



# National Capital 'Brookvale' Ride: 14-15 October 2023

The ACT Endurance Riders Association Inc. will host an 80km endurance Ride, 53km elevator and 40km, 22km and 13km rides, all on Sunday 15 October 2023, at 'Brookvale' on the outskirts of Canberra. Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and bush scenery at Brookvale!

**Course:** Both legs of the 80km ride are challenging and hilly, passing through the Brindabella National Park, pine forest and private bushland. The shorter rides traverse Uriarra and Sherwood Forests and private property, with views of the surrounding areas. All rides are generally good underfoot, with some rocky patches. There is no bitumen.

**Admin:** All 80km, 53km and 40km riders must enter and vet on Saturday. Participants in the 22km and 13km rides can enter and vet on Saturday (preferable) or EARLY on Sunday but must be **ready to ride 30 minutes before** their ride starting times to attend the mandatory pre-ride talks. Ride information, including the opening date for entries and the starting time for each ride, will be provided on the ACTERA website and the ACTERA Facebook page. **Bookings will be online only (no entries on the day).**

Entries should be submitted through AERA online. The necessary paperwork (completed entry form; day member waiver form (if applicable); Horse Health Declarations; PIC number; and 2023 NSWERA (or other State Division) membership card (if applicable) is available on AERA online. We suggest intending participants check that they have renewed their ambulance cover. **All necessary horse and human health regulations will be enforced throughout the weekend.**

Distance	Entry fee*	Challenge and fitness	Starts TBC
80km (2 x 40km)	\$135	Challenging course, especially the first leg. Horses must be fit.	5am
53km Intermediate (40+13km Elevator)	\$90	No big hills but some moderate climbs in the first leg. Reasonable level of fitness needed.	7am
40km Intermediate	\$80	No big hills but some moderate climbs. Reasonable fitness	7 am
22km Introductory	\$60	Undulating, with some gradual climbs. Some fitness needed.	8 am
13km Introductory	\$55	Undulating, with some gradual climbs. Most horses are able.	9 am

**Ride base:** Brookvale is a no-frills campsite in a picturesque valley with a creek running through it. Facilities are basic, with bush and hire toilets and horse water (creek) available. You will need to **bring your own drinking water**. If you must bring a **dog**, please keep it on a lead at all times. No dogs in or near the vetting area or office. No fires. Patchy phone coverage. **Snax on Trax Café** will provide the canteen service.

**Ride base open from 8AM Saturday: earlier arrivals by prior arrangement only. Office opens at 12.00.**

**Directions:** The 'Brookvale' property is at 372 Mountain Creek Road, about 30 minutes from Canberra. The ride base is 1.5km off Mountain Creek Road along Doctors Flat Road: signage from Uriarra Road. **DO NOT** approach from the Wee Jasper/Brindabella National Park direction as Doctor's Flat Road has locked gates and is unsuitable for floats. Mountain Creek Road from Yass direction is also not recommended.

**For further details:** ACTERA Facebook page, ACTERA website ([www.actera.org.au](http://www.actera.org.au)); contact us via email ([ACTEndurance@outlook.com](mailto:ACTEndurance@outlook.com); or [cathy.banwell@anu.edu.au](mailto:cathy.banwell@anu.edu.au)) or phone Cathy on 0499882662.

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