



What Are Trail Trials?



Trail Trials are a competition ON a marked trail course with natural or simulated obstacles that can be found on a trail. The ride is usually 2-3 hours long. There is a volunteer judge for each obstacle evaluating safety and control as a horse & rider team.

A Trail Trial is a trail ride, held on mountain trails, park trails, and in desert areas. The ride usually averages two-three hours, and is not a timed event, with 10 to 12 natural or simulated obstacles along the way. A trail or many trails are put together to make a course with many natural trail obstacles. There might be simulated obstacles of events such as a camping site, kid's party, a backpack or mountain bike coming down the trail towards you. You might be asked to put on a slicker or open a mailbox or drag a log.

You are judged on your ability to negotiate and guide your horse through the obstacles, calmly and safely. Scoring is by points, zero is the best with 10 being, well, you need to work on it. Also families and friends can ride together. You're only separated at the obstacle. Riders hold a scorecard to know how they are doing at all times.

Trail Trials are meant to be fun and enjoyable for everyone. They are open to all disciplines of riding: Western, English, Gaited and all breeds of horses from Draft horses to Ponies. Any attire normally worn for trail riding is accepted. Enclosed footwear is required (no sandals or bare feet), boots are recommended. Any type of tack may be used - a saddle and bridle/bosal/hackamore are a must.

Trail Trial Clinic DVD explaining rules and how to put on a Trail Trial is now available at the ETI Office for \$23.00. Call Kimberly (818) 362-6819 or email eti-magazine@linkline.com

2007 ETI Trail Trial schedule

April 15, Sunday, Corral 54 Chatsworth, Trail Trial
Call Charlotte (818) 892-3862
charlottebeast@msn.com

May 6, Corral 65 Bakersfield, tentative, contact Sylvia (661) 366-3094
cowsnhorses02@yahoo.com

July 22, Sunday, ETI Convention ~ Invitational
National Trail Trials, Contact: Kimberly at ETI Office
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"Cool off this summer in Tehachapi" with Corral 83 Trail Trial
Contact Susan (661) 822-8131 susanleewellington@yahoo.com

Sept. 30, Vasquez Rocks Agua Dulce, St Jude research benefit by the Junior
Ambassadors contact Debbie (818)362-5819 eti@linkline.com

October 7, Corral 9, Trail Trials, Littlerock Call Liz (661) 944-5664

Oct. 21, Sunday, Corral 20 Trail Trials, Hansen Dam contact
Susan (818) 353-4682 sekaiser06@ca.rr.com

Corral 126, Fillmore, Trail Trial call Steven (805) 524-3264 stv-ac@hotmail.com

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Contact chairman for a flyer with full information and to confirm date and location.