

**POKER RIDE**  
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PONDEROSA BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
**FACTS SHEET – 2023**

**CURRENT CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IN FORCE FOR YOUR SAFETY**

Many of you have attended the Ponderosa Scavenger Hunt or Poker Ride so some of this may be repetitive. However, we want everyone to understand the event so you can maximize the great time you will have on **Sunday, May 21.**

KIDS (17 AND UNDER) RIDE FREE. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT AND WE ENCOURAGE KIDS ON HORSEBACK.  
HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO WIN PRIZES

- The event will be at the Riverside State Park Equestrian Area, same as for the scavenger hunt.
- Camping is available in the developed campground and overflow area. Make your camping reservations through the State Parks reservation system [www.parks.state.wa.us/223/reservations](http://www.parks.state.wa.us/223/reservations) or call 888-226-7688.
- Either a Discover Pass (Day or Annual) or camping permit is required. For a list of Discover Pass vendors go to <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/133/where-t-buy>. To purchase on-line go to <https://store.discoverpass.wa.gov/>. You may purchase a Day Pass at registration.
- We start the day at registration near the announcers stand where both pre-registered and those registering at the event sign in. You receive your playing card here.
- Also, at registration you may purchase additional poker hands. It is like playing multiple bingo cards for additional chances of winning at poker.
- After registering join us in the gathering area to purchase raffle tickets for some great items and play the first card of your poker hand. You can also purchase a poker ride T-shirt and Riverside State Park map. Then you are on the trail any time you want between 9:00 and 11:00 am. **Poker games close at 2:00 PM so please be back to the gathering area by then.**
- We ask that you do NOT run your horses. We know this is fun, but we have many people on the trail and we need to be respectful of the reaction horses have when they see other horses running. This is not a timed event. **Thank you.**
- You will be riding with your friends in a designated area following a trail well marked with engineer tape at your own speed (but remember no running).
- In playing the poker ride game you are trying to get the best, or worst poker hand. You do this by stopping at “game stations” along the trail to play a “game of skill.” This determines the next card in your hand. The “game of skill” is tossing a bean bag at a board lined with a deck of cards. Where your bean bag lands determines your playing card. You may remain mounted or dismount.
- There are three “game stations” along the trail.
- Return to the gathering area to play the last card of your hand by 2:00 PM, purchase that last minute T-shirt and park map and check the winner’s board to see what raffle items you may have won.
- Relax and enjoy a box lunch if you desire.
- **Raffle tickets are drawn at 11:00. Raffle tickets must be purchased before 11:00 AM.**

Please see the flier and registration form to learn more about the poker ride. **This year you can preregister online at [www.pbchw.com](http://www.pbchw.com) or by mail by May 9, or you may register at the ride.**

We hope that everyone joins us for a great day in the saddle. Thank you for supporting Back Country Horsemen and our efforts to keep trails open to equestrians.