



Run For the Border!

May 21-22, 2010

Governor Knowles State Forest

Ride Camp at Little Swede's Wolf Creek Bar

2387 River Road

Saint Croix Falls, WI 54024

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About the Ride:

Join us for a beautiful ride through the Northwest Wisconsin St. Croix River Valley. The Governor Knowles State Forest, known to most of us as "The Barrens", has long been known for well-kept trails through wooded hills, over small streams, and through scenic areas along the St. Croix River bluffs. It's the perfect time of year for woodland flowers and baby critters in one of our region's treasured spots. Rides will begin and end at trail access points adjacent to the campground, and primary checks will be conducted at the campground. There will also be "away checks" with furnished water, hay and rider snacks at an outer rest station for the 50 and 75 mile endurance rides. With the exception of the outermost check point, the ride is not expected to require additional crew support since most of the trail isn't conducive for truck access.

Early registrations are encouraged:

Late registrations will be accepted at the ride, but we urge that you mail your registrations in advance to Peggy Pasillas, 9928 Rich Valley Blvd., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077 by May 10, 2011. All advanced registrations will be eligible for a special prize drawing on awards night.

Travel Directions:

From Highway 8 at St. Croix Falls Wisconsin, turn onto Highway 87 north and proceed through downtown St. Croix Falls. Stay on Highway 87. After you pass through the small town of Eureka, proceed about three more miles north on Highway 87. Turn left, or west, onto County Road G (also known as 240th Avenue). After about three and a half miles, you'll come to the end of the road, at which point, the cross road is the River Road. Turn left, or south. After a few hundred yards, you'll see the Wolf Creek Bar on the west side of the road. Turn into the parking lot—the trailer parking area will be behind and to the west of the bar general parking area. Please do not park trucks or rigs in the bar general parking lot used by its customers.

Fun at the Wolf Creek Bar and Campground:

Little Swede's Wolf Creek Bar is a Northwest Wisconsin cultural icon, having the distinction of continuously serving its patrons since 1832. Adjacent to the bar is a field that's used for local events. We're privileged to be able to access this spot for our campground site and urge everyone to patronize the bar/restaurant in support of those who are hosting us. Upon entry, the property owners will be collecting a parking fee (\$10 per day for overnight camping and \$5 per day for day use). In further

appreciation for our ability to use the property, we will be providing a \$5 coupon for all registered riders (provided when you register) that can be utilized at the bar and grill at a time of your choosing (the bar will be open from noon until closing both days). The bar serves a limited menu that includes burgers, sandwiches and a Friday fish fry. We'll convene on the patio at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night for a complimentary dessert bar and for awards and prizes. Come join us for a memorable two nights of fun at the Wolf Creek!

Special helmet requirements:

We know that some folks just don't like the tussled hair look after a long day under a brain bucket. But we love our friends and want to minimize the risk of serious injury. As such, all riders will be required to wear helmets—no excuses—no head protection, no riding!

Camp parking and clean-up:

There will be no reservations for parking spaces. Parking will be on a "first come-first serve" basis. Part of the reason that we've moved the ride is because we outgrew our previous home. As we increase rider numbers, and as many of us seek the comforts of larger rigs, we must all do our best to optimize the use of space. Don't take offense if the ride steward asks you to park a little closer to your neighbor, next to someone that snores or isn't typically on your twitter list. Since this is our first time at Wolf Creek, ride management asks that everyone help us treat the property with the utmost respect and cleanliness, showing that we want the privilege of coming back again. Please keep dogs on leashes and away from the bar. Remember, our host is running a business and will be receiving other customers, so behave responsibly—any unprofessional conduct, excessive /embarrassing indulgence in the bar, or unsatisfactory Minnesota/Wisconsin displays of rivalry will be frowned upon. The ride will also be conducted with a "no- griping" policy. If there's a shortfall or weakness, everyone pitch in—we'll need your help and support in order to make the ride into a great experience for all. Those who exhibit an ugly attitude, verbal abuse of volunteers or bar staff, poor sportsmanship or any unsatisfactory equine treatment may also be subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of ride management and veterinarians!

Veterinarians and back-up equine medical care

We're privileged and blessed to have a very experienced vet team for this ride, supported by the MnDRA vet care equipment. In addition, the University of Minnesota Equine Center, the Stillwater, MN Equine Veterinary Clinic and Anoka Equine Veterinary Services will have emergency surgical facilities and surgical vets on call for the weekend of the ride, should major emergencies occur that require surgery or hospitalization. Directions and contact information will be available at registration.

Rider medical emergencies

The closest medical facilities are the St. Croix Regional Medical Center, located in downtown St. Croix Falls, one block off of Highway 87, approximately 15 minutes from ride camp. The facility emergency center is staffed 24 hours per day and supported by ambulatory service.

Vehicular emergency services

The parking field is in good condition and frequently used for events. However, if we happen to be stricken with excessive rains, we're told that a tractor will be on site to help if anyone gets stuck. A list of local tow-truck operators and service/repair vendors will also be available for those who may encounter unforeseen mechanical problems.