

H Cooper Black Spring Ride
sanctioned by NATRC (North Am Trail Ride Conference)
Cheraw, SC
April 20-21, 2024

LOCATION: H Cooper Black State Park, 843 378-1555, hcooperblack@scprt.com
279 Sporting Dog Trail, Cheraw, SC 29520 (directions at the bottom of this info sheet)

RIDE MANAGER: Angie Lindberg, 919 633-3277, whatasunnygirl@gmail.com

CO-MANAGER: Mikayla Nunn Young, 336-343-0886, kjstables4173@gmail.com

ONSITE RIDE SECRETARY: Connie Fike, 717-781-3236

CO-RIDE SECRETARY: Paula Riley, 903 926-3950, parrides@aol.com

JUDGES:

- Vet – Stephanie Ostrowski
- Horsemanship – Wayne Tolbert
- LeD Judge – Sally Kudra

RIDE DIVISIONS:

- A (2-day) Novice, CP, Open
- B1 & B2 (Saturday 1-day and/or Sunday 1-day) Novice, CP, Open
- LeD (Saturday and/or Sunday)

RIDE FEE:

- NATRC Member \$125, Jr. \$100, LeD \$85
- Non-member \$150, Jr. \$125, LeD \$100
- Make \$75 deposit check out to “Angie Lindberg” and mail it to: Paula Riley, 1915 Tower Trail, Waleska, Ga 30183 or you can send Angie the payment via Zelle or Venmo
- **Must have at least 35 riders with deposit received by April 13st, 2024 or else the ride will be cancelled**

REGISTERING FOR THE COMPETITION: www.rms.natrc.net Contact ride secretary if you need assistance in registering. Paper entry forms are available.

RIDER LIMIT: 60 **DISTANCE:** Novice & CP will do approximately 17 miles/day; Open approximately 25 miles/day.

- ❖ **There will be an endurance ride this same weekend so be sure to book your camp sites/corrals ASAP since this will be a big event with a lot of riders. We will work it out as best as we can to ensure that there is no overlap on the trails**

CAMPING: The park has 27 campsites with electricity and water. There are also primitive campsites available in two separate areas in the park. There are two comfort stations with hot showers and an RV dump station. Dogs on leash. Horses are not allowed in the full hook up sites camping area. Campers that have a full hook up site must put their horses in a stall or corral. Primitive campers are allowed to High Tie, use a corral that is attached to the trailer, or tie their horses to the sides of their trailer. There are water spigots onsite but not at the primitive sites. Negative Coggins is Required for all horses.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: Contact the H Cooper Black facility directly for camping reservations. Their phone is 843 378-1555 or book online (<https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/h-cooper-black/camping/>). **The preferred camping areas for NATRC competitors is in the wooded primitive camping area.** All camping is first come, first served. There are corrals scattered around the park that you can use but they are not close to the primitive camping area.

TRAIL TERRAIN: The trails are picturesque tracks through South Carolina fields and wooded forests. The trails are barefoot friendly. You can enjoy the shade of the woodlands, a nice lake, lovely creek crossings, and dog trial fields. 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 and cool in the spring. Be prepared for changes during the ride.

MEALS: Potluck dinners and Food Truck for lunch

FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

CHECK-IN: Starting at 1:00 PM

VET-IN: 2 PM – 5 PM

RIDE BRIEFING: 5:30 PM at Clubhouse. Maps will be posted online in advance.

NEW COMPETITOR BRIEFING: Mentors will meet one-on-one with new competitors after the ride meeting.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

CHECK-IN: Starting at 4:00 PM

VET-IN: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

RIDE BRIEFING: 5:30 PM at Clubhouse. Maps will be posted online in advance.

NEW COMPETITOR BRIEFING: Mentors will meet one-on-one with new competitors after ride meeting.

SPECIAL NOTES: Support and mentors available for 1st-time competitors. The FREE annual NATRC membership for new non-members remains available. Learn more at www.natrc.org. Riders must be minimum 10 (ten) years old. Junior riders under 18 are REQUIRED to wear an approved equestrian helmet.

DIRECTIONS: From Cheraw: Take Hwy. 1 South for approximately 5.6 miles. Turn left onto Society Hill Rd and travel 4.5 miles. Turn right onto H. Cooper Road (sand) for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Sporting Dog Trail (sand). **From Florence:** Take Hwy. 52 North. Pass through Society Hill, and travel approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Society Hill Rd. and travel 3 miles. Turn left onto H. Cooper Road for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Sporting Dog Trail (sand). Sand roads are hard packed.

GPS Coordinates: Long: 79° 54' 31.16"W , Lat: 34° 34' 25.34"N