

MEHERRIN RIDE

Royal Watson Farm - Severn, NC
November, 6, 7 & 8, 2009

A benefit ride for the Murfreesboro Historical & Perquimans County Restoration Associations.



*Come ride the land
that was once
home to native
Meherrin Indians.*



Follow your guide map and enjoy up to fifteen miles of newly established trails with more being added . Some ridge riding, some field paths, some wooded and a few trails along the Meherrin River.

*You'll delight in the beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife on this amazing historic trail.
You may even spot an arrowhead on your ride. It does occasionally happen.*

Call now for Pre-Registration 252-398-5922
Kay Thomas, event manager

Sarah Weeks, trail manager- 252-330-2494

Cost is \$25 per Rider, or \$15 for meal only. Concessions will be available on trail. Negative Coggins required.

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

NOON	Gates open/check-in
2:00- 4:00 p.m.	Equine vet clinic
12:00- until	Farrier Service (Wayne Mizelle, farrier)
7:30 p.m.	Campfire (Storytelling)
8:00 p.m.	Potecasi, early NC Mountain Music

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.	Volunteer Safety Meeting
10:00 a.m.- until	Farrier Service (Wayne Mizelle, farrier)
10:15 a.m.	Rider round up & Announcements
10:30 a.m.	Prayer & Ride Out
12:00 (Noon) - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch available on trail
Sunset	All riders off the trails
6:00- 7:00 p.m.	Supper
7:30 p.m.	Campfire
8:00 p.m.	Musical Entertainment
11:30 p.m.	Quiet in the camp ground

SUNDAY

10:00- 11:00 a.m.	Cowboy Church Service
11:30 a.m.	Short Ride Optional
3:00 p.m.	All riders off the trails
5:00 p.m.	Gates close

HAVE A SAFE TRIP

Directions

Take US Hwy 35 to Severn, NC (Near Murfreesboro)
Turn on Royal Watson Road – Royal Watson Farm.
Take this road until you see the Volunteers at gate.
They will direct you from there.



Please get gas and supplies before you get to Severn. There are no convenience stores there.

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Name(s)

Address

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Please make checks payable to the Murfreesboro Historical Association

____ Riders x \$25= \$_____

____ Non riders x \$15 \$_____

Total Enclosed \$_____

Please sign one assumption of risk/release form for each person attending.
Include copy of your current Coggins for each equine attending.

Meherrin Ride Assumption of Risk and Release

THIS DOCUMENT LIMITS YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVERY OF DAMAGES IN CASE OF BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THIS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY, YOU ARE EXPOSING YOURSELF, YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHERS TO A SUBSTANTIAL AND SERIOUS RISK OF PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the MEHERRIN RIDE, I assume all risks and responsibilities for the safety of myself, my animals, and my property, as well as the safety of the person, animals, and any property of any minor who accompanies me. I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the MEHERRIN TRAIL RIDE, MURFREESBORO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, its officers, employees, and agents, and the landowners over whose land I will pass, their officers, employees, and agents referred to collectively hereafter as "THE MEHERRIN RIDE AGENTS" from all liability to myself, my personal representative or estate, assigns, heirs and next of kin, for any and all loss or damage, and any claims and/or demands during the MEHERRIN RIDE.

If I am accompanied by a minor, IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF my being allowed to bring such minor or minors with me, I hereby agree to indemnify MEHERRIN RIDE AGENTS and hold them harmless from all liability to such minor or minors, such minor's parents, personal representative or estate, heirs or next of kin, on account of such minor's presence in the MEHERRIN RIDE. I hereby agree that I assume all responsibility for the conduct and safety of any minor and any minor's property. I hereby warrant and represent that I am physically able to undertake MEHERRIN RIDE participation and I hereby assume the responsibility of physical fitness and capacity to perform such activities. I acknowledge and agree that the use of all services and/or facilities of the MEHERRIN RIDE AGENTS in connection with such activities is at my own risk.

I hereby warrant and represent that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this RELEASE; that I understand that the terms of this RELEASE are contractual; and the RELEASE shall be binding on my personal representative or estate, assigns, heirs and next of kin and that I have signed this RELEASE as my own free act. I hereby state that if any part of the RELEASE is found not to be legally binding on me, all other parts of the RELEASE shall be binding on me and continue in full force and effect. I further warrant and represent that I shall comply with all policies and obey all rules and regulations of the MEHERRIN RIDE AGENTS, included those outlined herein. I hereby also agree that if I am asked by MEHERRIN RIDE AGENTS to discontinue my participation in the MEHERRIN RIDE and leave the private land over which I am passing, I will do so immediately and I will not hold MEHERRIN RIDE liable for any expenses incurred by me in doing so.

CAUTION: THIS IS A RELEASE! I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY CAREFULLY READING IT BEFORE SIGNING IT.

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature [Parent or legal guardian if under 18] Date

Address

Phone

~ MEHERRIN RULES ~

No racing horses.
No running up on other riders from behind.
No swimming horses in river; Strong currents, submerged logs and stumps unstable river banks.
Practice good conduct and good manners.
Respect the land owners and organizers request.
Respect others.
No excessive drinking on the trails or in camp.
Zero tolerance for drunks, drugs and disorderly conduct.
Fire arms are prohibited.
Coggins papers required and checked on each animal per state compliance.
All dogs in camp and on trail must be under control.
Kicking horses must have red ribbons on their tails.
No uncontrollable horses or stallions will be allowed.
No loose, or ponied equine on trails with out pre approval.
Personal camp fires must be contained and watched at all times
No open campfires. All campfires may be prohibited during drought condition.
No smoking on the trails during drought condition.
Camp areas and trails must be clean. Pack it in. Pack it out including cigarette butts.
No loud music or loud generators after 11:30 p.m.
All riders must upon entering the event.
 Present current Coggins papers.
 Read and sign liability form.
 Pay fees.

Other Very important Do's and Don'ts (FOR YOUR SAFETY)

Some of the drainage beds do not have solid bottoms. Unless the horse trail is marked for crossing the drainage **DON'T ride there!**

When you ride, **walk; DON'T RUN** across any of the drainages. You need to be watchful for sink holes in these areas. There are underground streams that run to these drainages. Sometime the water finds paths of least resistance, such as, where large tree roots use to be, but has now rotted away. The water washes away the soil from underneath the surface. 4 wheelers may pass over this area many times with no problem but the weight of your horse's single hoof may cause the ground to cave in. So **DO** stay on the paths marked for horses and **DON'T** try any unmarked 4x4 side paths.

DO bring a collapsible bucket to take on the trail with you so you can water your horse. Depending on the rains there may not be much water running and the bottoms may not be good enough to hold the horses.

If you come to a crossing and you see that the horse in front of you is bogging down or you can see where the crossing is getting mucky. **DO pick another path** and carefully go around it.