

Happy Jack Competitive Trail Ride
August 29 & 30, 2026
Medicine Bow National Forest
Near Buford, WY

Type A (two day-O/CP/N), **Type B** (both Saturday & Sunday-O/CP/N)

And **LeD** (Both Saturday & Sunday)

Health Certificates and Coggins Required for out of State Horses!

Come join us in the beautiful Vedauwoo area of the Medicine Bow National Forest with diverse wooded trails, plenty of water on the trail, and magnificent rock outcroppings. The ride is 15 miles east of Laramie, WY and 30 miles west of Cheyenne, WY on the Hwy 210-Happy Jack Road. The wild flowers should still be out and the weather should be great this time of year. The base camp is at 8000 feet so be prepared for mountain weather and its inherent fluctuations.

Directions to camp: The ride camp is located on a well maintained forest road-2.5 miles off Hwy 210 (Happy Jack Road). From the North/South/East (Cheyenne): I-25 to Missile Drive/Happy Jack Road (Hwy 210). Go west approximately 30 miles: *Left on Blair Wallis Road (Forest Road 707)*; then 2.5 miles to ride camp on Forest Road 707D. From the West (Laramie): I-80 pas Laramie to exit 323, Happy Jack Road (Hay 210), Go left over the overpass, then an immediate left onto Happy Jack Road; then go 5 miles to *Blair Wallis Road (Forest Road 707)*; then 2.5 miles to ride camp to Forest Road 707D. Follow signs and ribbons.

Camp Facilities: Camp and trails are in the Medicine Bow National Forest. Please familiarize yourself with National Forest camping rules. You MUST park your rig within 100 ft of the forest road. No exceptions. Do not create new lanes. Stick to existing roads. To ensure room for all. Park perpendicular to the road and set up corrals (if using them) close to your trailer. High ties can also be used. There are Back Country Horseman horse corrals that are available for volunteers and horses not in competition. On a first come, first serve basis. There is overflow parking/camping areas if needed with horse water available. Parking attendant will be a camp to direct parking. Weed free hay is required. Please notify management if need us to supply. Please scatter manure, pick up excess hay, and leave your camp site tidy and trash free.

Camping: Horse water will be available in camp. Bring your own people water. Dogs must be on leash at all times and cannot be brought to briefing and meals. Nights (and possible day-time) will be cold so bring blankets. Cell phone reception is good, in camp, and on the trail.

The road and base camp areas are suitable for large rids. The GPS coordinates for base camp are 41.216495,-105.384052.

Additional information: Coggins & Health Certificates are required for out of state horses. The address is -Forest Road 707D, Medicine Bow National Forest, Buford, WY 82052

Rules: This ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. We will be offering the DO Class for those who wish to complete to ride for mileage only.

Schedule: A Riders and Sat B1 Riders-vet check starts at 2 pm until dark on Friday, Aug 23rd, 2024. The Sun B2 Riders-will vet check Saturday before briefing. The LeD riders with check in at 8:00am until 9:30 on Saturday, Aug 24th and possibly earlier on Sunday. Followed by ride/trail briefing at 9:45am and then horses will be checked by the judge prior to starting the ride.

Each evening the riders will be given maps and briefing going over the following day's trails. A first time competitor meeting will be after briefing on Friday night. There is also a Friday evening "social hour"

with starts about 4:30-5:00. Please bring a snack to share with the group! This is a great way to get to know the other competitors and their significant others. We want to get to know you!

Awards: Awards and prizes will be awarded 1st thru 6th for all divisions in both horse and horsemanship. The B1 Awards for Saturday will be as soon as possible on Saturday afternoon. The A awards and B2 will be as soon as possible after getting all horses through final check out. The LeD awards and prizes will be 1st through 6th place for adult, experienced, and junior classes for all horse/rider teams. The LeD awards will be shortly after the final horse check out. We will have some awesome awards again this year.

GOAL-To encourage our wonderful LeD riders to step up to a traditional "B" ride with Vet Judge & Horsemanship Judge & eventually to an "A" ride.

Meals: Management will provide Saturday lunch in camp for ALL VOLUNTEERS AND COMPETITORS. We will have a Food Truck available for riders to purchase meals (breakfast, lunch, and diner). Saturday night POTLUCK dinner with management providing the meat. All riders please bring a side dish/dessert to share. Volunteer workers and judges will receive all free meals. Thanks for your help! Hot water (with teas and hot coco) and Coffee will be available each morning for everyone!

Judges: Vet: Dr Amy Mason (R3) Horsemanship: Lori Allen (R5) LeD: Alice Perryman (R4)

Entry Fees: A Ride: NATRC Members-\$140 Non-Members \$175. Juniors \$30 less

B Ride: NATRC Members-\$130 Non-Members \$160. Juniors \$30 less

LeD Ride: NATRC Members-\$95 Non-Members \$130. Jr \$30 less

One and two day Distance Only (DO) is the same entry fee as the regular ride entry fees.

Please make checks payable to Kay Gunckel and mail to 4605 Norwood Ave. Loveland, CO 80538

Please mail \$50 deposit/or full entry 5 days after your registration on Ride Management System (RMS) or you will be placed on the "wait list" until the deposit is received.

To register go to <http://rms.natrc.net>

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Ride Management: Ride Manager: Kay Gunckel, DVM 970-215-3917 before and after the ride

Ride Manager-day of the Ride: Rob Wright 970-391-4329

Ride Secretary: Pam Galchutt 719-235-3514