

BORDER BATTLE BOOGIE



MAY

22-23

2021



Schedule

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Check-In/Registration	3:00 PM		
Vetting In	5:00 PM	5:30 AM	5:30 AM
Rider Q&A Session (Fri)/ Novice Meeting (Sun)	8:30 PM		8:00 AM
75 E		6:00 AM	
50 E		6:30 AM	
25 LD		7:30 AM	7:00 AM
25 CTR		8:00 AM	7:30 AM
12.5 NOV			9:00 AM
Awards		7:00 PM	approx 1:30 pm

The rules of AERC and UMECRA govern this ride. Please be familiar with them.

- AERC: https://www.aerc.org/static/Rules_Current.pdf
- UMECRA: <http://umecra.com/BylawsAndRules/2021UMECRARULESforWeb.pdf>

Driving Information – Please be on the lookout for Amish buggies. Also note Hwy 87 is closed. Follow the detours.

Registration/Check In – Please come to check in or register if needed. We accept cash and checks at the ride. We will need parental signatures and sponsor signatures for junior entries received online. Also please bring proof of membership if you recently joined UMECRA and/or AERC. Lastly, if you didn't submit a coggins result test online, please bring a copy for management.

COVID Rules and Recommendations – please read the Covid Plan in your rider’s packet. Your presence as this ride assumes you agree to adhere to the guidelines.

Vetting In – Friday evening vetting in will begin no earlier than 5:00. Both vets must be present to vet competitive trail horses.

Rider’s meeting – there will be **no formal** rider meeting before Saturday’s ride. Please read your packet for the information that would be given out at that time. *However, if you are a new rider or new to the area and would like to have a Q & A session, please stop over to the office at 8:30. Questions are welcome anytime, of course.*

We do plan on having a Novice rider’s meeting on Sunday at 8:00am. This is to help introduce our groups, assign ride leaders, and answer your questions.

Ride Cards – LD and Endurance riders will hold their cards. CTR sheets will be held by management.

Timer Check-in – All riders must be present and accounted for at the start of the ride by the timer. You may start the ride later if it’s in your best interest.

Crew area – Crew areas are generally located in the center of the camp. Please keep a respectful distance from the pulse lanes.

Volunteers – There will be a copy of the signup sheet in the office and at the vet area for volunteers to double check when their shift starts. All volunteers will get free food and drink during their shift. Be patient with our volunteers – some of them are new to this sport or are trying their hand at scribing or P&Rs for the first time.

Potluck – there will be no potluck on Saturday. If you need a meal, Carolyn (Deb’s mom) will be selling breakfast sandwiches each morning and sloppy joes with tuna salad and beans each afternoon. Signup sheet will be at the office to order in advance or simply pop over and one will be made for you. The Outpost Bar is a few steps away as another option.

Awards ceremony – **7pm Saturday** in the front of the office (big shed). **Approximately 1:30pm Sunday** (may need adjustment depending on number of Sunday riders). Attendance is high (88+ entries as of this document) so your patience on Sunday is appreciated while we tally scores. If you can wait until the awards ceremony before getting your completion award, we would greatly appreciate it.

Dogs – I want everyone to read this sentence three times. **Please keep dogs on a leash at all times for the safety of others.** You are not the exception.

Fires – Any firewood left in camp is yours for the taking and campfires are permitted. Please be mindful if conditions remain dry to contain your fire and ensure it is fully extinguished.

Manure – There are no manure pits – please spread the piles out as best you can.

Competitive Trail (including Novice)

- Sign up for a group in the office. Group sizes will be limited to 4.
- No sponging in camp unless specifically announced by the lead veterinarian.
- Only sponge from designated water tubs on trail or natural water.
- You are responsible for crewing for your horse – no help is allowed in this event. If someone else other than the rider is helping, this could lead to disqualification.

Endurance/LD

- There will be NO ties! If you and your buddies finish at the same time, please let the timer and/or pulse taker know the order to finish.
- NEW! There will be two weight divisions in LD the same as endurance – lightweight and heavyweight.
- Best condition judging will be done 30 minutes after completion time (Timer: Endurance, Pulse: LD) for the top ten finishers completing within one hour of the first place finisher. BC is one award per event. We will keep a leaderboard so you can be aware if you are among the top ten within an hour group to be eligible to stand for BC. You are welcome to get your completion before BC scoring or at the same time.

Ride parameters (pulse, CRI, hold time) per head vet Jeske Noordergraaf. *These parameters may change at the ride at the direction of Dr. Noordergraaf. Any changes will be notified to riders when they check in at the registration desk and/or during vetting-in.*

Endurance (75)— pulse at each hold will be 64 bpm; to finish will be 64 bpm. There will be four loops and three holds. Endurance riders need to keep their cards with them at all times!

Maximum completion time is 18 hours to complete the ride. The finish line will be located close to the timer's tent. Your horse must reach a 64 bpm pulse rate within 30 minutes after crossing the finish line but are allowed an hour to complete the post ride exam.

Ride time is the time needed to complete the course minus all hold times.

First hold = 50 minutes. Vet check will be **gut sounds and a trot out**. Tack can be on. This means that after passing the gut check, the rider will hand trot their horse out and back to measure gait, impulsion, and attitude. The vet will decide if the horse is sound at that time and fit to continue.

Second and Third Hold = 50 minutes. Vet check will be **exit CRI** (cardiac recovery index). Please present your horse with tack on at *10-15 minutes at the end of your hold*, before you leave for the next loop.

Endurance (50)— pulse at each hold will be 64 bpm; to finish will be 64 bpm. There will be three loops and two holds. Endurance riders need to keep their cards with them at all times!

Maximum completion time is 12 hours to complete the ride. The finish line will be located close to the timer's tent. Your horse must reach a 64 bpm pulse rate within 30 minutes after crossing the finish line but are allowed an hour to complete the post ride exam.

Ride time is the time needed to complete the course minus all hold times.

First hold = 50 minutes. Vet check will be **gut sounds and a trot out**. Tack can be on. This means that after passing the gut check, the rider will hand trot their horse out and back to measure gait, impulsion and attitude. The vet will decide if the horse is sound at that time and fit to continue.

Second hold = 50 minutes. Vet check will be **exit CRI** (cardiac recovery index). Please present your horse with tack on at *10-15 minutes at the end of your hold*, before you leave for the next loop.

Limited Distance (LD) – pulse at the hold will be 64 bpm; to finish will be 60 bpm. There will be two loops and one hold. LD riders need to keep their cards with them at all times!

Maximum completion time is 6 hours. This 6 hours includes riding the course, reaching the finish line and all holds. The finish line is at the timer tent. Your horse must reach a 60 bpm pulse rate within 30 minutes of crossing the finish line. The clock continues to run until your horse reaches this pulse rate. You are allowed a full hour from finish to complete the post-ride exam.

Total ride time is the time needed to complete the course, plus the time it takes for your horse to pulse down to 60bpm, minus the hold time.

Hold = 50 minutes. Vet check will be **exit CRI**. Please present your horse with tack on at *10-15 minutes at the end of your hold*, before you leave for your last loop.

Competitive – pulse will be taken 10 minutes after arriving at the end of the first loop and at the end. There will be two loops and one hold.

Ride time: There is a ride time of 4 hours 10 minutes. Riders can finish 5 minutes before or after that time without a time penalty. Faster or slower than that will be a point deduction per minute. Riders finishing greater than 60 minutes past the ideal finish time will be disqualified.

Hold = 50 minutes. At the end of the second loop, there will be another pulse check at 10 minutes then an exit vet exam.

Novice – there is one loop for these events so there is *no hold*. A pulse will be taken 10 minutes after arriving at the end your loop and then the exit vet exam.

Ride time: 2 hours 30 minutes. Riders can finish 5 minutes before or after that time without a time penalty. Faster or slower than that will be a point deduction per minute. Riders finishing greater than 60 minutes past the ideal finish time will be disqualified.

Trail Loop Descriptions

Big THANK YOU to Sarah Maass, Emma Christopherson, and Dana Gasner for handling the trails and trail maps for us this year!

Please note:

If you have time prior to your event, acclimate your horse to the bridge, which is 150 yards from the start of the pink and white loops.

Trail marking arrows are square signs with white arrows on a blue background. This is not to be confused with blue ribbons for the blue trail. Stop over at the office to see one if you are not sure. Follow the ribbon color.

AS ALWAYS, **DO NOT LOOK BACK AT SIGNAGE!** Since some of the trails are 2-way and you'll get turned around if you do that. Download the app "Avenza" and download/import the map for Huntersville State Forest. It is a free app that comes in really handy. If you get lost, pull it up on your phone and it will locate you as a blue dot on the map. (Take note that the very west trails on the pink loop are not on the app yet)

As of a few days prior to the ride, there are very few puddles. Take note of water levels at water tanks, and let management know if they are getting low.

Irrigation watering systems will be turned off for the weekend (yay farmers).

You'll cross over sections of the Enbridge Pipeline. Just be cautious. On the blue loop, there's a place where the trail and the pipeline intersect for about 100 feet; aim for the porta-potty on the opposite side.

IF there is ATV/motobike traffic, we'll route you onto the opposite side of the highway in order to avoid them. Everything else will stay the same.

All holds = 50 mins	<u>Loop 1</u>	<u>Loop 2</u>	<u>Loop 3</u>	<u>Loop 4</u>
Endurance (75)	PINK (20) TROT & GUTS ONLY	BLUE (17.5) EXIT CRI	PINK (20) EXIT CRI	BLUE (17.5)
Endurance (50)	PINK (20) TROT & GUTS ONLY	BLUE (17.5) EXIT CRI	WHITE (12.5)	
LD (25)	ORANGE (12.5) EXIT CRI	WHITE (12.5)		
CTR (25)	ORANGE (12.5)	WHITE (12.5)		
Novice (12.5)	WHITE (12.5)			

Pink 20 miles

From the timer, the pink loop leaves camp out the gate and goes right. You'll go north across the bridge, take a left onto a private trail, and then follow the ATV trail along the highway for about a mile and a quarter. Please watch signage carefully. You'll be going south on forestry roads, winding around until you come back north to the highway. Be cautious crossing it. Look slightly right to get to the trail on the other side. Follow the trail for about a mile and you'll get to a gravel road, taking a right. Follow that road for only a ¼ of a mile and turn left onto the trails. In about 5 miles, you'll go through the state horse campground and you'll follow the single-track trail adjacent to the river. You'll have a chance to get water at the river which is clear with good footing. Do not cross the river. Follow signage to loop around to the north and then back south in the ditch along hwy 25. Then back onto the forestry roads and you'll get to the highway where you were at the start of the ride. Across the bridge and back to the timer.

Blue 17.5 miles *(Beware of other ribbons out there that don't have clothespins)*

From the timer, go back THROUGH camp, following the "runway" ribbons. Go out the driveway where you drove in with your rig. Take a right in the ditch and follow it for about ¾ of a mile. Take a right and you're on forestry roads. This loop is a big lollipop...with a long stem. It's 2-track, and riders can easily pass going both directions. You'll cross the highway and get back on trail. Water stop and then continue on 2-track trail until the start of the one-way loop. It goes clockwise, so you'll take the LEFT fork as directed. Come back around to where you started the loop and go back on trail the way you came. When coming back into camp, WATCH SIGNAGE for WALK-ONLY area. You must go all the way to the timer by way of the runway ribbons. LD riders, please beware of comp riders going out as you are coming in; be courteous and slow down when you see on-coming horses.

Orange 12.5 miles *(Beware of other ribbons out there that don't have clothespins)*

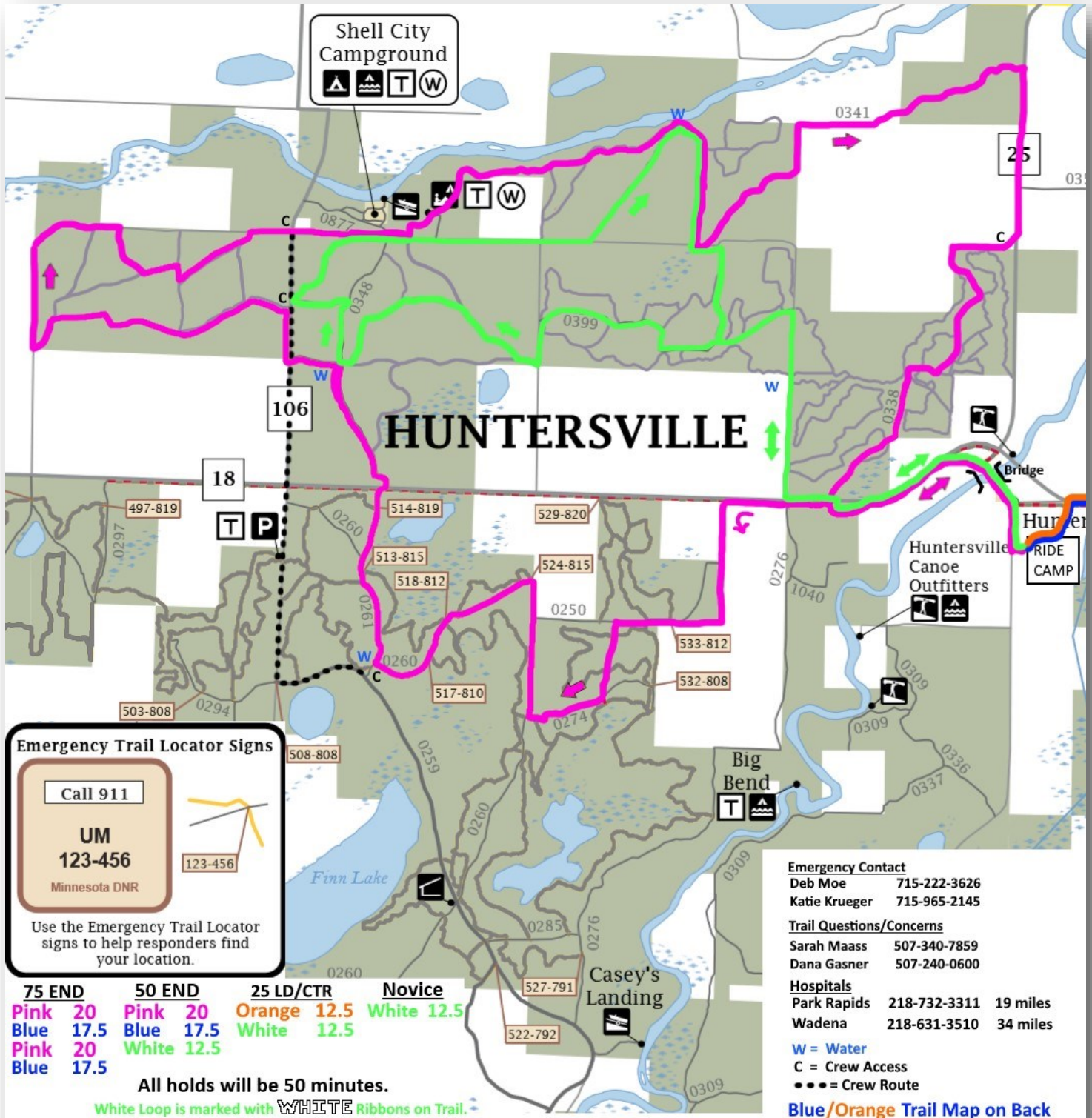
The orange loop follows the blue with 2 exceptions to make it 5 miles shorter than blue. You'll cut off some of the blue loop on the very south end by NOT following the lollipop at the north end. This trail is a "there-and-back" trail. From the timer, go back THROUGH camp, following the "runway" ribbons. Go out the driveway where you drove in with your rig. Take a right in the ditch and follow it for about ¾ of a mile. Take a right and you're on forestry roads. Watch for your left hand turn; ribbon colors will separate, orange turns left before blue, and then you'll meet up with blue again. You'll cross a highway and get back on trail. Water stop and then continue on 2-track trail until the turnaround for LD and CTR riders. Go back exactly the way you came. When coming back into camp, WATCH SIGNAGE for WALK-ONLY area. You must go all the way to the timer by way of the runway ribbons. LD riders, please beware of comp riders going out as you are coming in; be courteous and slow down when you see on-coming horses.

White 12.5 miles *(white is marked with white ribbons but indicated as green on the map)*

From the timer, white leaves camp out the gate and goes right. This is 2-way traffic the first 2 ½ miles. You'll go north across the bridge, take a left onto a private trail, and then follow the ATV trail along the highway for about a mile. Turn RIGHT to cross the highway and follow ribbons onto the forestry road. Follow the white ribbons, watching carefully at intersections. At the second set of water tubs, a sharp turn takes you north towards the main forestry road that goes past the entrance to the state horse campground. Stay straight until the signage directs you to go left. You'll come to the river where you can take your horse into the water. (Don't cross the water). Turn left after you come back out of the river, and follow ribbons back to an intersection where you were before. This is the only tricky part about this loop. Watch carefully that you are now going IN. Follow trail back the way you came, across the highway, left turn into the ditch, along the highway, across the bridge, and back to the timer.



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For Orange & Blue Loops:

From the timer, go back THROUGH camp, following the “runway” ribbons to the driveway where you drove in to ridecamp. Go RIGHT in the ditch and continue on the loop (additional description in the ride packet).

When coming back into camp, WATCH SIGNAGE for WALK-ONLY area. You must go all the way to the timer by way of the runway ribbons. LD riders, please beware of comp riders going out as you are coming in; be courteous and slow down when you see on-coming horses.

