



## **Garrie Bates Memorial Virginia Highlands Competitive Trail Ride**

**Sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC)**

**Date- June 16-17, 2018 (check in June 15)**

**Location - Camp Cripple Creek (Triple C) in Cripple Creek, VA**

A competitive trail ride (CTR) is a distance event over a measured course completed within a specified window of time. In NATRC competitions, the horses are evaluated by an approved veterinary judge, and riders are evaluated by an approved horsemanship judge. The judging begins at the preliminary examination, usually the day before the ride, continues during the ride, and concludes at the final examination. The equines (horses, ponies, and mules) are evaluated on condition, soundness, their trail manners and ability, and way of going. Riders are judged on horsemanship as it applies to competitive trail riding. Trail safety and courtesy are key elements as is the ability to care for a horse during and after a long day in the backcountry.

The pace for CTR is more relaxed than endurance with the Novice/Competitive Pleasure divisions covering a course of approximately 20 miles a day at 3.5 - 5mph and the Open division 50-60 miles over a 2 day period with a speed of 4-6mph depending on terrain. CTR is a great venue for young or inexperienced horses before tackling the rigors of the endurance trail as well an excellent educational opportunity for riders interested in furthering their partnership with their horses. NATRC competitions are education based with emphasis on caring for your horse on a long distance ride.

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The Garrie Bates Memorial Virginia Highlands Competitive Trail Ride will be held at Camp Cripple Creek (Triple C), a private horse camp in Cripple Creek, Virginia and will use the trail system in the Mount Rogers National Recreational Area. Camping will be primitive in a large scenic field with horses at your trailer in an NATRC approved stabling method (see NATRC Rule Book at [natrc.org](http://natrc.org)). The terrain is mountainous with some rocky areas and breathtakingly beautiful views. Hoof protection is highly recommended and a helmet is required.

Our judges will be vet- Dr. Carrie Porter, DVM and horsemanship- Wayne Tolbert. Friday night meal will be a pot luck (bring a dish to share) and Saturday will be a catered dinner.

There will be a Saturday night bonfire dedicated to the memory of Garrie Bates and all are invited to enjoy music and share stories.

Directions to Triple C-

From I-77 take Exit 24 (Poplar Camp Road) and go West on 69 towards Austinville (4 miles). At stop sign in Austinville take a Left onto Austinville Road (69) to stop sign at 94 (4 miles). Cross 94 onto Huddle Road (619).

At 4.4 miles slow down (sharp right curve) then at 4.7 take Left onto Gleaves Rd.

Go 2.8 miles and take Left onto Cripple Creek Rd (602).

Go 1.3 miles to Triple C on Left. Green and red buckboard out front, wood fencing.

From Fries- Take 94 North about 6 miles and take a Left onto Brush Creek Road (602) Go 8 miles (Brush Creek Rd will become Cripple Creek Road) and triple C will be on the Right just past a mailbox that says "Kelly". Green and red buckboard out front, wood fencing.

There is no address for the land since there is no dwelling on it but if you are using a GPS the coordinates are N 36 48.726 W 81 05.547 . The next door neighbor's address is 4032 Cripple Creek Road, Cripple Creek, VA

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Garrie Bates negotiates an obstacle at the 2000 NATRC Championship Challenge in Tennessee

