

Eighth Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Wednesday, Sept 2--Monday, Sept. 7

Ride: Labor Day week with members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. Ride up to 100 miles in 6 days, or 14-18 miles each day in small groups at your own pace. Join us for one, for more or for all 6 days. The ride will follow and/or parallel the S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail much of the time as we spend 2 days riding from each of 3 different campsites. This year's ride will be held in conjunction with the second annual 5-day Ridge Trail Through-Hike from Castro Valley to Martinez and both are dedicated to the memory of Ron Brown, who championed the Ridge Trail as a Ridge Trail Board member, as staff early on, and as a super volunteer, who in his final year was crucial in organizing last year's hike.

Trails and Camps: Camp opens at Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Regional Park Tuesday, the day before the ride starts. On Wednesday enjoy sweeping Bay Area views, single track trails, and the clear waters of Lake Chabot. On Thursday a short Chabot loop will precede the ride through Chabot and Redwood to Joaquin Miller Park, where we will camp Thursday and Friday night at Sequoia Arena. Friday's itinerary will include loops in Redwood and Joaquin Miller Parks. On Saturday we follow the Ridge Trail through Redwood, Huckleberry and Sibley Regional Preserves and EBMUD Watershed to camp in Tilden Park, where we will camp on Saturday and Sunday nights. Sunday's ride will mostly be in Wildcat Park and Labor Day will feature a shorter ride in Tilden.

Food and Evening Entertainment:

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for riders and campers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Swimming and showers will be available 5 minutes from our Tilden and Sequoia Arena campsites. Evening programs will include a visit to the Chabot Space Observatory (5 minutes from Sequoia Arena), a slide show on long distance trail adventures, a presentation by a naturalist, and other surprises.

Costs/Benefits: This ride will help raise funds for the Bay Area Ridge Trail and for equestrian improvements on East Bay trails.

The \$60/day fee, with a discount for 6 days at \$325., covers your camping, food and horse provisions. For visitors, dinner in camp will be \$15/night. We encourage you to solicit pledges from friends, neighbors and other trail supporters to benefit the trails, but this is optional. Please surprise us with raffle items for this year's raffle. For hikers the cost will be \$50/ day with 5 days available at \$225. Hike sign up will be through the Bay Area Ridge Trail at www.ridgetrail.org

Volunteers: If you can't ride, join us by volunteering to help with the important tasks that will make this ride happen..

Camp Rules: Riders will be responsible for stabling their horses at each camp. You may tie to your trailer or bring your own portable corral or picket line. Stallions will not be allowed on this ride and we will enforce restrictions on generators after dark. Helmets are strongly suggested for all riders. No dogs will be allowed at this year's ride.

Reserve Now for this popular event: We are limited by the available space for trailer parking, and with more hikers this year, could hit our maximum early this time. Use the entry form on the reverse of this flyer. If space permits, we will accept last minute entries, particularly for the first few days.



Questions: Contact Kirsten Whitsett, at kirsten@i680n.com or 925-283-1997. or Morris Older, at ebhillsride@comcast.net or at 925-254-8943, for more information or to volunteer. More info at <http://www.twha.org>--click on events.

