

# Mary Boulware Memorial Competitive Trail Ride

August 15 – 17, 2025 Information Sheet

October 28, 2023 we lost our dear friend Mary Boulware. Mary was an avid rider and supporter of TRAC. Battle River was one of Mary's favorite rides and it was here that she and Fly earned their Decade Award in 2019. It is in Mary's memory that we dedicate this ride.

The ride will be held on private land and hosted at MSW Farms near Ponoka. Check out their web page [www.mswfarms.com](http://www.mswfarms.com) The ranch has a beautiful area for camping with our horses with a great view of the Battle River Valley. The trail will cover grass, sand with minimal gravel and rocky areas so foot protection is at rider's discretion.

Friday registration will begin at 3 pm with the initial vet in beginning at 4 pm. We will be offering Novice, Intermediate, Open and new this year Elevator and Intro.

MSW Farms is a working ranch with guardian dogs, so **dogs are NOT allowed**. If you show up with a dog, you will be asked to remove the dog from the ranch.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: You do not have to be a TRAC member to compete at a TRAC sanctioned ride but you will not be eligible for year- end awards or mileage. All participants must be AEF members prior to the ride for insurance purposes. If you are not a current TRAC member please provide proof of valid AEF for 2025 when sending your entry.

The TRAC handbook can be found at <http://www.trailriding.ca/resources/trac-handbook.html> It is the riders' responsibility to be familiar with the rules. Helmets are mandatory for all riders.

Volunteers are always needed. If you, a family member or friend can help please contact Ken and Marlene Vanderwekken.

We are excited that Jerid will once again be cooking for us. Lunch will not be provided for riders but supper will be provided for riders and volunteers on Saturday. Please bring your own dishes and cutlery. We will provide breakfast and lunch on Saturday only for our vets and volunteers. Sunday morning we will have a pancake breakfast sponsored by Stone Willow Veterinary Services. Please bring your own dishes and cutlery.

Camping fees apply for this ride, \$80 for the weekend (regular \$90) which includes horse, rider and pen. MSW provides pens for horses that are 24 x 24 feet. There will be a manure pile available for you to clean your pen. Horse water will be available. You are responsible for your own garbage, please take it home.

There is a nightly charge of \$20.00 per person (non-rider) and \$20.00 per extra horse. Children 8 and under are free. Visitor day only fee is \$10.00 per person. Camping fees apply to everybody that attends. If you are a volunteer, we will pay for your camping on the day that you volunteer (person only). There are also cabins and RV's available for rent please contact Marlene if you are interested.

Please pre-register by August 11 with appropriate fees. For more information contact Ken and Marlene 403 350 3906 or [stonewillowvet@gmail.com](mailto:stonewillowvet@gmail.com) Come enjoy spacious camping, beautiful trails, and Central Alberta hospitality! We look forward to seeing you.

Directions to MSW Farm: **From the south** - hwy 2 take Ponoka exit 450 and go 3.8km West on hwy 53, turn north on hwy 795 (Usona road) and go 8.9 km to township road 435 turn west and go 2.8 km (no exit road, farm is at the end of the road on the south side). **From the north** - hwy 2 take exit 462 (Menaik Rd.) and travel west 13.1 km, turn south on Rge, Rd, 265, in 4.9 km turn west on Twp Rd. 435 and go 1.2 km (no exit road, farm is at the end of the road on the south side).

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/MSW+Farms/@52.7396248,-113.7751416,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x53756cdc273aaa97:0x67ca9e17ee45ea3b!8m2!3d52.7396216!4d-113.7725667!16s%2Fg%2F11fzxb7n1q?hl=en&entry=ttu>