

## South Carolina Scheduled Trail Rides 2008

Jan 26	Anderson Farms, Conway, SC	(843)902-8285	TP
Feb 15-17	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
Mar 7-9	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
Mar 14-16	Manchester Spring Trail Ride – Wedgefield SC	803-773-1308	WTDC
Mar 20-23	Easter Trail Ride at Lakeview Plantation – Fairfax SC	803-584-0689	WTDC
Mar 27-30	Best of America Trail Ride at Lakeview Plantation – Fairfax SC	803-584-0689	WTDC
Mar 28-30	Big Red Trail Ride Saluda SC	864-980-9555	WTD
Apr 3-6	Spring SC Equestrian Ministries at Lakeview Plantation – Fairfax SC	803-584-0689	T
Apr 11-13	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
Apr 11-13	Ash Hill Trail Ride – Eutawville SC	843-761-3533	TC*
Apr 12-13	New Ellenton SC Trail Ride	803-663-3031	TD
Apr 18-20	Bell Farms Wonderful Weekend in Ward SC	803-685-7301	WTDC
May 2-4	Plum Branch Saddle Club Trail Ride – Plum Branch SC	864-443-5394	TDC
May 2-4	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
May 3-6	National Trail Ride at Broxton Bridge Plantation SC	256-390-8390	WTDC
June 6-8	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
Aug 1-3	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
Sept 5-7	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	T
Sept 5-7	Plum Branch Saddle Club Trail Ride – Plum Branch SC	864-443-5394	TDC
Sept 25-28	White Horse Ministries Statewide Trail Ride at Lakeview- Fairfax SC	803-584-0689	T
Oct 3-5	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	TC
Oct 3-5	Lumber River Trail Ride - Evergreen NC	910-640-9919	WTDC
Oct 17-19	Southern Trail Riders Trail Ride - Timmonsville SC	843-346-3878	WTDC
Oct 18-19	New Ellenton SC Trail Ride	803-663-3031	T
Oct 24-26	Manchester Fall Ride – Wedgefield SC	803-773-1308	WTDC
Nov 7-9	Bell Farms Wonderful Weekend in Ward SC	803-685-7301	WTDC
Nov 28-30	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	T
Nov 27-30	Lakeview Plantation Thanksgiving Ride – Fairfax SC	803-584-0689	WTDC
Dec 26-28	Broxton Bridge Trail Ride – Ehrhardt SC	800-437-4868	T
Jan 1-4	Lakeview Plantation New Years Ride – Fairfax SC	803-584-0689	WTDC

**CODES: T=Trail Riders Only WT=Wagons & Trail Riders D=Dance/Party C=Food Vendor on grounds**  
**P=Potluck Dinner \* =Proceeds go to Charity**

## From the Judges Desk

**9.5 Million people!?!** That is the current population of Georgia and it shows no indication of slowing down. According to a recent study, daily 50 acres of farmland and open space are lost to development in Georgia. What does this mean to us? Basically, every day we have fewer and fewer opportunities to ride on undeveloped land.

So what do we do? Move to Montana? Well, while their population is much smaller they don't have the year round riding opportunities that we do here in Georgia so I for one don't plan to move. So we need to make sure that we continue to have public and private riding locations available to enjoy. How can you help? Support the people listed above who plan year round to provide you with the opportunity to ride their lands. Most of the people who put on these rides don't own all of the land that you ride either. They maintain good relationships with their many neighbors in order for you to come ride for a few days every year. It is your responsibility to help as well. During any ride watch your trail leaders to make sure you stay on the approved land. Do not litter, pack out what you pack with you at the beginning of the day. Do not let your horses destroy trees, bushes, grasslands, crops or any personal property while you are out on a ride. At lunch, secure your horse so that he is unable to chew on trees or if you are unable to do so, hold your horse. Be responsible and help promote trail riders as visitors that land owners want to invite back!

Public lands are there for you to enjoy. But they are not guaranteed. We must be good stewards of the land when we ride in our State Parks, National Forests and other public lands in Georgia as well. Just as with private land, pack out what you pack in. Watch your horses and mules to make sure they do not damage trees and trails. If you see damage or misuse, report it to land managers. It's up to us to make sure we have places to ride. Every year we have more competition for our riding lands.

Consider volunteering to work at least once in 2008. For volunteer opportunities, check with your local public land manager or join one of the many organizations that regularly volunteer to work on Georgia's public lands. Back Country Horsemen of Georgia is a hard working organization dedicated to preserving your right to ride on public lands. I urge you to contact them to find out how you can help. [www.BCHSG.org](http://www.BCHSG.org) and [www.BCHNG.org](http://www.BCHNG.org).

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