



SHELTOWEE TRAIL RIDE

2024 Ride Information



The Sheltoewe Trail Ride is an organized ride that has been held for 45 consecutive years. The ride fee is an “all inclusive” price for the week that covers daily guided rides, all meals, campsite, 1 horse stall, and nightly entertainment. Only **one equine allowed per rider unless approved** by the Ride Manager **in advance**. An additional charge applies. **Absolutely no ponying allowed!** For your safety, our ride crew includes a doctor, veterinarian, farrier, trail boss, several scouts and a camp manager. To ensure the ride is manageable and safe for all, **effective this year there will be a limit on the number of applications accepted, so get yours in early!**

We ask everyone to arrive in camp **not earlier than 3:00 pm on Friday**, Sep 27th, and not later than noon on Sunday, Sep 29th. When you arrive, **stop** in front of the office and **wait** for Tony Raniero Jr. or one of the other crew members to come assist you. They will assign stalls and campsites and help you locate both. Please be patient because there may be a line of trailers waiting to be parked. They will get to you as quickly as they can. If you must arrive before 3:00 pm on Friday, when the Sheltoewe crew is in place to manage parking, please understand and cooperate with the crew if they need to relocate you to meet camp needs. If you plan to arrive at Mammoth Cave Horse Camp (MCHC) before the ride start date (Sunday, Sep 29th), reservations are **not** required; however, you will need to pay for the additional days of camp site and stall(s) at the MCHC office.

Please see Patience Reagan or Shelley Antle at the pavilion (located behind the office) to check in and pick up your ride packet. *For efficiency, ride check in this year will only be open 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Saturday and 4:30 – 5:30 pm Sunday.* Please check in during that time. If your application was postmarked by the deadline, you will receive a ride t-shirt, a ride pin, and other items. We will do our best to provide these same items to those who sign up later, but t-shirt sizes will be limited.

The Swenson’s, long-time Sheltoewe riders from Missouri, will graciously sponsor a potluck supper again this year for everyone on Saturday, Sep 28th. The Swenson’s provide the meat; please come and bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you forget your dish, come anyway; there’s always plenty of food!

The 2024 ride officially starts with the Welcome Meeting at 5:30 pm CDT on Sunday, Sep 29, and ends after breakfast on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Catered meals start on Sunday evening following the Welcome Meeting. A hot breakfast and supper will be served daily. Sandwich fixings and bottled water will be set up during breakfast each morning for participants to make their own sack lunch.

Happy Hour is hosted by one of our riders each day around 4:30 pm. Some riders bring light hors d’oeuvres to share (optional). You don’t have to drink alcohol to come—many don’t; it’s a social get together and a great way to meet and visit with everyone.

The ride leaves **promptly** each morning at the time designated, so **be on time**. All riders go out in one group and move at a QH pace. We do not have a separate group for gaited horses. Please be considerate and kind and stay on the trail **BEHIND** the Trail Boss and scouts. The scouts are there for your safety. They are near the front of the line so the Trail Boss can give them directions such as placing them at trail intersections so no one gets lost. Try to keep up and not lose site of the person ahead of you, but do not crowd the horse in front of you either. Use good trail etiquette. Horses that kick must have a red ribbon in their tail. Horses must be 4 years old

(by foal date) to participate. No stallions are allowed. The terrain is rocky in areas so shoes or boots are recommended. There is a morning and afternoon potty break and lunch break while on the trail. You do not have to ride every day. If you participate in a horse registry's mileage or distance program, it is your responsibility to fill out the forms and have them signed by the Trail Boss.

Each night at 5:30 there is a meeting in the pavillion which will include information about the next day's ride. After supper you will have time to tend to your horse before the evening festivities begin. We have great entertainment planned for you each night including a live auction on Wednesday night, cash \$\$ bingo, music and a group campfire. As a reminder, once the ride starts, individual campfires are not allowed. All auction items are donated by ride participants, so **don't forget to bring your auction items!!** We ask that all donations be in new or very good condition, and be useful items that will sell easily. Most of the money raised will go back into the ride. However, since Sheltowee Trail Ride is a non-profit organization, after a long hiatus, we have decided to reinstitute the practice of donating a portion of the auction proceeds to charity.

We will have a contractor available on Wednesday to pump out trailer tanks. The cost is \$25 per trailer. There will be a sign-up sheet in the pavilion/dining hall. If you want to have your tank pumped, put your name on the list and pre-pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to Mammoth Cave Horse Camp.

Sunday: Awards Night – As a courtesy to those receiving awards, **we ask EVERYONE to attend the awards presentation** and be on time. This includes 1st year participants who will also receive an award.

Monday: Group Picture Night– Everyone please wear their ride t-shirt for group pictures. The pictures will be taken right before supper.

Bathhouse: There is a bathhouse in the campground with flushable toilets and 7 separate shower rooms.

WIFI is available only in/near the office.

Cell service is generally good in camp and spotty on the trails.

Dogs must be well behaved or kept on a leash.

Stalls must be cleaned daily. Wheelbarrows and muck rakes are provided by the campground. Horses can be taken to campsites, but must be stalled overnight—no highlining is allowed.

Items available for purchase at the office: Ice - \$3.50/bag, grass hay - \$8.00/bale and shavings - \$8.00/bag. All prices are subject to change due to inflation.

Drive safely and we'll see you in September!

The Sheltowee Crew