

17th Annual Weiser River Wagon Train and Ride May 25 - 28, 2018



Join us for a leisurely four day journey on a true Idaho Gem, the Weiser River Trail. Follow the Trail north through two counties, from Weiser to Council, as the terrain gently changes from farm country to the mountains surrounding Council. Enjoy a splendid hot breakfast (7 a.m.) (coffee is on at 6 a.m.) and dinner (6 p.m.) each day. Camp far from the madding crowds, with only the sounds of nature to lull you to sleep. Travel at your own speed and enjoy as many rest stops as you like each day. Horseback riders and walkers welcome!!! We shuttle your gear from site to

site! Please note you must provide your own lunch and carry your own drinking water each day. Horse water available on the trail.

Thursday, May 24 You may arrive today (or earlier) in Weiser if you choose. Please let us know so we can advise and help you plan accordingly. You may shuttle your own vehicle to Council on Thursday or Friday morning if you wish. Vehicles will be parked at the Council trailhead on Hornet Creek Road.

Friday, May 25 You are on your own for breakfast. If you are shuttling your vehicle and need a return ride, be ready to leave the Weiser trailhead at 10 a.m. SHARP. At that time, vehicles will caravan to Council and you will be shuttled back to Weiser. We will travel 12 miles to the first camp site. Catered dinner at Primitive Camp.

Saturday, May 27 Following breakfast, we will trail 20 miles to Midvale. Showers, dinner (possibly entertainment) and a relaxing evening await.

Sunday, May 27 Optional open air church service. Following breakfast, we will trail 18 miles to Goodrich camp for dinner.

Monday, May 28 Following breakfast, trail 10 miles to the Council trailhead on Hornet Creek, where we wrap up the event and head home. Those wishing to continue another day or more, please talk to us and we will do our best to help you with the logistics.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, pillow, mattress or pad, etc.)
- Cell phone or two way radios (NOTE: cell service is not available much of the time)
- Picket line (24 feet)
- First aid kit
- Camp chair
- Drinking water
- Camera
- Bug spray (human and equine)
- Flashlight
- Hay and hay bag or hay net (hay does not have to be certified weed free)
- Small ice chest
- Lunch items
- Halter and lead rope
- Fly mask (human and equine)
- Water resistant horse blanket
- Collapsible water bucket

PLEASE CALL 208-887-2068 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (and other important information) (in no particular order)
PLEASE READ

- We haul all hay and camp equipment from camp site to camp site. *Please* organize your gear as efficiently as possible and do not overload bags. Please tag or identify your hay, as it will be on a "common" hay wagon. You may send a SMALL ice chest. We will NOT transport large ice chests. Please be mindful of the folks who are loading and unloading every day, they are not weight lifters. We do have limited space. You can purchase additional ice, groceries, etc., at the grocery store in Midvale (right next to our camp site).
- Outhouses are provided at camp sites and along the trail. Showers available in Midvale.
- You may camp overnight at the Weiser trailhead on Thursday May 24 (but please let us know so we can plan accordingly). There is limited parking but we have an overflow lot.
- Due to our commitments for services, we cannot make refunds after May 10.
- This is a family outing and we expect everyone to conduct themselves accordingly.
- Children must be supervised at all times and must have written permission to participate from their legal guardian.
- Please note, due to safety issues, **NO DOGS ALLOWED**. This is NOT negotiable.
- All equines MUST have hoof protection on **all four hooves** (iron shoes or some type of hoof protection such as Easy Boots, Renegades, Old Macs are acceptable). This is NOT negotiable. The trail is on an old rail bed and as such, is very rocky in places. This is not the place to test your barefoot theories.
- NO STALLIONS allowed. No foals, weanlings or lactating mares allowed.
- Equines must be at least 36 months of age.
- The trail covers 60 miles in four days, with one 20 and one 18 mile day. All equines must be fit enough to go this distance. Evacuation resources are extremely limited and the trail is not always close to a highway. Lameness is not permitted. The wagon master has the final say on what constitutes a fit equine. **Our first priority is the safety of all participants and equines.**
- Out riders welcome (helmets strongly encouraged for riders of all ages but particularly riders under age 18). Walkers/hikers and bicycles are also welcome to join us.
- **DO NOT BRING:**
 - Lameness or sick horses
 - People who think this is a horse race
 - Firearms
 - Dogs
 - People who complain, tire easily or who can't keep up
 - Harness, collars or saddles that don't fit
 - Horses that pull back or cannot be tied overnight
 - Overloaded wagons or carts

Wagons/Carts/Buggies: Check your width. Trestles are only eight feet wide.

If at some point you feel you cannot continue the event, we will do our best to get you to your rig in Council in a timely manner.

Additional meals may be purchased if you anticipate friends/family joining you for just a meal (please note that "primitive camp" on Friday night is not accessible by vehicle). The nearest trailhead is approximately 3 miles south. Please let us know WHICH meal and how many additional meals. Please note we are a small organization and are not able to accommodate food allergies or requests such as gluten/lactose/dairy intolerance, vegetarian or vegan requests.

We welcome participants who cannot commit to all four days. Please specify which days you would like to join us and we will work with you on logistics.

OTHER INFORMATION: The weather can be extremely unpredictable. The event will not be cancelled because of inclement weather. Please check the forecast in the days prior to the event and pack rain gear accordingly. If you are riding, you will want a DRY saddle every morning, so you may want to include a small tarp to cover your gear.

You will be crossing many trestles on the ride. They are completely horse safe, with solid planks and railings. Most are quite short and none are particularly high.

We will not have a farrier on-call, so we encourage you to carry a spare Easy Boot (or equivalent) in the event your horse pulls a shoe. Riders, we also encourage you to carry a halter and lead rope on the trail, as well as sufficient people water.

If you are coming from out of state, check with your veterinarian for health requirements prior to entering Idaho. You may need a health certificate and Coggins.

The organizers, helpers and wagon master are all volunteers. Please be respectful of ride management, we are there to make sure you have a SAFE and enjoyable experience. We look forward to seeing you on the trail!!!

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THIS IS LIABILITY RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY, SO PLEASE READ IT!

Please fill out a separate form for each participant. Each participant age 18 or older MUST sign. Each participant age 17 or younger must have the signature of guardian or parent.

I understand that a wagon trail ride and drive is a hazardous activity which involves being in remote areas for a long time; that these areas may have many natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time, and there is NO ambulance or medical help present. **I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ENTERING THIS WAGON TRAIN RIDE AND DRIVE AT MY OWN RISK** and upon acceptance of my application for entry in the above described ride, I acknowledge that I assume **FULL RESPONSIBILITY** for my own safety. I, my heirs, executors and administrators will hold FWRT (Friends of Weiser River Trail) and all officers and directors thereof, any member of the ride management and ride personnel, and all property owners/tenants whose land the ride crosses **BLAMELESS** for any injury or loss to myself or my horse which occurs due to my participation, and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In short, I will not sue the ride management, their personnel, land owners or tenant, and FWRT for **ANY REASON!** I am fully aware of all ride rules and agree to abide by those rules set down by the ride management and FWRT. I fully understand the consequences for not following ride rules. As a participant in this ride, I have read the above liability release and will agree to abide by ALL rules.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

OR GUARDIAN/PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF PARTICIPANT IS AGE 17 OR UNDER

DATE

LAST NAME	
FIRST NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS	
CITY	
STATE	
ZIP	
CONTACT PHONE	
E-MAIL	

Please return application and check (**CHECK PAYABLE TO FWRT**) to Pam Haynes, 1235 Rolling Hills Drive, Meridian, ID 83642. **OR** scan signed application and E-mail to fwrt@inbox.com. You may pay via PayPal/credit card, please contact fwrt@inbox.com or call 208-887-2068 for details.

***** ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 10, 2018 *** We CANNOT GUARANTEE MEALS OR T-SHIRT AFTER THE DEADLINE**

NAME _____

		PRICE PER UNIT	SUBTOTAL
Participant (4 days) (out rider or in wagon) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL		\$ 200 (retired military price \$180)	
Wagon Driver (4 days) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL		\$ 175 (retired military price \$160)	
Active Military (with ID card) (4 days) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL		\$ 100	
Day Rider (<i>PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW</i>) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL		\$ 75 per day	
Extra T-shirts (sizes below) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL		\$ 20	
Extra meals (see below for additional info) <i>PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW</i>		\$ 15 breakfast \$ 25 dinner	
Raffle tickets (does NOT include saddle) (we will have many raffle items!)		\$1 each or six for \$5	
SADDLE RAFFLE TICKETS (separate raffle this year!)		\$3 each or two for \$5	
			TOTAL

Your entry fee includes ONE T-shirt of any size. If you wish to purchase additional T-shirts, you must preorder. Please indicate additional T-shirt size below and number of each. T-shirts will be short-sleeve men's sizes cotton/poly blend.

"DAY" RIDERS: You are welcome to join us for only a portion of the trail. We need to know which days you will be joining us and which meals you will want. Your \$75 entry fee includes two meals and a T-shirt. Please contact me to let me know when/where you would like to join up and we will work out the logistics. If you wish to only ride and do not want any meals or a T-shirt, we will be happy to adjust the entry fee accordingly.

EXTRA T-SHIRTS AND MEALS FOR GUESTS WHO WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT→please specify number and sizes below and add totals into grid above. Please note we cannot refund prepaid meals for no shows/late cancellations. We will get T-shirts to you if you are unable to attend.

EXTRA T-SHIRTS	NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS	EXTRA MEALS	NUMBER OF MEALS
SMALL (\$20)		Dinner Friday \$25	
MEDIUM (\$20)		Breakfast Saturday \$15	
LARGE (\$20)		Dinner Saturday \$25	
EXTRA LARGE (XL) (\$20)		Breakfast Sunday \$15	
XXL (\$20)		Dinner Sunday \$25	
XXXL (\$20)		Breakfast Monday \$15	