

Spring in Dixie Competitive Trail Ride

Troy, Alabama

Ride Information: Patty Lucas and Region 5 NATRC will present a Sanctioned North American Trail Ride April 7 and 8, 2018 at the Heart of Dixie Trail Ride in Troy, Alabama. Come join us on picturesque trails through Alabama's woodlands in spring time! Additional information can be found at www.natrc.org or www.natrc5.org.

Divisions, Mileage and Pacing:

- **Open Class:** Lightweight and Heavyweight and Junior Divisions;
~ 5 mph, one day ride ~ 25 miles; two day ride ~ 25 miles each day.
- **Competitive Pleasure Class:** No Weight Division;
~ 4 mph one day ride ~ 15 miles; two day ride ~ 15 miles each day.
- **Novice Class:** Lightweight and Heavyweight and Junior Divisions,
~ 4 mph, one day ride ~ 15 miles; two day ride ~ 15 miles each day.

Entry Fees: A Ride (2 days): NATRC member \$ 95, non member \$115 Juniors: member \$80, non member \$100
B Ride (1 day): NATRC member \$80, non member \$100 Juniors: member \$65, non member \$85
Early Discount: There is an early discount of \$10 if your deposit is received by 2/11/17.

Register on the Ride Management System (RMS) at <http://rms.natrc.net> . This Ride is limited to 60 entries.

Make checks payable to: **Patty Lucas** **Mail checks to** 3516 Ridgedale Dr., Birmingham, AL 35243

Camping Information: The NATRC Headquarters will be at the Heart of Dixie Trail Ride, owned and operated by Richard and Pam Dunn. All sites are electric with water hookups. Horses are not allowed in established camp areas at any time. Horses will be housed in open covered stalls. There is a large in-ground swimming pool on site. Horse and people water, horse wash racks and air-conditioned showers are provided. Pets must be kept on leash at all times when not in trailers or pens. There will be Pot Luck dinner on Friday night. Plan on bringing a dish to share. We are planning a catered dinner for Saturday night. Volunteers will get lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Camping/stalling arrangements MUST be made & paid to directly to the Heart of Dixie Trail Ride. They are not a part of entry fees.

- Camping Fee with Electric; \$26.00 per night
- Primitive Camping Fee; \$10.00 per night
- Covered stall Fee; \$10.00 per day/per horse
- Outdoor Stall Fee; \$5.00 per day/per horse
- Admission fee, \$8.00 per person

Contact Richard or Pam Dunn at 334-670-0005 as soon as possible to reserve your campsite

Trail Information: The trails are picturesque tracks through Alabama's woodlands. Some are single track and some double track. You can enjoy the shade of chirping pine thickets and hardwood giants, the scenery of beautiful pastures, bubbling streams, and quiet duck ponds, not to mention the lovely Conecuh River. This ride is open to all horses, ponies and mules (mounts), age 4 (actual foaling date) & over and to all riders age 10 and over. The weather is often wet in the spring. Be prepared for changes during the ride. You can expect lots of puddles and some trails may be under water.

Ride Notes: Check-in will begin at noon on Friday and vet-in at 2pm. There will be briefing for newcomers and mentors available for first time competitors and others interested.

Directions:

From Mobile area: On 65 North get off at Greenville, exit 130, and take state route 10 east through Luverne to Troy. From 231, turn right off the northbound lane or left off the southbound lane into Three Notch Street (Traffic light at the Kentucky Fried Chicken). Go straight, 3.5 miles, thru downtown Troy (eight traffic lights) and continue to leave the city limits. The next light is a blinking caution light, turn left onto Country rd. 7708/Needmore Road. There is a Heart of Dixie Trail Ride sign. Go 4 miles and HODTR is on the right.

From Atlanta, Birmingham: Take exit 9 off I-85 onto Taylor Road. Go South on Taylor Road for about 5.5 miles to Hwy 231. Turn left (South) on 231 for approx. 21 miles to Meriweather Trail. Meriweather Trail is about 1 mile South of Sikes and Kohn's clothing store on the right. The turn is just past an abandoned Rest Stop. Turn left on Meriweather Trail. Go about 5 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 49. There will be a NATRC sign at the turn. Go 3/10 of a mile and turn left. There will be another sign there. Go about 10 miles and the HODTR will be on your left.

If you have a GPS or use MapQuest: use 4162 County Road 7708 Troy, AL 36081

For questions, contact:

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