

Redwood Rendezvous

July 23-27, 2008

You are invited to join the intrepid traveling volunteers and adventurous riders of Access Adventure/Anywhere Wild! for our third trip to spectacular Humboldt County. To enable more local riders to attend our events we will offer rides near three major towns in the county, Garberville, Fortuna and Arcata. Sawyer has planned a special new experience for us. We will move camp three times but enjoy two nights at one of the amazing places in Humboldt right next to the largest old growth redwood grove.

Wednesday, July 23: Drive to our first campsite at Southern Humboldt Community Park (on the road just before Tooby Ranch) south of Garberville. Four years ago the town of Garberville bought the 250 acre ranch on the Eel River just outside of town. The ranch includes pastures, old growth hardwoods, a huge farm and barns. For directions on Mapquest search for Southern Humboldt Community Park, Garberville, CA.

Thursday, July 24: Ranch Roundup. Rides all day, lunch in the shade, swim in the river, with a movie, and a Muir history talk in the event barn that evening. Some of the crew will head up to the next campsite, Cuneo Creek, in Humboldt Redwood State Park to prepare the camp.

Thursday, July 24, pm: Cuneo Creek Campground is by far the most beautiful equestrian campground in Humboldt. It's a half hour drive from Southern Humboldt Community Park on Hwy. 101, and located about four miles from 101. It is set up for groups to camp with lots of horses. It has 6 corrals, water, hitches, showers and shade. Thursday night after dinner we can relax, swim, and enjoy the solitude of this marvelous site. Detailed information available, including maps and pictures: www.humboldtreduwoods.org, (camping tab)

Friday, July 25: Trails surround the campground and invite us to trail ride or hike in the redwoods. You might choose to take a dip in the Southfork Eel. Sawyer and the local park rangers are looking at fantastic driving routes for the carriages and once again we will invite local folks to join us. That evening we will spend our second night at Cuneo Campground.

Saturday, July 26: Rise and shine early for a day to remember! As early as possible we load and split to Arcata. We drive about 45 minutes through the Arcata farming bottoms and end up at the mouth of the Mad River. One of the earliest white explorers to Humboldt lost quite a few horses and supplies to the Mad River. No matter where they tried, the deep swift water thwarted their attempts. Made 'em mad!

We give early day rides to locals around the beach lot and along the road, following the river. By noon we load lunch and the Access Adventure crew for a final drive. The Ranger will let us through the gates and we go to the ocean and head south on the wave slope. It is six miles there on packed sand to the trailhead at Manila Beach. Lots of people are hoping to parade down that long beach section with us. It's a northern Lost Coast – no roads, buildings or people. We finish before 4 pm when the tide comes in, and end up at the Manila Community Center where the vehicles have been driven around and dinner is waiting at the group area. Camping that night might happen there, but other sites are being investigated.

Sunday July 27: Pack up and skedaddle...

Details, details!

Once again, we won't go hungry in Humboldt. Sawyer and his friends and neighbors are gathering up food and a cook will be on hand to prepare our meals. Remember to bring your own special food, liquid refreshments, water and dishes and utensils.

Campers will be asked to share the cost for the Cuneo Creek campground and permits. Donations for fuel costs to ship horses and carriages will be gratefully accepted.



Let us know if you can join us via this email, or info@accessadventure.org, or contact Sawyer at (707) 834-6174, email sawyersoup@yahoo.com. It would be helpful if you would let us know how many people (and horses) Any questions, Sawyer has the answers.

Itinerary for Riders and Press

Thursday July 24th Garberville - Rides and talk by Michael Muir

Where: Southern Humboldt Community Park, Garberville.

934 Sprowel Creek Road. At the Southern tip of Garberville take Sprowel Creek Road west for one mile. Take a left at the sign that says 'Access Adventure'.

When: The rides will begin at 10 am. There will be multiple rides throughout the day. A pot luck lunch will be served at 1 pm. Bring a dish or enjoy what we've prepared. At 7 o'clock Michael Muir will present movies and talk about his Horse Journey across the Country. That will be hosted in the big barn. Refreshments will be served.

Friday July 25th South of Fortuna - Rides in the Redwoods:

Where: Humboldt Redwood State Park, Dyerville Overlook 25 miles south of Fortuna. Take the Southfork / Honeydew exit off Hwy 101 just south of Redcrest. Look for the Access Adventure signs. We will be stationed next to the northbound on ramp at the Dyerville Overlook.

When: Rides will start at 10:00 am and continue until 3 pm. Each ride will vary in length depending on what the riders want. There will be a pot luck lunch at 1 pm. Bring a dish or enjoy what we've prepared.

Saturday July 26th Arcata -Mad River Rides:

Where: Mad River Beach boat ramp. Mad River Road winds through the Arcata bottoms and ends up at the beach. Follow the Access Adventure signs to the boat ramp.

When: We will start giving rides at 10:00 am and continue until 3 pm. There will be a potluck style lunch at 1 pm. Bring a dish or enjoy what we've prepared.



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