

ROCK RIVER CHARITY RIDE

MATTHIESSEN STATE PARK
(off I-39 & I-80 South of Utica, IL)

Please join us for our 20th Year at Matthiessen. The trails are as beautiful as ever – forest, canyon, streams and prairie. IDNR Equestrian campground has fresh water available and the fees are reasonable - \$8.00 per night.

****Ride profits to Equestrian Related Charities****

Sanctioned: UMECRA – AERC – AHA (**AHA REGION 11 CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE**)

*(\$15 surcharge for non-AERC members)

<u>Saturday, August 19, 2017</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Start Times</u>
55 Mile Endurance*	Sr. \$75, Jr.\$40	15 Min after LD
AHA Region 11 Endurance Championship Ride *	Sr. \$75, Jr.\$40	
30 Mile Limited Distance*	Sr. \$55, Jr.\$35	Not before 6:30am
30 Mile Competitive	Sr. \$55, Jr.\$35	Not before 9:00am
15 Mile Novice	Sr. \$25, Jr.\$15	With last Comp Grp
6 Mile Drive; 15 Mile Drive; 25 Mile Drive	\$20; \$30; \$55	Not earlier than 10am

POT LUCK SATURDAY NITE
Main dish furnished – Please bring dish to pass

Sunday, August 20, 2017

30 Mile Limited Distance*	Sr. \$55, Jr.\$35	Not before 7:00am
30 Mile Competitive (AHA)	Sr. \$55, Jr.\$35	30 Min after LD
15 Mile Novice	Sr. \$25, Jr.\$15	With last Comp Grp
6 Mile Drive; 15 Mile Drive; 25 Mile Drive	\$20; \$30; \$55	Not earlier than 8am

Vet checks in camp – Water on the trail

! Be prepared to show Negative Coggins at registration.

! Completion Awards for all riders who finish according to rules and times.

! Endurance & Competitive – Ribbons 1st thru 6th place in HW, LW, & JR.

! Limited Distance, Novice & Driving – Ribbons 1st thru 6th place

! Prizes for BC Endurance – BC Limited Distance – Hi Point Comp

BC & Hi Point Awards all in memory of Jim Helfter & ABC support of Rock River

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**Secretary – Carol Dilbeck, 867 N. 45th Rd, Earlville, IL 60518

Directions to Matthiessen State Park

Matthiessen State Park is located on IL-178 South of Utica, IL. You can get directions via Mapquest using the only address available (Matthiessen State Park ,PO Box 509, Utica, IL). There are 3 driveways – the most northern drive is the Equestrian Campground. The other 2 drives are to Day Camp and people picnic/activity areas.

Interstate 80 East/West : Utica, IL exit is approximately 90 miles East of Rock Island, IL (Quad Cities) or 55 miles West of Joliet, IL. Take the IL-178 exit 81 toward Utica (traveling South). Follow IL-178 thru Utica, over Illinois River to intersection of IL-178 & IL-71. Continue South on IL-178 for approximately ¼ mile. Turn right into drive to Equestrian Campground.

Interstate 39 from the North : Approximately 70 miles South of Rockford, IL. Merge onto Interstate 80 East via Exit 59A toward Chicago. (About 2.8 miles) Take the IL-178 exit, Exit 81 toward Utica (traveling South). Follow IL-178 thru Utica, over Illinois River to intersection of IL-178 & IL-71. Continue South on IL-178 for approximately ¼ mile. Turn right into drive to Equestrian Campground.

Interstate 39 from the South: Approximately 50 miles North of Bloomington, IL take Exit 48 toward Tonica (East). Merge onto N 20th Road. N 20th Road becomes Ed Lambert Road. Travel about 4 miles, turn left onto E 8th Road / IL-178. Go about 4-5 miles (North). Matthiessen will be on the left. The first 2 drives are Day Camps. Continue to the 3rd driveway, turn left to enter Equestrian Campground (should be RRCR sign). If you reach the intersection of IL-178 and IL-71, you have gone about ¼ mile too far.