



BES Bluebell Rides

In Cooperation With

Sully Woodlands Equestrian Trails Society (SWETS)

Mostly FCPA Property, Centreville, VA

Saturday 4/3/21 (day before Easter)

and/or

Wednesday 4/07/21

Social Distancing – Stay a horse length apart

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

Ride with BES and SWETS for a lovely guided 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 the timing is correct and Mother Nature cooperates, you may see carpets of Bluebells and Spring Beauties. Even if not in full peak, the natural beauty along Bull Run is always impressive. Bring your cameras. 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 and no ponying horses/ponies.

Riders will meet as early as 10 AM at the Southwest Youth Association “Field of Dreams” parking lot (look for a SWYA sign 2 miles from US 29 on your left) and be ready to ride out with a guide departing no later than an 11 AM. You must email in advance a current negative Coggins, or you will not be able to ride (with prior approval you can bring a photocopy). The guided ride may last approximately two hours or longer if all wish to ride longer. Remember, however, this is a sightseeing ride, so the pace will be a leisurely walk! The route will include water crossings and, with the usual Spring rains, mud; so your horse should be prepared to cross water and slippery muddy slopes in and out of Bull Run. Because of the expected mud, boots are not recommended (they may be pulled off in the mud and lost) but not prohibited. Probably not needed w/soft ground.

Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we will know how many to plan for and when you wish to ride. You make your own weather decisions. **To RSVP (and to suggest your preferred date) or for more info. send an E-mail to BOTH: Janet_Pastrick@hotmail.com and BattlefieldEquestrianSociety@gmail.com.** Also, if you will, please include in your email a cell phone number that you will have with you for the ride. Expect a reply with acceptance of your registration. If you are not able to provide an electronic Coggins 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.

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 unto 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: **(Note—this ride is NOT being held at – Manassas National Battlefield or Bull Run Regional Park.)** This ride is being held on private property and Fairfax County Park Authority property in Sully Magisterial District, Fairfax County, Virginia – NOT Manassas National Battlefield or Bull Run Regional Park.

For emergency contact or the day of the ride:

Bill Scott (703) 463-6789 (guide for the ride) or Janet Pastrick (703) 273-0525 (registrations)