



Michigan
Trail Riders ASSOCIATION, INC

AUSABLE PINES DISTANCE RIDE!

JULY 25TH & 26TH, 2026

South Branch Trail Group Campground Hale, Michigan

Hosted by and all proceeds benefit Michigan Trail Riders Association

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	SATURDAY				SUNDAY*				
	Early Bird Entry due 7/18	NON-AERC Member	Entries Received after 7/18	NON-AERC Member	Early Bird Entry due 7/18	NON-AERC Member	Entries Received after 7/18	NON-AERC Member	
50 Mile Endurance	\$100	\$120	\$120	\$140	<u>*Min. 10 pre-paid entries or</u>	event day will be cancelled	<u>*Min. 10 pre-paid entries or</u>	event day will be cancelled	
50 Mile Competitive	\$100	\$120	\$120	\$140	---	---	---	---	
25 Miles LD	\$80	\$100	\$100	\$120	\$80	\$100	\$100	\$120	
25 Miles Competitive	\$80	---	\$100	---	\$80	---	\$100	---	
Sat 15 Mile Intro/Novice	\$50	Pre-paid entry only	\$70	---	---	---	---	---	
Sun 10 Mile Intro/ Novice	---	---	---	---	\$50	Pre-paid entry only	\$70	---	
Juniors \$20 discount for all distances									

Ride Manager: Barb Kurti 616-460-8041 shoretoshoride@gmail.com

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Ride details may be updated until one week before the event.

Entry & Refund Policy

Online entry: <https://form.jotform.com/260258981644163>

Mail entry/check to: MTRA c/o Heather Neal 2181 Ingersoll Rd SW Fife Lake MI 49633

PayPal: oakleafmun@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD ENTRY: Saturday, July 18th, 2026 at midnight.

A \$20 fee applies after Saturday, July 18th, 2026 if entry has not been received and paid in full.

A \$20 cancellation fee applies for each entry if canceled before midnight Tuesday, July 21st, 2026.

No refunds after Tuesday, July 21st, 2026.

ONLINE ENTRY Closes Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026

Intro and Novice ride participants must register and prepay in advance

Vet check: ALL vet checks will be in camp near the well.

Trails: The terrain and riding are varied in difficulty. The eastern section crosses through many Jack pine stands and runs along the AuSable River for a good distance. The views from the high banks along the river are incredible. There are many breathtaking spots to stop and enjoy the scenery.

Camping: Camping Fee: \$6 per person/per night/group rate. Pens/portable corrals: Maximum 2 equines, preferably 1. Horse water available; generator will not run during quiet hours (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.). Group Site includes three sets of vault toilets, one garbage bin and picket posts. Do not tie/tack anything to standing trees, including (but not limited to) horses, pets, laundry lines, garbage bags. Spread the hay & manure. Campsites must be clean and raked before departure. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. No campsite reservations available.

Directions: South Branch Trail Camp is located in northeast Michigan. If traveling from the south, go US-23 north to M-65. Stay on M-65 north through the city of Hale. 6 miles north of Hale turn north on Rollways Road. Travel 3 miles to the campground entrance

RIDE RULES: AERC and UMECRA. Endurance will be a gate-into-hold. Competitive will be UMECRA window concept. All Juniors MUST wear a helmet. All veterinary decisions are final. WARNING: Riders are expected to control their mounts at all times and observe ride/park rules. Failure to do so shall be grounds for disqualification of equine and rider. Any rider/volunteer/guest who acts in a disrespectful or unsportsmanlike manner as judged by Ride Management will be disqualified or may be asked to leave!

Schedule of events: Tentative

Friday 7/24/2026

2:00 pm Registration

4:00 pm Vet in (*approximately or when the vets arrive*).

7:00 pm Riders meeting

Saturday 7/25/2026

7:00 am 50-mile endurance starts (*Maximum Ride time: 12 hours*)

7:10 am 50-mile competitive starts (*Ride time: 9 hours-includes hold*)

8:00 am 25 Limited Distance starts (*Maximum Ride time: 6 hours*)

8:15 am 25 Competitive starts (*Ride time: 4:45 hours -includes hold*)

11:30 am 15-mile Intro starts (*Maximum Ride time: 3 hours 36 minutes*)

11:45 am 15-mile Novice starts (*Ride time: 2 hours 30 minutes*)

6:00 pm Potluck/Awards/Riders meeting- The main dish and table service will be furnished by the ride management. Please bring a dish to pass and serving spoon. 50/50 Raffle MTRA

Sunday: 7/26/2026

*MINIMUM 10 PRE-PAID ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY OR THE RIDE DAY WILL BE CANCELLED.

7:00 am 25 Limited Distance starts (*Maximum Ride time: 6 hours*)

7:15 am 25 Competitive starts (*Ride time: 4:45 hours -includes hold*)

10:00 am 10-mile Intro starts

10:10 am 10-mile Novice starts

****Start and Ride times are subject to change. Please attend the riders meeting.***

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INTRODUCTORY RIDE (Endurance-AERC):

The purpose of the introductory ride is to educate and acquaint riders and/or equines to the sport of Endurance.

1. Any gender or breed of equine is welcome. The equine must be at least 48 months old.
2. This is not a race and has no minimum or maximum time for completion. Riders are strongly encouraged to pace 5-7mph. Ideal time is 2-3 hours.
3. There are no point or mileage accumulations, no placement awards, and no best condition judging, nor are results reported to AERC. However if your horse successfully completes the ride, you will receive a completion award and have had the opportunity to experience the sport of endurance.
4. No AERC membership fee is required for the introductory ride.
5. Juniors must wear an ASTM helmet whenever mounted and be accompanied at all times by their adult sponsor.

COMPETITIVE NOVICE RIDE (Competitive-UMECRA):

The objective of this division is to promote the entry of new riders and new horses into the sport of Competitive Riding.

1. Any gender or breed of equine is welcome. The equine must be at least 48 months old.
2. Novice rides must use the “window system” as follows: A novice rider may come in from 5 minutes before or up to 5 minutes after the exact scheduled time without losing points. One point per minute is lost for coming in before or after these limits, up to 55 minutes (*a total of 55 points*) without being disqualified.
3. Horse/rider team will use the same rules as competitive rides and including UMECRA general rules.



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