitive camp with no access to electricity.
- D. Water - We'll have two tanks for bucket dipping at the camp area. There'll also be a faucet/hose for those wishing to fill their truck tanks after arrival.
- E. No horse ties - This site offers no high-ties or places to tie up. You'll need to tie to your trailer or bring your own pens
- F. "Off-limits" areas - The Wolf Creek Bar hosts tractor pulls during the summer. As you enter the field area, you'll see a strip of bare ground that looks very much like a driveway or lane. That's the tractor pull lane and we have to stay off of it. Our host will be blocking it off, but he asks that we make sure to keep all vehicles and horses away from it. You'll also see a small fenced area as you enter (that looks a bit like a horse pen), which is actually a drain field that is also off limits. And last but not least, keep trucks, trailers, horses, dogs, cats, pet wolves, unusually ugly friends, and severely misbehaved children away from the general bar area and customer parking lot.
- G. Keep dogs on a leash - Although this is not a state park area, our concern is that we don't want loose dogs interfering with the bar's customers or entering the bar area.
- H. Bar rules - Wolf Creek Bar rules will apply while patronizing that establishment; please behave responsibly while there (technically defined as not doing anything that you'd be ashamed to see on the MnDRA website the following week!).
- I. Manure management - Our host actually prefers that manure not be gathered and piled up in a central location. Instead, he wants you to leave it on the field in the area where you'll park. Nonetheless, he's not seen some of our prolific poopers' pen areas after a long three days—so give it a little fling or spread it here and there if you don't mind.
- J. Other waste disposal - There'll be garbage dumpsters for other waste near the bar.
- K. Porta Potties - We will have several on-site.
- L. How early can we get there? - One or more crew members will be at the campsite as early as Wednesday evening of the ride week. You're welcome to come early; however, we don't expect to have water tanks set up until Friday. Overnight camping fees of \$10.00 per night will apply for all time spent at the site.

Wolf Creek Bar Access and Coupon

Don't forget to pick up your \$5 Wolf Creek Bar coupon when you check in. You're welcome to use it any time through Sunday afternoon of the ride weekend. We'll have copies of the bar menu to hand-out upon check-in. Also, be advised that the bar serves weekend breakfast as well.

Saturday Night Meal/Dessert Bar

As a reminder, we're not having a potluck at this ride. Instead, please patronize our host for your meals when you can do so. At about 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night, we'll convene for a dessert buffet sponsored by Cowboy Steve. At 8:00 p.m., awards will be announced for the Saturday events. Attendees are required to remain until all dessert has been fully consumed.