



National Capital 'Brookvale' Ride

34th Ride (1982-2016)

3-4th September 2016

Beside introductory and intermediate rides, we will again be doing a full-length endurance ride of 80 km at Brookvale this year. Same beautiful ride base, same picturesque tracks, same challenges and same scenic views as a reward. This is the real thing but nothing too technical, only fire trails and bush.

The course: The 80km first leg (50 km) travels through Brindabella National Park and private property and is beautiful though challenging because of the climb to an elevation of 1270m. The 80km second leg (30 km), which is also the first leg of the 52 km intermediate course, winds mostly through Uriarra and Sherwood Forest in the ACT. It offers stunning views of the surrounding areas. The 13km and 22 km introductory rides are in Sherwood Forest and are undulating. The entire course follows unsealed roads and bush trails.

Awards and prizes: In addition to the usual Best-Conditioned Awards and prizes for Places 1-3 in all weight categories as well as buckles for all completions in the 80 km ride, we will confer the Bruce Neal Junior Encouragement Award. On top of that, there will be two awards for best-managed horses: The Alan Blundell Memorial Award in the 80 km ride and for the first time also a prize for the best-managed intermediate horse completing the 52 km course! For this one, vetting parameters and time taken for completion will be taken into account. So, short-distance riders, come and take on the challenge! Of course, there will be completion prizes for all 13 km to 52 km riders, too.

Admin: The office opens at 12 pm on Saturday and vetting starts at 12:30 pm, both closing at 5 pm. Introductory riders can vet Saturday preferably, or Sunday morning from 7.30 am onwards.

Ride	Cost	Start time	Challenge
80km Main Ride	\$100 (\$70 junior)	5:30 am	Fit horses only
52km Intermediate Ride	\$65 (+\$10 day membership, if applicable)	8:00 am	Reasonable level of fitness required
22km Introductory Ride	\$35 (+\$5 day membership, if applicable)	10:30 am	Some fitness required
13km Introductory Ride	\$25 (+\$5 day membership, if applicable)	11:00 am	Some fitness required

Please pre-nominate by midnight Sunday, 28th August

Pre-nomination and prepayment through trybooking at

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=219536>

Ride base: Brookvale is a no-frills campsite in a picturesque valley with a fresh water creek running through it. Facilities are basic, with bush and hire toilets, some firewood and horse water available. You will need to bring your own drinking water. Local members of the CRARC/WICEN Radio Club will provide radio communications on track.

Catering: Catering will be available from Saturday lunch time until Sunday afternoon. No pre-booking is required.

Directions: The property 'Brookvale' is located on Mountain Creek Road, off Uriarra Road and about 30 minutes from Canberra. The ride base is about 1.5km off Mountain Creek Road along Doctors Flat Road. There will be signage from Uriarra Road, Canberra.

Please note: Brookvale is a working sheep and cattle property, complete with 1080 baits fox baits. **We request that dogs not be brought to the ride.** Any that are brought onto the property must be kept on a lead at all times.

Further details: Look for 'Canberra Brookvale' on NSWERA website, Google maps and the ACTERA website for further details about the ride at www.actera.org.au. For further information please contact Gertraud gertraudnorton@bigpond.com mob 0427617114 or 62271378.

Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and bush scenery the Brookvale ride offers. The ride is affiliated with the Snowy Zone and counts towards the Zone point scores.

We look forward to seeing you at Brookvale for a great weekend!



On Dingi Dingi Trail, part of the Webb's Ridge 50 km leg.