

AIR FORCE ACADEMY/GENERAL ALBERT P. CLARK MEMORIAL NATRC RIDE
USAFA, 10 W. Monument Creek Dr., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80841
June 13 and June 14, 2026

RIDE TYPE: Leisure only - B1 Leisure Saturday, June 13 and B2 Leisure, Sunday, June 14.

RIDE INFO: This is a wonderful chance to experience the scenic and historic facility's trails. Footing is native soil with some rocky areas. Hoof protection is suggested. This is a moderately easy ride, so excellent for those new to NATRC. Each "Leisure" day will be approximately 10-12 miles, averaging 3.4 mph. There are several creek crossings along the trail so try to prepare your horse for walking through water. There are only a few short 'climbs', so easy terrain with mostly fun single-track trails winding through the pines, oaks and open meadows. Ribbons 1st through 6th place for the 3 classes: Adult, Experienced and Junior. Please look on the natrc.org website to check for your proper class. Riders with over 250 points are "experienced". Juniors are those under age 18 on January 1, 2026.

CAMP FACILITIES: Open camp meadow at the Fire training Center (our usual spot), with porta-potties and horse water (provided by management). Bring your own drinking water. There are no hookups or electricity. Per AFA requirement, a camp fee of \$5 per night will be collected for each person camping overnight at the ride site. Weed free hay is NOT required. Please remove or thoroughly scatter all manure and loose hay and pack out your own trash. Thanks.

RULES: Current NATRC rules apply. Overnight camping is not required for the Leisure division. However, for those choosing to camp overnight, NATRC rules will apply. Horses can be tied to a trailer, secured by a high-tie or by stationary high line between trailers, or kept in a 12'X12' portable corral securely attached to a trailer. No electric fences will be allowed. Out-of-state horses must have current Coggins and Health Certificates (bring paperwork to registration check in). Junior riders (under age 18) must have waivers signed by parents/guardians (request the waivers in advance if necessary). Borrowed horses must have waivers signed by their owner. The borrowed horse waiver form can be found on the natrc.org website. All riders, parents and volunteers must sign waivers at registration. Riders and horses may arrive the evening before the leisure ride, or the morning of the ride, prior to registration time. Please see the new Rule Book at natrc.org for details.

USAFA RULES: No firearms, drugs or alcohol are to be transported onto the Air Force Academy. Vehicle license plates must be current. No cell-phone use while driving. No open fires and no smoking on trails. No loose dogs at any time and per NATRC rules; no dogs allowed at ride briefing or at meals.

SCHEDULE: Camp opens at 11 am on Friday June 12 for riders and volunteers. Camp closes on Monday June 15 at 10 am. Registration will be from 8 to 8:45 AM on the mornings of each ride day. Mandatory rider briefings will be at 9:00 AM on the morning of each ride prior to checking horses in.

MEALS: AM coffee and pastries for volunteers. Lunch fixings on Saturday and Sunday for riders and volunteers. There will be a pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening with ride management providing meat.

RIDE FEES: TBD. Please register and see details on RMS (rms.natrc.net). Checks will be payable to "Linda Johnson-Conne" and mailed to Susan Halterman, PO BOX 1030, Cripple Creek, CO 80813. Sorry, no electronic money payments.

JUDGE: Kate Love Hollar (region 4) - *by popular request from previous NATRC rides at the USAFA!*

RIDE MANAGEMENT: Linda Johnson-Conne - Ride Manager, ph: 719 440-8951
Susan Halterman - Ride Secretary, ph: 719-675-0070, email: halterman999@gmail.com, mailing address: PO BOX 1030, Cripple Creek, CO 80813.

DIRECTIONS: {38.9747-104.8846} In Colorado Springs - Take I-25 to Exit 150 (N. Academy Blvd). Go WEST (towards mountains) to the **SOUTH GATE** of the Air Force Academy. You will need to show the guard all adult's driver's license(s) and tell them you are on the "NATRC Competitive Trail Ride's list". Complete instructions will be sent in advance to all riders and volunteers. Be sure driver's licenses and vehicle/trailer license plates registration are all current. After security, go about 2 miles (warning: do not exceed the speed limit) and just past a big bridge over the river and tracks, turn left on PINE Drive. Pine Drive may not be marked, but a sign does say "to Air Academy High School". Stay WEST on Pine Drive for about 2.5 miles to just past the Fire Station (on the left) and turn left on to W. MONUMENT CREEK ROAD. A few hundred feet on the right, just before a small bridge, but past a white house, turn right, go through the fire training area, and into camp. Note: be alert for this house and dirt road, as the paved road dead-ends and it is hard to turn rigs around.

CRITICAL!!!: Approximately 30 days prior to the start of the ride, all people coming to the ride will be sent a link (URL) to register your identification information (legal name, date of birth, social security number, driver's license number & state of issuance) with the USAFA. This online registration required for all people coming to the ride is extremely important. Your permission to come onto the grounds of the USAFA is dependent upon this registration.

PARKING RULES IN CAMP: Park facing south, staying outside of the water trough access "alley" and evacuation lane, per USAFA Environmental Officer (no exceptions), this is for an orderly exit if the need arises. Thank you!