

450th Commemorative Trail Rides

The 450th anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine and the surrounding area is being celebrated this year. St. Augustine has the distinction of being the oldest continuously inhabited city in the entire United States. To honor the role of the horse in the exploration and settlement of our area in times of both peace and war, the St. Johns county Horse Council is sponsoring five trail rides on different Saturdays. These rides, known as the 450th Commemorative Rides, will cover nearly the entire county. Participants are welcome to do as many of the rides as they would like. So round up the old pony and come spend a few Saturdays with friendly folks riding in places that you rarely get to ride. We'll be going through timber tracts and private properties where wildlife is abundant. You'll get to see the "real" Florida that most never get to experience- from the farms where your food is grown- to the timber tracts that support our clean air and water, provide wildlife habitat and are a valuable renewable resource. Footing on all rides is suitable for barefoot horses. Food will be available at all venues as well as water for the horses. Port-o-lets will also be available. Primitive camping will be available for two of the rides as noted but there will be no dogs allowed. All horses must have proof of negative Coggins and rider under 17 must wear helmets as per Florida law.

Ride 1 is February 21 at 4150 CR 208 and covers between CR 208 and CR 214. The Trail is 11 miles.

Ride 2 is March 7 at Nocatee near Davis Park. Trail is 9 miles.

Ride 3 is March 21 at 4300 CR 208 and covers between SR 16 and CR 208. The Trail is 6 or 10 miles. Camping is available for this ride.

Ride 4 is April 4 at Princess Place off Old Kings Rd. and covers Princess Place and Pellicer Creek. Trail can be 5, 7 or 8 miles as desired. Primitive camping is available.

Ride 5 is May 2 at Scoville RD. Off CR 305 and covers between CR 214 and SR 207. Trail is 11 miles.

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