



Horseshoe Bend Boogie Ride and Run 2021

Schedule of events (endurance ride):

October 29

2pm-registration opens

3pm-5pm vetting

6pm- rider meeting

October 30

7am- 50 and 65 mile start

8am-9am registration for intro riders

9am-10am- intro riders vetting

10am- intro rider meeting

11am- intro riders start

2pm- cut off for intro riders

7pm- cut off for 50 and FEI 65 milers

10pm- cut off for AERC 65 milers

Schedule of events (ultramarathon):

October 30

6am- 50 km and 50 mile start

9am- 25 km start

Important information:

Please remember to wear orange during the ride.

Veterinarians: Nick Kohut DVM, Art King DVM, Anne Christopherson DVM, Caroline Reckelhoff DVM

FEI officials: Technical Delegate and Ground Jury President: Heather Hoyns DVM; Chief Steward: Jack Weber; Foreign Judge: Shawn Polk; Ground Jury: Mary Howell

Meals: No meals are included in your entry and unfortunately the food truck that was supposed to be present during the event has had to cancel (the owner developed COVID). We will have breakfast items the morning of the ride and we are trying to locate another food truck. However, plan on bringing food and beverages for yourself. There are also multiple restaurants within 5 miles from Horseshoe Bend Park- and many are within 2 miles.

Cancellations: Full refund up to 3 days before the ride and then entry fee less a \$25 processing fee.

Grounds: Parking is available in several fenced fields. Only rough camping is available. Portable toilets will be provided but there are no shower facilities. Water will be available for horses only. Bring your own drinking water. Please plan on taking your garbage with you. Hay and manure can be scattered in the field.

Arrival: If you plan to arrive before Friday October 29th, please contact Meg Sleeper. All 50 and 65 mile riders should arrive on Friday October 29th. Intro riders can arrive the day of the ride (on October 30), but must register by 9 am so the veterinary exam can be performed before the rider meeting.

Vet Checks:

The first vet check will be away. For those without crew, management will be taking crew materials to the vet check area. Management will also be supplying hay and horse water at this away vet check.

Awards:

50 and 65 mile events

First to Finish Sr and Jr Riders
Best condition
Top Ten
Completion

Intro Ride

First to pulse down
Completion

Emergency Hospital: Equine- Midatlantic Equine Medical Center; Ringoes, NJ
Human- Hunterdon Medical Center; Flemington, NJ

Farrier: Andy Hoffman

Photographer: Mike Turner

Dogs: Are welcome, but must be kept on a leash or confined for safety reasons. There is a large dog park that can be accessed from the North Horseshoe Bend Park entrance if you would like to take your dog for a run.

FEI: Entry fee includes the USEF \$33 (NF+drug fee), \$35 USEF IHP event fee and \$1.50 USEF entrant fee. It is the FEI rider's responsibility to confirm they have filled out all appropriate documentation to ensure they are qualified to ride the one star event at the Horseshoe Bend Boogie.

Horseshoe Bend Boogie COVID plan:

Not following guidelines will lead to disqualification.

- Mask must be worn at all times in common areas and vet checks unless you are fully vaccinated.
- Pre entries and payment in full are required to eliminate waiting time at the registration table. PLEASE send all necessary paperwork to the ride secretary prior to arrival.
- Tables will be spaced more than 6 feet apart.
- Only one person at a time with the ride secretary.
- We are planning to email the ride meeting information a week in advance and there will be social distancing at the rider meeting.
- Award ceremony will be held outside with social distancing.

Veterinary exam procedures:

- Present to vet wearing mask unless fully vaccinated for COVID.
- Only one handler per horse
- Horses' heart rates will be taken by the veterinarians (no pulse takers).

Timer:

- Timer will be located close to the exam area for communication purposes
- Endurance riders will be given a pulse card to present to the timing tent to receive out time.

Volunteers

Ride Secretary

Jo Steele

Road Crew

George Kanyi; Bill McCue

Ambulance trailer

Joyce Sherman

Head Timer

Lucie Hess

Water Crew

Joyce Sherman; Tom Hughes

Thanks also to the many others who have helped with preparations and have offered to help at the event!! In particular, thank you to the core of volunteers that keep the park maintained for the many users who enjoy it every day: Richard Dodds, Jack MacConnell, Rob Nuckols and Chuck Kovites.

Horseshoe Bend Park

Horseshoe Bend Park offers sweeping vistas of the Delaware River Valley, rolling hills, forested ravines and pristine streams, and offers habitat to many wildlife species. The 800-acre park is jointly owned, managed and maintained by Kingwood Township and the NJ DEP Division of Parks and Forestry, offers a venue for horseback riders, hikers, mountain bikers, bird watchers, and others who favor the peace and tranquility of nature. It includes a 10,000-square-foot event center, leash free dog area, and eleven miles of trails. This preserved tract, located off Horseshoe Bend Road, is adjacent to some 500 hundred acres of open space and preserved farmland, resulting in creation of a more than 1000-acre green space and farm corridor in western Kingwood Township. Many of the trails have been permanently marked with funds from an AERC trail grant. You will be in the park for part of each loop during the event. **If you enjoy the ride, please consider a donation to “Friends of Horseshoe Bend Park”. This organization is a 503-1c so any contribution would be tax deductible and the money is used to maintain and improve the trail system.**

The Trail

Loop 1 (ORANGE) – 20 miles

After completing several miles in the park, you will cross route 29 and go south on the Delaware Raritan rail trail. After approximately 7 miles on the rail trail, you will cross through Bull’s Island Camp Ground (PC #1 and #2) and you will continue approximately 1 mile south on the rail trail. There is a RR bridge on the tow path that you will cross (see picture 1). There will be mounting blocks on both sides of the bridge so you can lead your horse across it if you prefer. When you start on the rail trail there will be a directional arrow and there will be an arrow where you exit the towpath. Otherwise, there are no markings. After you cross route 29 from the rail trail, you will continue on private land. Tullamore Farm (now Rhapsody Farm) and the Wescott Preserve were owned by Lloyd and Barbara Wescott from 1958 to 1986. Eighty acres was donated to Hunterdon County to form the nucleus of the Wescott preserve, the first county owned preserve in Hunterdon County. The Wescott’s had purchased the farm from the American band leader and composer Paul Whiteman, who commissioned George Gershwin to compose “Rhapsody in Blue” for his band. In the Wescott preserve there are several small channels dug for water drainage (see picture 2). Each has a safe “go around” if you prefer not to step over them. When you complete the loop in Wescott preserve, you will return to the Rhapsody farm driveway and then turn left next to a small cemetery to follow the trail to a gravel driveway. **WALK** while on the gravel driveway. You will cross Raven Rock Road continue around the field and enter vet check #1.

Loop 2 (BLUE)- 17 miles

After the vet check, you will loop around a field on the Cane property and then head back toward the Delaware River. After crossing Raven Rock Road, you will be on the gravel drive way for approximately ¼ mile.

WALK while on the driveway or stay on the grassy edge if you want to trot. You will then head right across along the tractor path next to the house and barn and back to the Tullamore/Rhapsody Farm Driveway (turn left) to return to route 29. Cross route 29 to head back North toward Horseshoe Bend Park exactly as you came in the morning. You will cross by Bull's Island Recreational area again (PC #1 and #2). Opposite from Horseshoe Bend Park you will cross route 29 (the same crossing as on the first loop) and re-enter to park to complete several miles within the park before entering vet check # 2.

Loop 3 (PINK)- 13 miles

After completing several miles in the park, you will head onto private property before crossing Horseshoe Bend Road. After a short loop in East Horseshoe Bend Park, you will cross the Copper Creek Preserve and then head back onto private property and PC # 3. You will cross Spring Hill Road and continue onto a trail on New Market, the stable owned by Olympic jumper Anne Kursinski. After a loop on New Market, you will return across Spring Hill Road and onto Godwink Farm property. Follow the farm driveway to cross Horseshoe Bend Road and return into the park and to the finish (or vet check #3 for the 65 milers).

65 milers will repeat Loop 3.

*****All Loops will be posted on the "Outerspatial" phone app so you can see exactly where you are on the loop while you are riding.*****

OuterSpatial 

Download on the App Store or Google Play

Trail maps are also posted on the Friends of Horseshoe Bend web site

<http://www.friendsofhibp.org>

Address and directions to ride:

198 Horseshoe Bend Road
Frenchtown, NJ 08825

*******DO NOT TURN ONTO HORSESHOE BEND ROAD FROM ROUTE 12. *******

From the South:

From route 29 north bear right onto route 519 north just past Stockton
Continue approximately 7 miles to Spring Hill Road on the left (shortly past Fair View Road) and turn left
Continue straight across Horseshoe Bend Road into the south Horseshoe Bend Park Entrance

From the North:

From exit 15 on route 78, head south on CR 513
Turn left onto Hog Hollow Road
Continue straight across route 12 and in approximately 1 mile turn right onto Spring Hill Road
Continue straight across Horseshoe Bend Road into the south
Horseshoe Bend Park Entrance

From the East:

Take route 12 west from Flemington, NJ.
Turn left onto route 519 south
In approximately 1 mile turn right onto Spring Hill Road
Continue straight across Horseshoe Bend Road into the south Horseshoe Bend Park Entrance

From the West:

Take exit 12 from route 78W and turn right (south) onto Perryville Road
Bear right onto Mechlin Corner Road (CR 625)
Cross route 579 (slight jog) and route 513 (also a slight jog) onto Hog Hollow Road
Continue straight onto route 519 south
Cross route 12 and in approximately 1 mile turn right onto Spring Hill Road
Continue straight across Horseshoe Bend Road into the south Horseshoe Bend Park Entrance

Crew directions:

Directions to PC 1 and PC 2 (same area) at Bull's Island Recreation Area

Turn left onto Horseshoe Bend Road from park

Turn left onto route 12

At stop light in Frenchtown and within 100 yards turn left again onto route 29

Follow route 29 for approximately 9 miles to Bull's Island Recreation Area (PC #1)

Directions to Vet Check 1 (Cane Farm in Stockton NJ)

From Bull's Island, turn right onto route 29 and continue south for approximately 3 miles

Turn left onto county road 519 north

At stop sign ("T") turn left and then turn right into the Cane Property. Follow signs for parking.

From Vet Check 1, back track to Bull's Island Recreation Area for PC 2 and/or return to Horseshoe Bend Park for Vet Check 2 and 3

Directions to PC 3 (for loop 3 and 4) at Godwink Farm

Exit the park and go straight across the road to drive ¼ mile on Spring Hill Road. Turn left into driveway (#258 Spring Hill Road). PC area will be marked off and is in the area under the power lines (to the left and behind the house under construction).

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Bridge on all Loops. Go around to the side if needed.



Bridge on Loops 1 and 2



Drainage ditches to walk over or go around on Loop 1

