



BES Bluebell Rides

In Cooperation With

Sully Woodlands Equestrian Trails Society (SWETS)

Mostly FCPA Property, Centreville, VA

Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10 AM

and

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 10 AM

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

NO COST but \$10.00 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 and please no hay bags 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.

Release and Waiver of Liability

I am a participant, not a spectator, engaged in an equine activity. I am aware that equine activities, whether riding or not, poses potentially serious risks of injuries or death to its participants. I understand that my horse or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the best trained, are often unpredictable and difficult to control.

With this waiver I accept notice of the provision of Section 3.1-796.130 through 3.1-796.133 of the Code at Virginia, which states in part: That there are inherent risks in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements objects, persons or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by at least one of the officers or directors of the Battlefield Equestrian Society (BES).

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by the BES, its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, and staff, or guests for my own safety or for the safety of my minor child or horse. If this or any other provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be unimpaired.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the officers, directors, and members of BES to allow my participation, I do hereby waive and release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the BES or its members; the owners, tenants or others of interest of any property over which I may pass, ride, or by any other means be; and other participants (including guides, planners, judges, or others) arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse as a result of my participation in this equine activity. I further agree to indemnify all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others arising from riding with the BES or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the BES and its members for any injury, death, and loss of or damage to any personal property, which I might cause during this equine activity.

I further acknowledge and accept that BES strongly suggests that I will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride.

By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up any right I have to sue or make a claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the BES and its members and participants for any injuries I might sustain while horseback riding or following or participating on foot or by automobile and that I am indemnifying BES and its members for injuring anyone else or any horse ridden by another while so engaged. It is my intent to give up those rights, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

(Rider) Print Name _____

Horse Owner Signature _____ Date _____

(Horse Owner) Print Name _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Release and Waiver

I am the parent or guardian of _____, a minor (under the age of 18), and on the minor's behalf and on behalf of all other parents or guardians of the minor, I accept the release and waiver of liability at the top of this form as an inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to ride with the BES. I further acknowledge and accept that said minor will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride. I further authorize any emergency medical care, which may be necessary. I represent and warrant that I have the authority to give this release.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Name _____