

JCHA Labor Day 2010 - Coast Campout

Karen Matheny will once again heading up this fun campout at Crescent City. This campout is for club members and personal guests only. The campout begins on Friday, September 3rd through Monday, September 6th. But you can come a few days early or stay a few days longer too.

The **Orman Guest Ranch** has a large, flat, grassy camping area to accommodate all our rigs. They have several large paddocks that can hold 2-4 horses each (with hot-wire separating horses). There are outhouses and hot showers (25 cents for 4 min), picnic tables, etc. They have a game room too. They are charging us a special rate of \$11 per horse and rider and \$3 for non-riders per day at the group campsite. (No charge for the camping site.) If you prefer a separate campsite the cost is \$12 (inc 2 persons), \$3 per person additional, and \$8 per horse. You will need to feed your own hay (either way), but they will do the manure cleanup. You can bring RVs or tents or ? As with all campouts, bring all your own gear.

If you choose to stay at a motel you should make a reservation NOW. Local motels near the Ranch include: Anchor Beach Motel 800-837-4116, Crescent Beach Motel 707-464-5436, and Bay View Inn 800-446-0583. They really fill up over Labor Day. (I think your boarding price at the ranch will be \$12 a day per horse.)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (before heading home) will be spent riding on the beaches and in the dunes or up to the Mill Creek Trail through the redwoods. Maps of the trailheads will be available for those who wish to venture off on their own. Groups will be going to each beach and redwoods and depending on the number of riders, smaller groups are advised for riding. (Remember, Karen is also on vacation, so you are going to have to pull your weight on these rides!) Please note: You cannot ride from the Ranch, you must trailer to all the trails and beaches, so be prepared to pull your trailer each day. Saturday night we will go to Harbor View Grotto for dinner. This is optional and everyone pays for their own meal. All other meals you are on your own – cook it or eat out.

On Sunday the Northwest Trail Riders are holding their fun annual Poker Ride. This begins at 9:30am at the horse camp in the dunes out of the Pala Staging area. The cost is \$10 per person and includes a poker hand, chance to solve a puzzle and lunch!! You can purchase extra hands for \$2.50 each. The ride is about 2.5 hours long, so after lunch you can ride more if you like. It is not required you go on this ride, but it is fun and easy and you might even win some money!! (And, it helps support a great club that helps keep the beaches and redwoods open for all of us!!)

When you get tired of riding (does that happen??) you can always go check out the Battery Point Lighthouse, Undersea World, or one of the local casinos. (Or bring your GPS and go geocaching with Debbie and Mark!!)

We need to make reservations for camping and dinner, so please call Karen at 541-245-8511 or by August 25th and let her know how many horses/people and if you are going to dinner. Each family/person will pay the Orman Ranch separately (check, cash, credit card). When arriving at the ranch, stop at the office and fill out the paperwork (hold harmless, etc.)

If you prefer a private campsite please call Konnie Orman directly at 707-464-4434 to reserve your site. (But still call Karen so she can put you on the list.)

Directions to Orman Guest Ranch– 750 Humboldt Road, Crescent City (707) 464-4434

From Medford take I5 north to Grants Pass. Take the first exit and follow signs to Hwy 199 west (Cave Junction). After Cave Junction the road gets windy and narrow, but don't panic – bigger rigs than yours have made it just fine... ☺. About an hour past Cave Junction you will wind through the redwoods and come out on Hwy 101. Go south towards Crescent City and continue through town. When you come to the ocean (South Beach) watch for Sandmine Road on the left (¼ mile). Turn here, then make a left turn on Humboldt Road. Go 1/2 mile to the ranch on the left. The trip takes about 2 hours from Medford.

If you don't want to go through Crescent City to get to the ranch, here's a short cut: As you come down the hill and open up out of the redwoods turn left on Parkway Drive/Elk Valley Road. This is about ½ mile before you get to Hwy 101. It is a sharp turn. Just after you make the turn, go left on Elk Valley Road. Go 3.4 miles to Howland Hill Road and turn left. Go ½ mile and turn right on Humboldt Road. Go ¾ mile and the ranch is on the right.



Grants Pass

750 Humboldt Rd

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