



BES Bluebell Rides

In Cooperation With

Sully Woodlands Equestrian Trails Society (SWETS)

Mostly FCPA Property, Centreville, VA

Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10 AM
and

Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 10 AM

Check-in, Coffee, & Donuts at an hour before start

NO COST but \$5.00 per rider contribution is appreciated.

Ride with BES and SWETS for a lovely ride through Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) property and some private property near Bull Run (the Fairfax County side, much of the ride opposite Manassas National Battlefield Park). If Mother Nature cooperates, you will see carpets of Bluebells and Spring Beauties. Even if not in full peak, the natural beauty along Bull Run is always impressive. Youths under 18 must be accompanied at all times by at least one parent or guardian, be on their own mount, wear helmets, and must be able to control their horses. No dogs are allowed.

Riders will meet as early as 9AM at the “Field of Dreams” parking lot and ride out with a guide departing at 10 AM. You must show a current negative Coggins, or you will not be able to ride (if you can, bring a photocopy or email in advance). The guided ride will last approximately two hours but you may continue to ride longer. Remember, however, this is a sightseeing ride, so the pace will be leisurely! The route will include water crossings and, with the usual Spring rains, mud so your horse should be prepared to cross water and mud. Because of the expected mud, boots are not recommended and likely not needed (they may be pulled off in the mud and lost).

Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we will know how many to plan for. Rides are rain or shine. You make your own weather decisions. **To RSVP or for more information, email the ride secretary, Janet Pastrick, at janet_pastrick@hotmail.com, or call 703-273-0526.** As noted, a current negative Coggins Test is required. Ideally, please provide a copy with your RSVP. If you are not able to provide one in advance, please provide the following key information from the form: Name of Horse Owner, Owner’s Address, Equidae (horse's) Name, Test Date, State, and Laboratory Accession Number. Having it in advance will aid in check-in. Also, if you will, please include a cell phone number that you will have with you for the ride.

A limited number of trailer parking spaces are available, so RSVP as soon as you can. RSVPs are required. Hard hats and shoes with heels are highly recommended. Riders under 18 **MUST** wear approved hard hats and ride with a parent or guardian.

Manure must be removed from the Parking Lot and taken home or as designated and please no hay bags, etc. outside of trailer - that leaves residue within the parking lot. You must clean up your own mess.

Directions to the “Field of Dreams” parking lot approx. 6650 Bull Run Post Office Road, Centreville, VA 20120:

From the **North** or **East**, take I-66 West to Centreville Exit 52 (Route 29 South). Turn right onto US 29, drive approximately 2-1/2 miles, turn **RIGHT** at the light onto Bull Run Post Office Road, travel approximately 2.2 miles to the “Field of Dreams” parking lot on the left.

From the **South** or **West**, take US 29 North, pass completely through Manassas National Battlefield, after you pass the Luck Stone rock quarry on your right and the road changes to a divided highway, take the first **LEFT** at the light onto Bull Run Post Office Road, travel approximately 2.2 miles to the “Field of Dreams” parking lot on the left.

Note: The turn onto Bull Run Post Office Road is the opposite direction than Bull Run Regional Park. Drive with **caution** as there are sharp curves (two VERY sharp) and narrow passages with culverts close to the road.

Note: This ride is being held on private property and Fairfax County Park Authority property in Sully Magisterial District – NOT Manassas National Battlefield or Bull Run Regional Park although access to MNBP can be obtained.