

## Bridle Trail Ride

*August 25-27, 2017*

The Stoners hosted the Bridle Trail Ride in Sullivan County on a beautiful summer weekend. This is a state park with two 25 mile loops. There were 26 riders and we couldn't have asked for a more pleasant weekend of horseback riding and socializing in a nice horsey campground.

Day one our tour guide, JJ, took us on the east loop of the Bridle Trail for a 4 hour ride. We stopped to take in the view at a canyon that overlooked Worlds End State Park and passed a beautiful waterfall. As the ride ended our dog, Tucker, decided to tangle with a porcupine.

The group graciously stopped as 50+ quills were plucked from his snout/shoulder area. In the evening many enjoyed talking around the campfire until bedtime.

Day two JJ took riders on the 25 mile west loop of the Bridle Trail. A nice pavilion area was the half way point and break for lunch. Then we headed up on long gradual hill challenging all the horses without problems. Some riders saw a rattlesnake and a couple deer along the way. In the evening Lisa and her mother hosted a dinner with grilled chicken, sausage, baked beans, desserts and a covered dish that meant for a variety of delicious food. The night ended with a campfire and horsey talk.

Day three started with a pancake and sausage breakfast. The ride left at 10 AM for a shorter but 4 hour ride to High Knob Overlook with one steep hill to keep the riders and horses entertained. When the group returned most campers packed up their gear and horses, said their goodbyes and headed for home.

Great Time with Great People!

The Stoners will host this weekend again in August of 2018.