

# Caballo Canyon Competitive Trail Ride

(Type A, B, Leisure)

Aztec, NM

October 9 & 10, 2021

Rider Limit: 60

Region 3

Join the San Juan Valley Trail Riders for one of the most unique and picturesque rides of the season! We think you will love northwestern New Mexico when you explore Caballo Canyon in the Rock Garden Recreation Area. Located 13 miles east of Aztec, New Mexico, the area provides breathtaking vistas of unusual rock formations, natural rock arches, high mountain desert flora and fauna and wonderful footing.

**Trail:** The trails offer fantastic footing on seldom used dirt roads, and sandy single track trails with small to moderate elevation changes.

**Directions to Camp:** Camp will be in an open area near Highway 173. **From Aztec, New Mexico** you will head east on Hwy. 173, which is on the northern edge of town off Hwy. 550. Travel 12.7 miles on Hwy. 173 and turn left onto a dirt road and across a cattle guard. There will be a big NATRC sign with pink ribbon. Keep to the left, head down the road about a quarter mile and camp is on your right.

**From Northern New Mexico** travel west on Hwy. 64 between Chama and Bloomfield. When you get to Blanco (about 10 miles before Bloomfield) you will see Road 4599. Turn right. Follow it (about 8 miles) up to road 173, where the road T's. Go left onto road 173 for about 2 miles. You will see the NATRC sign and ribbons and you will turn off to the right onto the dirt road with a cattle guard. Keep to the left, head down the road about a quarter mile and camp is on your right.

**General Information:** Horse water will be available to camp. Bring your own people water. Dogs must be on leash at all times. Campfires are allowed pending current fire restrictions. Nights (and possibly daytime) will be cold so bring blankets. Certified weed free hay is required by the BLM. There is cell phone reception in camp and on the trail. The nearest town, Aztec, has anything you may have forgotten.

**Schedule:** A and B Ride - Check in will begin at 2:00 P.M., Friday, August 9th, until dark. Trail briefing will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings to acquaint the riders with the next day's trail and procedures. Leisure Ride check in will begin at 8 Saturday morning with riders timing out as soon as check ins are completed.

**1st Time NATRC Competitors:** Orientation clinic on Friday afternoon for all 1st time competitors, let the ride secretary know if you are interested.

**Rules:** Ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. Out-of-state horses are required to have a current Coggins and Health Certificate. Be prepared to show the ride secretary.

**Awards:** Awards for the Leisure division will be Saturday afternoon, as soon as possible. Awards for the A and B ride will be as soon as possible on Sunday. 1st - 6th places in all divisions and classes. Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice Sweepstakes will be given.

**Meals:** Decisions on meals will be made closer to the ride pending the current COVID situation.

**Judges:** Veterinarian; Dr. Carter Hounsel Horsemanship; Jerry Sims

**Entry Fees: Two Day (A) ride:** \$135 adult member; \$160 non-member; Junior riders are \$30.00 less. Additional Junior discounts may be available. **One Day (B) ride;** \$85 member; \$110 non-member; **Leisure Ride** is \$60 for members and \$85 for non members. A \$50.00 deposit is due 5 days after you register in RMS. Make deposit checks payable to **SJVTR** and mail to the Ride Secretary. First time NATRC membership is free in 2019, save money & join!

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