



Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride — JULY 29—31, 2016 Sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference

<p>Ride Location: Knik River Public Use Area Palmer, Alaska (please see entry form for directions)</p>	<p>How to Sign Up Please print and fill out the entry form and then mail it with your check to Rae Arno, Ride Secretary Please contact us with any questions.</p>	<p>ENTRY DEADLINE: "Early Bird" discount: Sign up by June 26th (please see entry form) Postmarked by July 10th or Hand delivered by July 15th</p>
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The **Knik River Ramble** will be held starting the afternoon of Friday, July 29, through Sunday, July 31, 2016. The ride is sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), following 2016 rules. Riders in all divisions will camp at the ride site with their horses beginning the night before their ride (Friday night for Open and CP, and Saturday night for Novice). The course will follow trails in the Knik River Public Use Area, as well as adjoining lands, near Palmer, Alaska. The Open and Competitive Pleasure (CP) Divisions will compete over 2 days (July 30 & 31), and the Novice Division will compete on 1 day, Sunday, July 31. The trail covers rolling terrain and river bottom. The trail surface ranges from single-track, to open river bottom, to occasional muddy sections, to gravel roads. Shoes or boots for your horse are recommended. Exact trail distances, specific time guidelines, and a trail map will be given to all entrants at the pre-ride briefing.

About Competitive Trail Riding

Competitive trail riding is not a race, but timing/pacing is important. The ride will test your horse's condition, soundness, and manners over a well-marked course in a specified minimum and maximum riding time. You may encounter ascents, descents, water, and challenging footing. During competition, your horse will be examined/observed by an NATRC-sanctioned veterinary judge for condition, soundness, trail ability, and manners. In addition to judging your horse, your horsemanship will also be judged separately by an NATRC-sanctioned horsemanship judge. The horsemanship judging will focus on how well riders ride a horse cross-country safely and efficiently. Balance, control, and partnership between horse and rider are all part of the contest as well as basic safety and care in camp. Both judges will give you separate evaluations on two informative scorecards.

Divisions

Open Division is for more experienced riders and is timed for a well-conditioned horse that can trot at an even pace on the flats and walk fast up and down hills. Equines must be at least 5 years old. The trail is approximately 50-60 miles in length over 2 days, ridden at an average pace of 4-6 mph.

Competitive Pleasure Division (CP) is for the rider who wants to ride 2 days but prefers a shorter ride at a slower pace than the Open Division. Good conditioning is essential to be able to complete both days. Equines must be at least 4 years old. CP is timed at a brisk walk with some trotting in the flat areas. The trail is approximately 35-40 miles in length over 2 days, ridden at an average pace of 3.5-5 mph. Unlike the Open and Novice divisions, there are no weight classes.

Novice Division is for young or inexperienced horses and/or riders new to competitive trail riding. It is timed at a brisk walk with some trotting in the flat areas. Equines must be at least 4 years old. The trail is approximately 15-24 miles in length over 1 day, ridden at an average pace of 3.5-5 mph.

Classes

Each division, except Competitive Pleasure, will offer a Heavyweight, Lightweight, and Junior Class, as defined below:

Weight Classes:

- **Heavyweight:** Rider and tack = 190 pounds and over.
- **Lightweight:** Rider and tack = 100 pounds through 189 pounds.

Rider and tack weight for the above classes must be maintained throughout the ride.

Junior Class:

Junior Riders must be 10 years old by the day of the ride and not over 17 on the first day of the ride year (11/15/15). No weight requirements apply if a Junior is competing in the Junior Class. If a Junior rider prefers, he or she may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight Classes (depending on which weight requirements are met) against adults rather than in the Junior Class. Juniors may NOT compete in Novice Heavyweight, in Novice Lightweight, or in Senior classes.

Junior riders MUST wear an approved ASTM/SEI, Snell, or equivalent helmet while mounted, whether in camp or on the trail. Management requires that Junior riders under age 16 have a responsible adult in camp, and, for their safety, management prefers that an adult accompany all Junior riders on the ride. Juniors may NOT ride stallions.

Distance Only (Do):

The Distance Only (DO) option is for riders who would like to ride the distance but not be pressured to compete. Distance Only riders/horses do not compete for placings. Participants follow NATRC rules (except those pertaining to leg protection), adhere to the same min/max ride times, and horses/riders are evaluated by the judges. Riders and their horses receive scorecards with educational comments and accrue mileage in their respective divisions. They may opt to complete or pass on trail observations. DO entries have the option of riding 1 or both days of a 2-day ride. When choosing to ride 1 day only, they must ride the first day. A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post-ride checkout, but before 8 PM. Riders may ride DO in any of the three divisions, provided the horse meets the age criteria. Both horse and rider may participate DO. Riders who do not wish to compete themselves but who want to have their horses eligible for placings may ride as DO and must adhere to the rules for DO as found in the NATRC Rule Book.

For more information on Divisions, Classes, and Eligibility, see Section 4 of the NATRC Rule Book found at www.natrc.org. The Rule Book is free for members, and for 2016 those who have never been a member of NATRC may join for free.

Helmet use is required of all Juniors, and it is strongly recommended that all adults also wear an approved ASTM/SEI, Snell, or equivalent helmet.

IMPORTANT STUFF TO READ

1. **Check in** – When you arrive at ride camp, check in with ride management. You will receive a packet with ride information, competition numbers, and other information. If you would like a current Rule Book, you may download an electronic version from the NATRC website www.natrc.org, or you may order a hard copy for \$5 by contacting natrc@natrc.org.
2. **Pre-Ride Vet Exam** – **PLEASE BE ON TIME** for your division vet exam. See schedule below. If you must arrive late, please contact ride management prior to check-in day.
3. **Camping** – Camping at the ride site is “primitive.” All competitors (including those riding DO) must camp at the ride site with their horses for the duration of the ride. If you must leave camp for any reason, you must notify ride management and have someone designated to be responsible for your horse. You are in competition from the time you present your horse for the pre-ride vet exam until the final vet check. If you must leave the ride prior to the announcement of awards, you must advise both the ride manager and the judges.
4. **Meals** – Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner on Saturday evening. An Awards Dinner is being offered on Sunday evening. See Entry Form and Meal Order Form to order the Sunday evening dinner and additional meals.
5. **Awards** – All awards will be presented on Sunday. Horse registration papers must be shown to be eligible for breed awards. Alaska is designated as Region 1A, which is attached to NATRC Region 1, so riders who are members of NATRC are eligible for year-end awards from NATRC, as well as mileage awards for both horses and riders.
6. **Camp rules** – Rules that apply to the camp area will be available in the rider packets. Both riders and guests at the ride are expected to observe the camp rules.
7. **Emergency phone number** – If someone needs to reach you while at the ride, the emergency phone number is 907-354-7454. This number is the Ride Manager’s cell phone. Please remember that cell service in the Knik River area may be spotty.
8. **Dogs and Extra Horses** – no dogs may accompany riders on the trail. No dogs may be left unattended (in or out of vehicles) at the ride camp. If you bring an extra horse that is not part of the competition, you must have someone in camp who is responsible for the horse at all times. **RIDE MANAGEMENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HORSES LEFT UNATTENDED IN CAMP.**
9. **Saddles** – A saddle is required on the ride, but there is no restriction on type or mixture of tack styles.
10. **Shoes/Boots for the horse** – Shoes/boots are recommended but not required. There are no restrictions on types of shoes or pads; however, NO leg protection is permitted (bell boots, splint boots, support boots, leg wraps, etc.). NATRC rules allow for all types of hoof boots designed for sole protection. Hoof boots with keepers, gaiters, or straps are allowed as long as they do not extend above the pastern. Judges may, and are encouraged to, check for rubs or chafes under any boot or their attachments. Please see NATRC Rule Book for more information.
11. **Stabling** – At camp, horses may be either stationary-tied to trailers or confined in portable panel corrals. ELECTRIC FENCE CORRALS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Please see NATRC Rule Book for more information. Dimensions of corrals may not exceed 12 square feet per horse, and panels must not extend more than 12 feet from the trailer. (That is, if you have two horses, and are using two corrals on one side of a trailer, they must be side-by-side, not end-to-end, so as to not extend more than 12 feet from the trailer.) Corrals must be securely and safely attached to a trailer. Acceptable methods of attachment are at judges’ discretion.
12. **Stallions** – Stallions must be well-mannered at all times, be kept under control, be handled only by an adult (over 18 yrs.), and be double tied when at the trailer. Stallions MUST be stationary tied and will NOT be stabled in portable panel corrals. Stallions must wear yellow ribbons in mane and their tail. See NATRC Rule Book for more information.
13. **Water** – Water will be available at the ride site for you and your horse. There are no facilities for bathing of horses (or riders) at the ride camp.
14. **First-time riders** – If this is your first competitive trail ride, please check the “Yes” box indicating “First Time Rider” on the entry form, and if you would like to have assistance from an experienced competitor during the ride, please check that box also. You will receive assistance during the ride from someone who “knows the ropes” and can answer all your questions about this fun and addictive sport!
15. **Manure Disposal** – All manure must be cleaned up and removed from the ride camp. A truck will be available to deposit your horse’s manure. Please do not put any plastic bags or other garbage in the manure truck.

Pre-Ride Vet Check and Briefings

Pre-Ride Vet Check

Open and CP Divisions. Begins 1 PM, Friday, July 29, 2016

Novice Division Begins approx. 4:30 PM Saturday, July 30, 2016

PRE-RIDE BRIEFINGS - ALL RIDERS MUST ATTEND THE PRE-RIDE BRIEFINGS:

Open & CP Divisions. Possibly earlier, but no later than 8 PM, Friday, July 29, 2016

All Divisions. Possibly earlier, but no later than 8 PM, Saturday, July 30, 2016

Directions to Ride Camp

Ride camp will be in the Knik Public Use Area parking lot, which is at approximately 174981 Sullivan Road, off the old Glenn Highway in the Butte—east of Palmer.

Coming from Anchorage:

- Take the Old Glenn Hwy exit
- Follow Old Glenn Hwy for about 10 miles to Sullivan Road
- Follow Sullivan Road about two miles until you see a very large parking area on your right. Ride camp is at the east end of the parking lot.

Coming from Wasilla and points north:

- Follow the Parks Hwy to the Glenn Hwy interchange
- Continue on the Glenn Hwy toward Anchorage, and then exit onto the Old Glenn Hwy (Note: this route is slightly longer—about four miles—then taking the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy to Palmer, but there are fewer traffic lights).
- Follow Old Glenn Hwy for about 10 miles to Sullivan Road
- Follow Sullivan Road about two miles until you see a very large parking area on your right. Ride camp is at the east end of the parking lot.

Alternate route from Wasilla and points north and if coming from the east on the Glenn Hwy:

- Turn left onto the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy from the Parks Hwy
- Follow the P-W Hwy about 9.5 miles to the Glenn Hwy
- Turn left on the Glenn Hwy and go about half a mile to Artic Avenue (which is the Old Glenn Hwy)
- Turn right (**left if coming from east on the Glenn Hwy**) onto Artic Avenue (the Old Glenn Hwy)
- Follow the Old Glenn Hwy about seven miles to Sullivan Road.
- Follow Sullivan Road about two miles until you see a very large parking area on your right. Ride camp is at the east end of the parking area.

For those riders coming from out of town (Fairbanks, Kenai, etc.), Brit and Gregory at Saddle Up Arena, two miles from the Ride Camp, have pens and stalls. Contact Brit and Gregory for information and rental costs: 745-7526

<http://www.saddleuparena.com>

2016 Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride Entry Form & Liability Waiver

Entry not complete unless Statement of Rider Liability Waiver is completed and signed.	Entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2016. Limit 60 Riders. A Wait List will be maintained.	Negative Coggins Certificate required. A copy of your horse's registration is required for Breed Awards.
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Rider's Name		Horse Owner's Name	
Rider's Signature		Horse Owner's Signature	
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	
Emer. Contact Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Horse's Name			
Breed		Reg. No.	
Horse's Age	Sex	Height	Weight
OPEN DIVISION Two Day Ride		• Open Heavyweight (190 + lbs.)	\$110.00
		• Open Lightweight (100-189 lbs.)	\$110.00
		• Open Junior (age 10 – 17 of age)	\$90.00
COMPETITIVE PLEASURE Two Day Ride		• No rider age or weight restrictions (Adult)	\$110.00
		• CP under 18	\$90.00
NOVICE DIVISION One Day Ride		• Novice Heavyweight (190 + lbs.)	\$95.00
		• Novice Lightweight (100-189 lbs.)	\$95.00
		• Novice Junior (10 to 17 yrs. of age)	\$75.00
DISTANCE ONLY Not for Awards		• DO Open Hwt or Lwt: 1 Day ___ 2 days ___ Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$110.00
		• DO Open Jr: 1 Day ___ 2 days ___ Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$90.00
		• DO CP: 1 Day ___ 2 days ___ Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$110.00
		• DO Novice Hwt or Lwt Distance Only: Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$95.00
		• DO Novice Jr: Horse & Rider ___ Horse Only ___	\$75.00
NATRC Non-Member Fee – (mandatory if not an NATRC member)			\$15.00
NATRC MEMBERS ONLY (Note: for 2016 free memberships for 1 st time members! www.natrc.org) Exp. Date ___/___/___			
Deduct \$10.00 for entry postmarked or hand delivered AND PAID by June 26			\$10.00
Late Entry Fee - after July 25, 2016			\$25.00
Subtotal : Entry Fees			\$ _____

Entries made on the day of the ride will be charged the late fee +\$25.00. If a rider cancels by 7/15/16, management will retain a \$15.00 processing fee. NO REFUND for cancellations after 7/25/16 unless pulled by vet at check in.

Amount for meals from order form		\$
Sunday Awards Banquet	# of dinners _____ X \$20.00	\$
Ride T-Shirt	Specify size: S M L XL # of shirts X \$15.00	\$
Grand Total : (Entry Fees + Meals) Amount enclosed		\$

Mail Entries To:	Rae Arno, Ride Secretary PO Box 870871, Wasilla, 99687	Make checks payable to: Knik River Ramble
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Rider Checklist

Horse Registration Certificate copy attached? Yes _____ No _____ EIA (Coggins) Certificate copy attached? Yes _____ No _____
 Are you a first-time competitor? Yes _____ No _____ If you are a first-time competitor, would you like a mentor during the ride?
 Yes _____ No _____ If you are an experienced CTR competitor, are you willing to mentor a new competitor? Yes _____ No _____
 Are you a youth member of a 4H Club _____ or a Pony Club _____ (check one) List Club Name Yes _____ No _____ How did you
 hear about NATRC and/or this ride?

2016 Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride Meal Pre-Order Form (Please fill out one form per person)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please circle one: RIDER VOLUNTEER OTHER

Meals are available for pre-purchase. Pre-order to confirm your meal/choices. There may be some extra meals for purchase; however, priority will go to pre-orders and volunteers.

Breakfast: \$10.00 per day

Includes coffee, tea, hot cocoa, eggs, sausage, muffins, fruit, yogurt

Number of Breakfasts Saturday _____ = \$ _____

Number of Breakfasts Sunday _____ = \$ _____

Lunch: \$10.00 per day

Sack lunches will include sandwich, condiments, chips, sweet treat, fruit

Saturday – Please circle your choices

White bread Wheat bread

Turkey/provolone Ham/Swiss

Number of Lunches Saturday _____ = \$ _____

Sunday – Please circle your choices

White bread Wheat bread

Turkey/provolone Ham/Swiss

Number of Lunches Sunday _____ = \$ _____

Saturday evening bring something to share for potluck

TOTAL FOR ALL MEALS ORDERED \$ _____

Total for meals should be added to your entry fee payment.

Please fill out one Meal Pre-Order Form for each person in your group.

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

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www.natrc.org, natrc@natrc.org



RIDER LIABILITY WAIVER

The following must be signed and dated for entry to be valid:

"I WISH to enter and participate in the **2016 Knik River Ramble Competitive Trail Ride**, to be held at **Knik River Public Use Area** on **July 29-31, 2016** (date)". "I HAVE READ the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. I AGREE to abide by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference and the aforementioned ride. I UNDERSTAND that competitive riding is a high risk activity, which involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and/or man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; that personal belongings can be damaged, lost, or stolen, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time.

I AGREE to assume all risks associated with my participation in this activity, and I accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. As a condition precedent to my being allowed to participate in this activity, I agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR BRING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE, ITS DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS, RIDE MANAGEMENT, RIDE PERSONNEL, VOLUNTEERS, PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE EVENT TAKES PLACE, AND/OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THEREOF, (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE RELEASED PARTIES") FOR ANY INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS OF ANY KIND WHICH ARISES OUT OF THIS EVENT, AND WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH OR LOSS, EVEN IF SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS ARISES FROM THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS STATE'S EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING (IF APPLICABLE), A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY HORSE IS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATION AND WILL NOT BE TREATED WITH OR GIVEN ANY MEDICATION PROHIBITED BY NATRC RULES. I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE OR THEIR DULY APPOINTED AGENT, TO TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO MY HORSE."

Junior riders must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equal equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted.

To the extent any dispute arises out of this agreement, the parties agree to submit said dispute to binding arbitration before a neutral arbitrator mutually selected by the parties, said arbitration to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. All such arbitrations shall be held in the county or district where NATRC National headquarters are located. If the prevailing party, NATRC shall be allowed to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including attorney's fees and costs. "MY SIGNATURE BELOW CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE."

Name of Rider/Participant (print)

Signature of Rider/Participant

Date

Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) who consent to Junior Rider/participant working and/or riding in Competition. Signature of at least one parent or legal guardian is required while the signature of both parents or legal guardians is preferred.

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 (print)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian 2 (print)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2

Date

Name of Junior Rider/ Participant

Birthdate

Name of adult responsible for Junior

Phone

Owner of Equine, if different from rider (print)

Signature of the equine owner

Phone

LIABILITY WAIVER ALASKA

I have noted the warning sign posted at the ride sign-in location and acknowledge the following:

I waive all liability of NATRC and its affiliates for any loss, injury or damage which arises from any loss, injury or damage arising from the "inherent risks" of an equine activity.

"Inherent risks of an equine activity" also means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- (b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, person, or other animals;
- (c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- (d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- (e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

Name of Rider/Participant (print)	Signature of Rider/Participant	Date
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**Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) who consents to Junior Rider/Participant working and/or riding in Competition.
Signature of both parents or legal guardian(s) preferred:**

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 (print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian 2 (print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2	Date
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Name of Junior Rider/ Participant	Birthdate
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Name of adult responsible for Junior	Phone
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Owner of Equine, if different from rider (print)	Signature of the equine owner	Phone
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