AQHA TRAIL CHALLENGE

Sponsored by: B&W TRAILER HITCHES

Revised Date: February 12, 2013

CHARLES CITY, VIRGINIA

HOST: Virginia Quarter Horse Association & Virginia Horse Council

DATE: March 22 – 24, 2013

LOCATION: 13198 Sturgeon Point Rd, Charles City, VA

FEES: Weekend Pkg. @ $90.00
Sat. only @ $60.00
Sun. only @ $45.00
Trail Challenge w/wkd pkg
Or Sat. ride @ $20.00
Trail Challenge only
w/Sat. dinner @$35.00
Non-riders meals Wkd. Pkg @ $70.00
Non-riders meals Sat. only @$45.00
Non-riders meals Sun. only @$35.00

BACKGROUND: The ride will take place at Fort Pocahontas at Wilson's Wharf long the James River. Fort Pocahontas was a defensive earthen fort built and manned by United States Colored Troops under the command of Brig. Generals Edward A. Wild and Benjamin Butler. On May 24, 1864, the fort was attacked by Confederate Cavalry led by Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. The action resulted in a decisive victory for the USCT who were outmanned by the much larger attacking force.
Harrison Ruffin Tyler, the grandson of President Tyler bought Ft. Pocahontas in 1996. He is also the owner of Sherwood Forest. Ft. Pocahontas is listed as one of the best preserved fort sites in the US. It was virtually untouched for 130 years until it was purchased in 1996. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
You will have a chance to ride by the stage props used in the movie TO HAVE AND TO HOLD. This includes a fort built for the movie. Also, the movie THE NEW WORLD was filmed here. If you have seen the movie you may recognize some of the area.
Bald eagles nest along the river banks of the James River. Keep an eye in the sky for a sighting.
A walking tour of the fort includes the earthen bastions, breastworks and gun ramps and the Binford House (ca 1740), which was moved to this location from Southampton County in 2000. The house contains a museum of artifacts uncovered during archeological studies. Panoramic views of the James River are provided both from the high bluff and the river landing.
Check the web site www.fortpocahontas.org. for more info.
Next door on the property is Sherwood Forest Plantation. This plantation was the home of the 10th President, John Tyler and has been in the family ever since. President Tyler purchased the house in 1842 and lived there until his death in 1862.. The house is known as the longest frame house in the US. It is over 300 feet long. Sherwood Forest Plantation is famous for its trees- not only for the bewildering variety, but also for their historical significance. For instance, the oldest Ginko tree in the U.S. Walking tours of the grounds are available for an additional fee. More info at www.sherwoodforest.org.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Visit Sherwood Forest Plantation.

ITINERARY:

Friday March 22
Registration opens: 3:00pm
Provide your own food
Saturday March 23
Hot breakfast-eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, bread, coffee, drinks 8:00am to 9:00am.
Trail riders leave 9:00am to 10:00am. Ride on your own, but at least 2 riders together.
Lunch-Chili, hot dogs, hamburgers chips, fruit, desert and drinks. 12 noon to 1:00pm.
Afternoon ride-after lunch or participate in the Trail Challenge-2:00pm. Additional fee of $5.00 if signed up for weekend, or Trail Challenge with dinner $25.00.
Dinner-BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pork, homemade potato salad, green beans, rolls, desert and drinks. 6:00pm to7:00pm.
Trail Challenge awards after dinner.
Sunday March 24
Hot breakfast-same as Sat. 8:00am to 9:00am.
Trail riders leave 9:00am to 10:00am
Lunch 12noon to 1:00pm.
Break camp and have a safe trip home.
*All menus and times are subject to change

DIRECTIONS: 13198 Sturgeon Point Road, Charles City, VA. 23030
16 miles west of Williamsburg or 37 miles east of Richmond on Route 5. Watch for signs.

RENTAL HORSES: No

STALLS AVAILABLE: No – Trailer Tie – up, electric fence and portable corrals (no more than 12 x 12 per horse) permitted.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE: Portable restrooms. Community water will be available for horses.

HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Current negative Coggins must be presented with registration information and on-site.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: All AQHA Trail Rules apply, in addition to Fort Pocahontas Trail Rules.

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