

# Ninth Annual East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride Wednesday, Sept 1 -- Monday, Sept. 6

**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 third annual 5-day Ridge Trail Through-Hike from Martinez to Castro Valley.

**Trails and Camps:** Camp will open up on Tuesday night, so that riders can get an early start on Wednesday if they like. We will be camping at Tilden Regional Park (between Berkeley and Orinda), at Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills, and at Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Regional Park. We will be sharing the campsites, and meals, with the hikers. We will be riding in Tilden, Wildcat, Sibley, Huckleberry, Redwood, Roberts, Joaquin Miller Park, EBMUD Watershed lands, and on other nearby trails. The rides will be on both fire roads and single track trails, over both flat and hilly terrain. Views of the Bay Area, the East Bay Hills, across the valley and into the Sierras will be available constantly. We will stay at each camp site 2 nights and move to the next one on the second day. Shower tents will be set up at each camp.

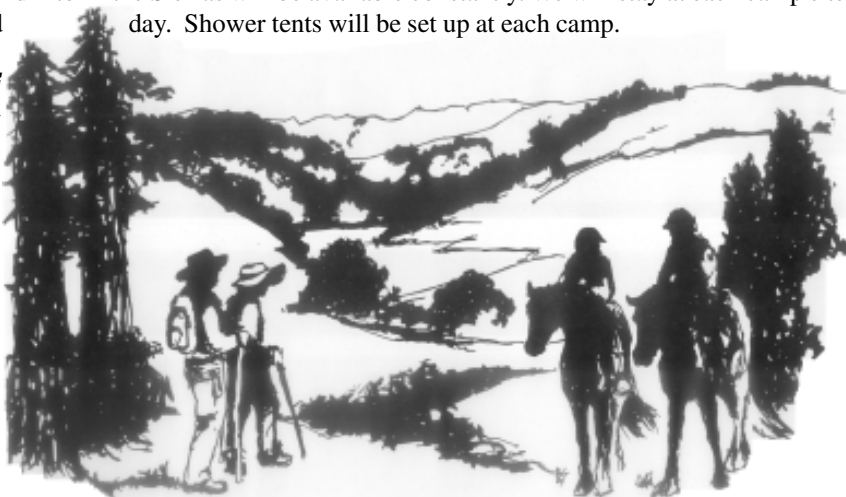
**Food and Evening Entertainment:**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for riders and hikers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Swimming will be available 5 minutes from our Tilden and Sequoia Arena campsites. Evening programs will include a visit to the Chabot Space Center, a slide show on long distance trail adventures, a presentation by a naturalist, a drill team performance, and other surprises. This is a green ride and every effort will be made to keep trash to a minimum..

**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. A small discount is available for riders who join TWH, MHA or the Bay Area Ridge Trail, or renew their memberships, when registering. 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.

**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. No dogs will be allowed at this year's ride. **This year SEI-certified helmets are required for the safety of all riders.**



**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. Use the entry form on the reverse of this flyer. If space permits, we will accept last minute entries.

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