

# **FRENCH BROAD CLASSIC @ THE BILTMORE ESTATE OCTOBER 5-6, 2024**

SANCTIONED BY NATRC (NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE)  
BILTMORE ESTATE, ASHEVILLE, NC

**LOCATION:** Biltmore Estate Equestrian Center, 828-225-1454,  
[www.biltmore.com/visit/equestrian](http://www.biltmore.com/visit/equestrian), 1 Lodge Street, Asheville, NC 28803

**RIDE MANAGER:** Sherry Garnes, 828-400-7402, [sherrymgarnes@gmail.com](mailto:sherrymgarnes@gmail.com)

**RIDE A&B SECRETARY:** Connie Fike, 717-781-3236, [clkike26@gmail.com](mailto:clkike26@gmail.com)

**RIDE LEISURE SECRETARY:** Linda Clayton, 334-313-2999, [lindayclay@aol.com](mailto:lindayclay@aol.com)

**Trail Master:** Barry Garnes, 828-476-0030, [bnegarnes@gmail.com](mailto:bnegarnes@gmail.com)

**RIDE DIVISIONS:** A (2-day) Novice, CP, Open; B (1-day) Novice, CP, Open; Leisure (2-day) Saturday & Sunday

**RIDE FEE:** NATRC A&B Ride \$125, Juniors \$90 Non-member \$155

Leisure Ride \$75 for 1 day, if you ride 2 days the second day is \$50 Non-member \$105

**CAMP FEE:** \$75 per rider

Make \$35 deposit check out to French Broad Classic (FBC) and mail to Sherry Garnes,  
610 Bluebird Ridge Rd. Jamestown, TN 38556

PayPal account: [sherrymgarnes@gmail.com](mailto:sherrymgarnes@gmail.com)

Venmo: Sherry Garnes@sherrygarnes

**RIDER LIMIT:** 60 A&B, 40 Leisure

**TRAIL TERRAIN:** Gentle hills, limited rocks, packed trails, some gravel rds. Shoes recommended.

**DISTANCE:** Leisure approx. 8-11 miles each day, Novice & CP approx. 16-18 miles each day, Open approx. 25-28 miles each day

**CAMPING:** No water or electrical hook-ups, Water spigots and water tank in camp, Porta-potties, horses tied to trailer or NATRC approved portable corral, dogs on leash, and negative Coggins required.

**MEALS:** Friday Night Potluck, Saturday Night Catered Dinner & Vegetarian meal provided, \$12/person. Volunteers feed all weekend.

**REGISTER:** [www.rms.natrc.net](http://www.rms.natrc.net) for competition and camping. Contact ride manager or secretaries if you need assistance in registering.

**EXPRESS CHECK-IN:** Avoid the lines at check-in. Requirements are payment needs to be paid in full via Venmo, PayPal or check and Coggins sent to Sherry Garnes via e-mail, [sherrymgarnes@gmail.com](mailto:sherrymgarnes@gmail.com), by Oct. 1, 2024. When you arrive at check-in on Friday(A&B), or Sat. (LeD) Connie or Linda will instruct you to sign waivers and pick up your penny.

## **FRIDAY A & B SCHEDULE**

CHECK-IN: 1:00 PM

VET-IN: 2:00 PM

OPENING CEREMONY: 6:00 Singing of the National Anthem with a flag ceremony on horseback @ Big Tent

RIDE BRIEFING: Friday Evening @ Big Tent

NEW COMPETITOR MEETING: 5:00 @ the Big Tent

## **SATURDAY LeD SCHEDULE**

REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM

RIDE BRIEFING: 8:00 AM

CHECK-IN WITH JUDGE: 9:00 AM

RIDE OUT: 11:00 AM

**SPECIAL NOTES:** ALL Saturday riders will have an opportunity to stop and view Biltmore House from the trail and ride through the vineyards on the estate. HELMETS REQUIRED. If you wish to arrive before Thursday, you must contact ride Biltmore Equestrian Center, 828-225-1454, for early entry onto the Estate grounds. French Broad River is forbidden! No smoking on trails. No open fires.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Interstate 40, use Exit 50. Follow signs to Biltmore Estate. Stay in the FAR LEFT LANE. From Interstate 26, take I-40 EAST. Use Exit 50, same as above. Entrance to Biltmore Estate is on the left. Follow "Trail Ride" or "Biltmore Equestrian Center" signs to camp. Trailer access is ONLY through the Biltmore Estate Front Gate. Camp is approx. 3 miles from front gate and please be aware that the speed limit is very slow due to tourist traffic and geese.