

National Capital 'Brookvale' Endurance Ride 26 and 27 September 2015

Have you always wanted to try endurance but didn't know where to start? Come to 'Brookvale'! ACT Endurance Riders Association is running a weekend with ride distances to suit everyone.

Saturday: 10km, 20km, 30km; **Sunday**: 10km, 20km, 30km, 40km with 50km elevator (see link below for more information about elevator rides)

What kind of ride is it?

All horses in each ride start at the same time. You follow the clearly marked course in a loop back to base. There will be checkpoints with horse water at 5–10km intervals.

The course: The rides all offer stunning views--through Uriarra Pine Forest on an undulating course and some private property. The 40km veers off to follow Blue Range Road to the top of the range in Brindabella National Park.

Where is it?

Ride base: 'Brookvale' is a no-frills campsite in a picturesque valley with a creek running through it. Facilities are basic, with bush toilets/portaloos and horse water available. Bring your own drinking water. Campfires may be allowed, depending on the fire risk.

Directions: The entry to Brookvale is off Mountain Creek Rd, approx. 3.8km after the intersection of Uriarra Rd and Mountain Creek Rd. The ride base is approx. 1.5km along Doctors Flat Rd, which starts at the entry gate. Signs will be on Uriarra Rd and at the property entry.

When should I arrive? How much will it cost?

Saturday 26 September events:						
Distance	Cost (+ day membership & insurance if required)	Arrival at Brookvale Ridebase before:	Office registration times	Vetting times	Pre-ride talk	Ride Start time/max time (times may be subject to change)
30 km	\$40 + \$5		10.45am onwards	11am onwards	12.45pm	1.00pm – 5.00pm
20km	\$30 + \$5		10.45am onwards	11am onwards	1.15pm	1.30pm – 5.00pm
10km	\$20 + \$5		10.45am onwards	11am onwards	1.45pm	2.00pm- 5.00pm
Sunday 27 September events:						
50 km	\$60 +\$10	Saturday	Saturday only	Saturday only	Saturday	07.00am - 2.00pm
40 km	\$55 +\$10	Saturday	Saturday only	Saturday only	Saturday	07.00am - 2.00pm
30km	\$40 +\$5	Saturday or Sunday before 7.30am	Saturday or Sunday 7.15am to 3pm	Saturday or Sunday from 7.30am	09.45am	10.00am – 2.00pm
20 km	\$30 + \$5	Saturday or Sunday before 7.30am	Saturday or Sunday 7.15am to 3pm	Saturday or Sunday from 7.30am	10.15am	10.30am – 2.00pm
10km	\$20 + \$5	Saturday or Sunday before 7.30am	Saturday or Sunday 7.15am to 3pm	Saturday or Sunday from 7.30am	10.45am	11.00am - 2.00pm

What do I do when I arrive?

You first pay your entry fee at the office, and then take your horse to the vet check before your ride. You must also present your horse for a vet check within 30 minutes after your ride. Your horse must pass the vet checks in order to start, and complete the ride. (see 'Getting Started' link below).

40km/50km riders must vet in on Saturday and camp. If your horse completes a ride on Saturday, you do not need to vet in again for Sunday, but you will need to enter again at the office to pay for Sunday's ride.

Present your horse without saddle to the vet after you enter, allowing at least half an hour for waiting time. Also leave half an hour or so to pay and fill out entry forms. **NOTE: you need to be mounted and ready to ride by 15 minutes before your start time**, as the Chief Steward will explain the course to you. **Riders under ten years must be supervised by an adult rider/attendant at all times.**

What should I bring?

Your **horse**! You must wear an approved helmet when riding. No whips or spurs are allowed. Your horse must be no less than 4 and a half years old to do the 40/50km ride, and no less than 3 to do the shorter rides.

You will need to fill out a **horse health declaration form** and have it ready to hand in at the gate when you arrive (see link below). This involves recording your horse's temperature for 3 days before the ride. Horse yards: either fences or electric tape; electric tape must be live when horses are in the yard. Human drinking water. Somewhere to sleep. Warm clothes for the evening. A hat and sunscreen if its hot!

Catering: Hot food, coffee/tea and cold drinks will be provided by Burra Berkshires Catering, including a delicious three course dinner on Saturday night (\$25 per person – by prenomination). Food will be available from Saturday lunch until Sunday afternoon. The closest shops and petrol are at Cooleman Court shopping centre in Weston Creek, about 30 minutes from ride base.

Bookings: Due to the limited space at the ride base we have to limit our rider numbers, so get your ride entry in soon! You can <u>book through TryBooking</u>. Please let us know when booking if you want **dinner tickets** (\$25) for Saturday night. Please also let us know if you are using a **truck or large gooseneck**, as we need to arrange parking spaces.

Where can I get further information and the entry forms etc?

After you book online we will send you the entry form, health declaration form, and a starting out guide. Bring the entry form and health form on the day. Also check the following for updates and more details:

- ACTERA website for ride information, map, and updates. www.actera.org.au
- Australian Endurance Riders Association for 'Getting Started' info: http://aera.asn.au/, and information about elevator rides in the rule book.
- Look for information and updates on our facebook page:

Facebook: ACT Endurance Riders Association

Important: Brookvale is a working property. Please leave your dog at home if you can. If not, dogs MUST be on a lead at all times. No dogs are allowed in or near the vetting area at any time.





Happy riders and horses at the 2014 ride!