

MILK RUN RIDES (50/25/10)

M.Gillies and Son Ltd. Dairy farm, Belleisle Creek NB, Canada

The organizing committee for the Milk Run Rides would like to invite you to participate in our endurance competition on Saturday September 7th, 2019. We will be offering a fifty mile endurance race, a twenty- five mile limited distance or a ten mile introductory to endurance ride.

It has been quite a while since we have hosted a ride at our farm so I am going to give you a brief overview of what you can expect. As time moves closer (and my memory kicks in) I will add to the list so keep checking back. I also encourage you to like the event on Facebook if you haven't already done so.

Here are some things you may want to know:

- The 50/25 MILE RIDES are ACTRA and AERC sanctioned and shall be governed by AERC rules and regulations. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with these rules before you come to the ride. Canadian riders **MUST** be a current member of ACTRA and your respective Provincial Sport Organisation (PSO) to enter these events.
- For the TEN MILE INTRO RIDE you are only required to be a member of your PSO. Intro miles will be accumulated in the ACTRA database for members. There are no placings or year-end awards for this event.
- Our VETERINARIAN will be Dr. Murray Gillies. If all goes according to Plan A, I will also have some vet students from the Atlantic Veterinary College here to give him a hand. This will be a learning experience for them so please be patient. **Ride management and veterinary decisions will be final!** and that is final....
- RIDE CAMP will be in a large unfenced field bordering the road. There will be lots of room to pen your horse next to your trailer. **WARNING!** There will be cows in an adjacent field so please make sure your fencing is secure! An outhouse/handwash station will be provided for your toiletry convenience. **Another warning!** Ride Camp is a working dairy farm with moving equipment, attack cats and grumpy mama cows. Please (for their safety and our peace of mind) keep dogs confined or on leash at all times! Hand grazing will be permitted but smoking anywhere around the FARM or on the TRAIL will not! If you puff please do so in your trailer or your vehicle and leave your butts in those places.
Pack in/pack out- Please bring your trash home and dispose of it there.
- TRAILS will consist of dirt and woods roads, four wheeler track, railway bed and some paved roads. We live in the beautiful Belleisle Valley so there will be moderate hills and small shallow (we hope) river crossings (pray for no torrential rains between now and then). We will have on-trail crewing locations. Directions will be provided.

- The FOOD for the 25/50 awards supper on Saturday evening will be catered by our awesome local Anglican Church Women. The fee for the meal will be included in the ride entry. For all others the cost will be fifteen dollars per plate. Volunteers will eat for free.

There will be a light meal available for the intro riders early afternoon.

There will be coffee and light breakfast items available for all Saturday morning.

If you have special dietary considerations please bring your own food. We will be happy to warm it up for you if needed.

Our Local store has closed down. Boo! There is an Irving convenience store 8.5 Km away in Norton. It has gas, diesel, ice, grocery items, produce, pizza, and some fried foods such as chicken and potato wedges. Valley View Sales and Service is a smaller convenience store 7.5 km away with ice, fuel and some grocery items. It is located close to our local restaurant Up to Par which serves a variety of Canadian cuisine (plus it is licensed).

- ENTRY FEES for the ride will be as follows:

50 Mile Endurance	\$100.00
25 Mile Limited Distance	\$85.00
Intro endurance	\$50.00

COMPLETED Entry forms and FULL payment (including extra meals if any) received IN HAND by Tuesday September 3rd deduct ten dollars. Emailed entries with an e-transfer for the full amount are accepted.

In order to encourage early entering we will give cancelled entries a refund of monies paid less ten dollars. This includes all horses not passing the pre ride check. No-shows who fail to cancel will not be refunded.

Mailed entries can be sent to:

Milk Run Rides c/o Sylvia Gillies
344 Route 875, Belleisle Creek, NB, E5P 1C8

e-mailed entries and e-transferred fees: (plus any questions)
milkrunrides@gmail.com

****** Helmets must be worn at all times when mounted******

We look forward to seeing you at the ride!