**The PonyXpress CTR at Rock Creek Station – June 11-12, 2022**

Rock Creek Station State Historical Park, 57416 710th Rd, Fairbury, NE 68352

Governed by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference

**NATRC A** (2-day) - Open/Novice/CP **NATRC B** (Saturday and Sunday) - Open/Novice/CP **25 Rider Limit**

**Leisure Division** (Saturday & Sunday) **20 Rider Limit**

Join us for the competitive trail ride at Rock Creek Station Historical Park. Established in 1857 along the Oregon and California Trails, Rock Creek Station was a relay station for the Pony Express. Rich in cowboy history, you’ll cross the bridge and ride through the ranch, through the creeks and prairies and canyons of Rock Creek Station and Rock Glen Wildlife Management Area. The terrain is mostly grassy meadows with some red rock in the canyon areas.

**Ride Notes:** All competing out-of-state horses must have negative Coggins and current Health Certificate. Terrain is barefoot friendly. **Dogs** are not allowed in management area, check-in and briefings or at meals and **must be leashed** at all times (insurance requirement).

**Directions:** Note: GPS will route you on minimum maintenance dirt roads. The following directions will keep you on blacktop. **From Hwy 136:** Turn south in Jansen at the sign (573rd Ave). Drive south to 710 Road. Turn left (east) and go 1.25 miles. Turn in on your right. **From Fairbury:** Take 711 Rd/PWF 5 miles east. Turn right on 573rd Avenue & go 1 mile. Turn left (east) on 710 Rd and go 1.25 miles. Turn in on your right. **From Hwy 8:** Just east of Endicott, turn north on 573 Avenue for 3 miles. Turn right (east) on 710 Rd and go 1.25 miles. Turn in on your right.

**Park Fees & Camping Facilities:** Nebraska State Park Permit is required: $31 annual or $6 per day in state / $61 annual or $12 per day out-of-state and can be purchased online at https://ngpc-home.ne.gov/. Camping (basic) $15 per night per vehicle (at the time of this printing) and can be paid at the kiosk in horse camp or at the Visitor’s Center. Space is limited so management will assist with parking. The park now has a new restroom and shower house located between the horse camp and the south campground.

**Stabling: A-Ride:** Horses will be stationary tied to horse trailers. Pens will be designated for working horses first (safety riders and trail markers), remaining pens can be used by Leisure Division (first come first serve). Portable corrals are not allowed due to space limitations for trailer parking. Deposit manure in manure pile. Wheelbarrows are available. There are potable water hydrants throughout the horse camp.

**A-Ride:** Check-in starts at 2pm on Friday. **B-Ride (Open/Novice/CP):** Check-in starts 3pm on Saturday.

**Leisure Division**: Check-in with secretary starts 8:00am on Saturday & Sunday

Late check-ins should make arrangements with ride management**.**

**Meals:** Will depend on the COVID-19 status at the time of the ride.

**Entry Fees\*: A-Ride** Adult - Open/Novice/CP $90 Member $115 non-member

Junior - Open/Novice/CP $70 Member $ 95 non-member

**B-Ride** Adult - Open/Novice/CP $90 Member $115 non-member

Junior - Open/Novice/CP $70 Member $ 95 non-member

**Leisure Division (each day)** $50 / $70 member / non-member1

*$10 discount for first time competitors. A deposit of $30 to accompany the entry.*

**Make Checks Payable to** NECTRA & mail to Helen Smith, 750 County Road B, Ashland, NE 68003

If possible, please enter through the RMS System at <http://rms.natrc.net/Logon.aspx>

1 NATRC offers free First year membership [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org).

\*NECTRA offers a $30- discount to members who bring a first time NATRC rider, and provide mentorship for the new rider

**Workers:** Ride Management needs volunteers, including P&R crew, safety riders, judges’ secretaries, food crew, drivers for judges’ pickup from airport, during ride & water truck. Contact Helen if you can help, volunteers make these rides possible & fun. 😊 No inexperienced trail horses or riders permitted as safety riders & must meet NATRC age guidelines.

**Judges: Vet -** Dr. Tamara Gull **Horsemanship -** Esther Diaguila **Leisure Division -** Debby Starr

**Ride Chair:** Helen Smith, hsmithtmoran@gmail.com (h 402.944-7321, c 402-298-1411)

**Ride Secretary:** Helen Smith / Deb Robinson / Sam Moran

**In Case of Emergency, Call 911**

Rock Creek Station Emergency 402.729.5777 or Ride Management at above #

***Sponsored by Nebraska Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA)***