



**Ojo Caliente, NM Intro. to NATRC Clinic Saturday June 27, 2026  
Leisure Division Competitive Trail Ride Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Ride Information Sheet & Agenda Updated 5/19/26

Questions: contact Ride Manager Amelia Adair, 720-563-1018(call or text), [AJASantafe@outlook.com](mailto:AJASantafe@outlook.com)

Come ride with us and improve your partnership with your horse! Adult and Junior “Intro to NATRC” Clinics and an LeD Competitive Trail Ride will be held on a beautiful private ranch in the pastoral Ojo Caliente river valley, running through the heart of the Northern New Mexico mountains. Camp is 5.8 miles south of the village of Ojo Caliente, less than a mile off Highway 285, one hour north of Santa Fe, located in an open, level pasture. Trails run along the valley floor, through the bosque, to the lower slopes of the hills along the valley, with views of mountains beyond.

**JUNIOR CLINIC SATURDAY 10:00 AM:** A fun, simplified, hands-on clinic including an educational trail ride for junior riders, age 17 and under. Learn about safe trail riding, handling your horse in hand, and navigating trail obstacles. Limit 15 juniors with horses, no limit on auditors. After a lunch break – lunch & snacks provided - juniors with adult mentors will head out for an easy 3 mile trail ride then participate in a P&R stop in camp, and finish by 2:30 pm. *All junior riders must wear helmets.*

**ADULT CLINIC SATURDAY 1:00 PM:** Adults will enjoy an in depth “Intro to NATRC” Clinic, with demonstrations and lots of opportunities to ask questions. The second half of the clinic will be with your horses doing work in-hand then work with ridden obstacles. Limit 25 horses, no limit on auditors. Learn how to train, condition, and ride your horse safely in a NATRC competition, or just improve your trail riding skills. The clinic ends at 4:00 pm, so there’s time for a trail ride on your own before dinner.

**LEISURE DIVISION COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE SUNDAY June 28.** *Ride briefing begins at 8:00 am sharp.* Checkout starts after ride briefing, first rider times out at 9:30 am. Lunch buffet provided for riders and volunteers back in camp. Awards ceremony will start as soon as the judge is ready, probably around 3:00 pm. 9 mile trail, 3.5 MPH pace, on single track trail and ranch roads. Limit 25 riders.

**FEES:** Note: FREE 1<sup>st</sup> year NATRC Competing Membership if you’ve never been a member before!

<b>Saturday, June 27 Intro to NATRC Clinic</b>	<b>Sunday, June 28 Leisure Division Competitive Trail Ride</b>
Adult – NATRC member: \$50.00	Adult or Experienced – NATRC member: \$100.00
Adult – Not a NATRC member: \$60.00	Adult or Experienced – Not a NATRC member: \$125.00
Junior – NATRC member: \$20.00	Junior – NATRC member: \$70.00
Junior – Not a NATRC member: \$40.00	Junior – Not a NATRC member: \$90.00
Auditor (no equine) – NATRC member: \$20.00	• No refunds if you cancel less than 4 days before the ride
Auditor (no equine) – Not a NATRC member: \$30.00	• Deposits due within 7 days to hold your place

All NATRC “Bring-a-New-Friend” and “First Time Competitor” discount coupons honored.

**Members use RMS to register**

**Non-members email application form to [AJASantafe@outlook.com](mailto:AJASantafe@outlook.com) or text to 720-563-1018**

**REGISTRATION:** Camp opens at noon Friday. Registration open from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Friday, from 8:00 am -- 5:30 pm Saturday, and 7:00 am – 8:00 am Sunday. New Mexico requires out-of-state equines to have a negative Coggins test within 12 months, and a clean health certificate within 30 days; present both at registration. Checks, cash or PayPal only (use [720-563-1018](tel:720-563-1018)); we can’t accept credit cards.

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Generously sponsored by ranch owners Lisa and Eric Oppenheimer***

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:** GPS coordinates 36.21535, -106.05073, Rio Arriba County Rd. 170 (address won't help).  
**From Espanola – coming from the south:** Follow Hwy 285 north through Espanola, about 9 miles from crossing the Rio Grande. At the intersection of Hwy 84 and Hwy 285, turn right to follow Hwy 285. Set your odometer here. Turnoff is 10.4 miles from this intersection. One tenth of a mile after mile marker 347, look for NATRC pink ribbons and sign for the turn on your left. Co. Rd 170 drops down to a sturdy one lane bridge over the river wide enough for long trailers. You can see camp .2 miles ahead on a flat, gravel road. **From Ojo Caliente – coming from the north:** Continue south on Hwy 285. Set your odometer at the intersection of State Hwy 414 and Hwy 285 in the center of Ojo Caliente (at the sign for the Mineral Hot Springs Spa). Turnoff is at 5.8 miles on your right, .8 miles beyond mile marker 348. Look for NATRC pink ribbons and sign.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Everyone:

- folding chair
- water bottle
- hat, wind and rain gear

If you are bringing an equine, also bring:

- bucket for horse water
- analog watch to keep track of "ride time"

Checklist for a two day NATRC ride: [What to Pack | NATRC](#)

If you're a NATRC member, the Riders Manual has LOTS of great information: [download.php \(natrc.org\)](http://download.php(natrc.org))

**MEALS:** Water, tea, coffee and lemonade will be available all day both days. If you have special dietary restrictions please bring your own food and drink. Meals are provided for all volunteers on the day they are volunteering.

- **Saturday:** junior clinic participants will have PB&J sandwiches, granola bars and fruit - Adult clinic participants please bring your own lunch.
- **Saturday dinner:** Catered by Posas: New Mexican favorites, provided to participants & volunteers by Ride Management. Donations for NNMHA scholarship program gratefully accepted. Vegetarian and gluten free options available. Silverware, plates, cups and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.
- **Sunday:** sandwich buffet lunch in camp provided to all riders - vegetarian and gluten free options available.

**NATRC Happy Hour Friday at 5:30 pm:** Everyone in camp Friday night is encouraged to join us! Region 3's traditional NATRC Happy Hour is "BYOB", with a potluck appetizer buffet. Bring your own chair.

**CAMP RULES:** No fee to camp. Camping is not required for any event, but all are welcome to bring your horse and enjoy the camaraderie. **No open fires** at any time! **Friendly leashed dogs** are welcome in camp. **Manure** and used hay should be scattered before you haul out. **Stabling:** those camping with equines must follow NATRC stabling requirements: equines must either be tied to your trailer via a line or a Hi-Tie, or they can be in panels attached to your trailer. No highlines, electric fences, hobbling, staking out or free-standing panels are allowed. **Quiet hours** are 10:00 pm to 6:00 am – no generators during those hours.

**TRAILS.** The competition trail is on silty single-track and ranch roads with good footing, with a few stretches of gravel road. Some trail runs through sandy arroyos and river terraces. Hoof protection may not be necessary. For safety, no independent trail riding is allowed while events are in progress – only registered competitors and volunteers on the ride trail, please.

**WATER, PORTA-POTTIES.** Non-potable horse water only will be available in stock tanks (no hookups, hoses or hydrants). Potable water will be available at camp to fill your bottle or drink container, but not for filling your rig. There will be horse water available on the trail. There will be two portapotties in camp Friday afternoon through Sunday evening. Water will be dumped before sunset Sunday.

**SERVICES:** None in camp. Gas, diesel, ice, food & services are available at the Chevron station at the 84/285 intersection 10 miles from camp. The nearest dump station is at Ojo Caliente Mineral Spa RV Park, 6 miles north of camp. Hot springs soaking is also available there.

**JUDGE/MANAGEMENT:** LeD Judge Esther Diaguila. Ride Manager Amelia Adair (720) 563-1018, [AJASantafe@outlook.com](mailto:AJASantafe@outlook.com); Ride Secretary, Lynn Allen (505) 595-4457; Trail master Kylie O'Dell (505) 314-3204.



## AGENDA

TIME	DATE & ACTIVITY
	<b>FRIDAY June 26</b>
NOON	<b>Camp open.</b> Water, portapotties and shade structures arriving late afternoon
3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	<b>Registration open.</b>
5:30 pm	<b>NATRC Happy Hour</b> – potluck appetizers, BYOB. Listen for the horn honking, come on over!
	<b>SATURDAY June 27 – INTRO TO NATRC CLINICS</b>
9:00 am - 5:30 pm	<b>Registration open.</b>
10:00 am	<b>INTRO TO NATRC CLINIC FOR JUNIOR RIDERS.</b> Clinic starts without horses. <i>Bring a folding chair.</i>
NOON	<b>LUNCH</b> provided for Junior clinic participants and volunteers
12:30 pm	<b>JUNIORS: ½ hour break to tack your horses</b> and be ready to ride by 1:00 pm
1:00 pm	<b>INTRO TO NATRC CLINIC FOR ADULTS.</b> Clinic starts without horses. Bring your folding chair. Adults hauling horses in for the clinic please arrive by 12:30 pm to register and settle your horse
2:00 pm	<b>ADULTS: ½ hour break to tack your horses.</b>
2:30 pm	<b>Junior Clinic ends.</b>
4:00 pm	<b>Adult Clinic ends.</b> Opportunity to take a trail ride on your own.
5:30 pm	<b>Registration Closes</b>
5:30 pm	<b>NNMHA FUNDRAISING DINNER:</b> <i>Bring your folding chair.</i> Dinner catered by Posas, dishware and non-alcoholic drinks provided to all participants. VERY short program to introduce the Northern New Mexico Horseman’s Association Scholarship, Grant and Sponsorship program and thank our ride sponsors. Donations welcome to support the organization.
	<b>SUNDAY June 28 - LEISURE DIVISION COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE</b>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Registration and volunteer check-in</b> Breakfast for volunteers, coffee and tea available for all
8:00 am	<b>RIDE BRIEFING: Mandatory for all riders and ride volunteers.</b> At management’s discretion riders arriving late, after ride briefing starts, may not be eligible to compete
8:30 am	<b>Horse check In begins</b> - bring horses in hand without tack to the judge
9:30 am	<b>First rider times out</b>
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>LUNCH BUFFET OPEN</b> for all riders and volunteers
12:45 pm	<b>Horse check out begins</b>
3:00 pm*	<b>Awards Ceremony</b> (*or as soon as the judge is done –will honk horn)
4:00 pm	Water tanks dumped, but camp will stay open until Monday morning

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