



Wine and Horses Ride to Northam

.....2019 ride. Important Notes.....

Hello everyone, hopefully everyone is ready for the big adventure. This is our sixth year. The wildflowers are out and we will be riding along some spectacular sections of trail.

Please ensure horses are shod or wearing boots, particularly those participating in the 50km per day option. The track is gravelly and even rocky in some areas

A reminder that Family and friends are welcome to join us and stay overnight. The location is about 3km on the right along Clarke Street Northam on the gravel section.

MASSAGES - Have you booked your massage? There will be massages available for all riders, horses and volunteers. A reminder to book in.

RAFFLE TICKETS - Please remember to return your books. Funds can be deposited into the same account as your rider fees.

What to bring: PLEASE CLEARLY MARK ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR NAME.

I would definitely recommend a flyveil, mosquito and fly repellent for you and your horse.

* A safety approved riding helmet and boots, plus all necessary riding equipment, ie; saddle, bridle etc. For the 50km per day riders, please fit a halter and leadrope to your horse to use at rest and refreshment stops.

- Sleeping equipment: tent or swag and/or sleeping bag and pillow.
- Towel
- Sleeping attire.
- Change of clothes for Saturday night plus change of riding clothes for Sunday.
- Sunscreen and mosquito repellent
- Water bucket for your horse
- Pooper scooper if you are bringing a float.
- Feed for your horse Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning and a rug for night.
- A cheque book or cash to purchase some great bargains at our Fundraising Auction, supporting Alzheimer's.
- A mobile phone. Please program **0439 957 237** into your phone so you can keep us updated of any unexpected events or delays. We will be checking all riders as they pass through various check points for safety reasons.

50km per day riders please pack separately for conveyance to lunch stop

- Feed for your horse Saturday lunch time at Avonbrook Winery.

All sleeping equipment, horse feed etc will be conveyed on Saturday to Northam for you and conveyed back to your starting point on the Sunday. Northam Equestrian Centre has horse yards plus a large recreation centre where all meals will be provided including entertainment. There are toilets and hot showers. All meals will be provided. Please advise if there are any special dietary requirements if you haven't already

There is limited water at Departure Points Saturday morning, so please bring water for your horse. We will provide refreshments and water along the trail both days.

DEPARTURE POINTS and TIMES:

25km Riders : Avonbrook Winery. 245 Benrua Road Clackline.
Riders please arrive by : 10:30 am. Please close your tail gate to maximise parking room then register at the `Rider Registration Table` and collect your information bag including your rider bib. Please place all camping gear, belongings and horse feed in the marked vehicles for conveyance to Northam by a wine and horses team member.
11:15am Rider Safety information briefing. (unmounted) Riders can leave shortly after.

50km Riders: 4525 Werribee Road, Wooroloo (signage will be out on the day).
Please arrive by 7:30 am and register at the `Rider Registration Table`, and collect your event information bag including your rider bib. There will be TWO vehicles at the departure point clearly marked. Please place all gear to go to Northam in one vehicle, and your horses feed for Clackline, (Saturday lunch only in the other vehicle).
8:15am Rider Safety Information Briefing (unmounted) Riders depart shortly after.

What to expect upon arrival in Northam on Saturday:

Your camping gear, personal belongings etc will be in Northam when you arrive.

25km riders should arrive around 2:30pm to 3:00pm Saturday. Lunch will be available in the canteen. The 50km per day riders should arrive around 3:30pm

On arrival care for your horse, then head to the massage area to book your time and browse our fundraising stall.

There is a licensed bar, plenty of room to set up your tents on shady lawn areas. An information desk will be set up near the Hall and we will also have a farrier available for anyone who requires this. All ride notes will be on the door of the main hall.

Dinner will be around 5:45pm enjoy live music and our Fundraising Auction from 7:00pm.

A reminder that Family and friends are welcome to join us and stay overnight. The location is at the end of the dirt road on Clarke Street Northam. Funds raised from the auction support Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation. We have over 100 prizes and items to be auctioned or sold Payment can be by cheque, EFT or cash.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Please place all items to be conveyed to Clackline or Wooroloo in the clearly marked bays outside the main hall as early as possible.

- 6:45am Breakfast will be available.
- 7:30am Rider safety briefing near the main hall. (unmounted)
- 8:00am riders depart in small groups.
- 25km Riders can expect to be back at their float in Clackline by approximately 11:00am. 50km Riders expect to be in Wooroloo by approximately 2:30pm.

Note, the 50km riders will not stop at Avonbrook Winery, but rather will stop at the rear of the Bakers Hill Pie Shop along the trail where lunch will be provided.

At the completion of both rides, please ensure you sign off to indicate you have completed the ride safely and return your rider bib.

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We will be staying overnight at the Avon Valley Equestrian Centre. Please clean up after your horse and yourself at all times, leave no rubbish, horse manure or hay in your yard.

All participants ride at their own risk. You are responsible for securing and monitoring your own horse at refreshment stops. Please keep valuables on you at all times.

There will be emergency floats on standby if it is required. We also have a veterinarian on standby plus a farrier at Northam Saturday evening should anyone require this.

A reminder the backup date if thunder, lightning etc., is 19 and 20 October 2019

Please obey any instructions given to you by our Event Marshalls who have all volunteered their time to make this event possible. Marshalls will be present at any major road crossings etc., so feel free to stop and and say thank you.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there..

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