



Waitaki Endurance & Trail Riding Club

Mt Somers Event

31 August & 1 Sept 2024

RIDE BRIEF

The Waitaki Endurance & CTR Club would like to extend a huge thank you to the landowner Dave Akland of Mt Somers Station who has allowed us to ride over his fantastic station yet again.

The event officially opens at 8.00am on Saturday 31 August and will close on Sunday 1 Sept at 5pm. Camping is available for this period.

Ride Brief

This is a general ride brief and information. Please make sure you attend your ride briefing at the specified time during the weekend. Important information will be given at the ride brief on the day, along with important information about any hazards to be aware of. All riders **MUST ATTEND**, no exceptions.

Ride Base

ACCESS TO RIDE BASE IS THROUGH PEACHES ROAD ONLY. TURN OFF ASHBURTON GORGE ROAD IN MT SOMERS ONTO PEACHES ROAD. IT WILL BE SIGN POSTED. There will be water and toilets on base.

Bibs

Your bib is available for collection from the Club Trailer. Please remove it from the plastic bag and leave the bag in the container. You will need to collect this prior to vetting in. Please, return it to the Club Trailer when you have finished.

Vetting in

Your pre-ride vet in time is included below. When you have finished your ride and come for your post-ride vet in, there will be an area marked in front of the vet ring where you need to call out "time" and your bib number. This is so Wendy can record your vet in time to ensure

it is within the allocated time you have been given. If there is a queue at the vet ring and you are near the end of your vet time, make sure you let Wendy know you are there.

Prize giving

There will be a prize giving at the end of each day along with a sausage sizzle and yummy cake. Please do stay around for this social event. We make every effort to try and time things to finish as early as possible, but it does depend on when riders finish.

General housekeeping

1. Rubbish – rubbish, hay and feed to be collected and removed from base. Manure can be scattered. The base is to be left as you find it. Absolutely no rubbish is to be left on base or on the track. If you drop something, please make sure you pick it up.

2. Fire extinguisher - There will be a fire extinguisher in the Wendy's trailer. Any emergency needs to be reported to Wendy Farnell or Ian Gray as soon as possible. Please use your common sense around this.

On Track

1. Track manners - Please be courteous of other competitors at all times. There is common ground on the track so if you would like to pass, please ask if it is okay and give the competitor/s plenty of room. If you are with a group at water points, please allow those there first a chance to drink and move off before you allow your horse to drink. Many horses will be put off drinking when a strange horse approaches, it is particularly important to respect the horses competing over longer distances. Even if your horse is friendly, please keep space between you and other horses. Horses with red ribbons in their tails should be treated as if they could kick, blue ribbons are for stallions. You should give all horses as much space as possible for their safety and yours. If there are CTR riders at the finish line having heart rates taken, please be respectful of this.

2. Water – There will be good access to water on track with troughs and creeks.

3. Markers - Coloured arrows, and loop signs.

4. Course – The course is made up of farm lane ways, tracks and rolling farmland. There is some metal in the last section of the 20km loop. Horses that are used to being barefoot should be okay, but if in doubt, err on the side of caution and wear boots.

5. Riders - **No whips or spurs.** If riding in unhealed footwear, caged or approved safety stirrups must be worn. All helmets must comply with regulations and be YELLOW tagged. Helmet tagging can be done on request at the vet ring by Wendy, but please ensure you have checked to make sure your helmet qualifies for yellow tagging. Please ensure you allow plenty of time if you need to get this done.

For CTR riders, no GPS (distance monitoring) or time wasting is allowed.

Saturday 31st	Vet Time	Brief Time	Start Time
End Intermediate - 40km Snr/Jnr	Sat 10.00am	Sat 10.30am	Sat 11.00am
End Novice - 40km Snr/Jnr	Sat 10.00am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 11.00am
End Intro - 20km Snr/Jnr	Sat 10.00am	Sat 11.00am	Sat 11.30am
End Intro - 10km Snr/Jnr	Sat 10.00am	Sat 11.30am	Sat 12.00pm
CTR - 5km Snr/Jnr/Lead rein	Sun 10.30am	Sun 12.15pm	From 12.30pm
Sunday 1 st	Vet Time	Brief Time	Start Time
End Intermediate - 40km Snr/Jnr	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.00am	Sun 9.30am
End Novice - 40km Snr/Jnr	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.00am	Sun 9.30am
CTR Open – 40km	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.00am	Sun From 9.35am
CTR Intermediate - 40km	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.00am	Sun From 9.40am
CTR Junior - 40km	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.00am	Sun From 9.40am
CTR Intermediate - 20km	Sun 9.00am	Sun 10.00am	From 10.30am
CTR Junior - 20km	Sun 9.00am	Sun 10.00am	From 10.30am
CTR Novice - 20km Snr/Jnr	Sun 9.00am	Sat 10.00am	From 10.30am
CTR Novice - 10km Snr/Jnr	Sun 10.00am	Sat 10.30am	From 11.00am
CTR 5km Snr/Jnr/Lead Rein	Sun 10.30am	Sun 11.30am	From 12.00pm

Ride Times

ENDURANCE EVENTS

40km Endurance Intermediate and Junior: Max time = 4.00hrs

40km Endurance Novice: Min time = 3.00hrs / Max time = 5.00hrs

20km Endurance Introductory: Min = 1.30hrs / Max time = 2.30hrs

10km Endurance Introductory: Min 45mins / Max time = 1.15hrs

CTR EVENTS

40km Open: Optimum Time = 3.20hrs

40km Intermediate: Optimum Time = 4.00hrs

20km Intermediate and Novice: Optimum Time = 2.00hrs

10km Novice: Optimum Time = 1.00hr

5km Novice: Optimum Time = 40mins

5km Lead Rein: Optimum Time = 1.00hr