

ISLAND IN THE SKY - GRAND MESA

Competitive Trail Ride - Grand Mesa, Western Colorado

Event Date: August 9, 2025

Sponsored by: Womens Surface Creek Saddle Club Inc.

Area Use Permitted by: U.S. Forest Service

Experience the Grand Mesa! Enjoy a scenic 9-mile loop with stunning views of pine forests and pristine reservoirs. Test your skills on obstacles designed to simulate high-forest trail riding. Ride at your own pace and choose obstacles suitable for your horse. Compete for prizes and bragging rights in five age divisions. Awards presented promptly after scoring. Come on up Friday, camp under the stars, relax by the reservoir, and connect with fellow equestrians. Stick around on Sunday too!

RIDER AGE GROUP:

- Little Wrangler (10 & Under) Must ride with an Adult & Wear a Helmet
- Junior (11-17) Helmets Required
- Young Adult (18 to 35) Helmets Encouraged
- Adult (36 to 65) Helmets Encouraged
- Vintage (66+) Helmets Encouraged

ENTRY FEES: Register EARLY and SAVE \$\$

Little Wrangler:

- Early Bird: \$40 (3/1/25 - 6/1/25) Post Marked By
- Standard: \$45 (6/2/25 - 8/1/25) Post Marked By
- Last Minutes: \$50 after 8/2/25 bring entry to the ride

All Other Age Groups:

- Early Bird: \$50 (3/1/25 - 6/1/25) Post Marked By
- Standard: \$60 (6/1/25 -8/1/25) Post Marked By
- Last Minute: \$75 after 8/2/25 bring entry to the ride

Event Details:

- **Gates Open:** 8:00 AM - day of the event 8/9/25
- **Registration:** White tents (Pick up scorecard, maps, and info)
- **Start Time Window:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (11:00 AM cutoff - must be on the trail)
- **Rider/Equine Ratio:** 1 rider per equine (no equines without a rider)
- **Water:** Horse water on the trail & at the reservoir. BYO drinking water.
- **Refreshments:** Free coffee and pastries Saturday morning. Bring your own lunch (food truck pending).
- **Dogs:** Well-behaved dogs on leash allowed in camp.
- **NO dogs** on the trail.

What to Bring:

- All Equine Supplies you think you might need.
- Snacks and drinks (plenty of drinking water for humans)
- Hay for your horse
- Rain gear

FAQs:

- **Ride Duration:** Fast (3 hrs), Average (4 hrs 30 min), Slow (5 hrs 40 min).
- **Trail Marking:** Pink ribbons, "Dad Jokes" on signs. Maps provided.
- **Weather:** Ride proceeds rain or shine. Be prepared for varied conditions.
- **Helmets:** Required for 18 and under, encouraged for all other riders.
- **Refunds** only if the event is canceled and not rescheduled.

If you have any additional questions, or require additional

- **Registration Questions:** Pamela Hassinger 970-201-8227, email pph@paonia.com (contact Pamela if you want to pay with Zelle)
- **Camping, Trail, Obstacles Questions:** Juleen Feazell 970-985-1182, email gjfeazell@icloud.com

Directions to Event Location - Top of The Grand Mesa

Lands End Road/FS 100 X - FS 108

From I-70: (Grand Junction - Front Range)

1. Exit 49 (Grand Junction/Front Range)
2. HWY 65 South (Grand Mesa Scenic Byway) - 30 miles
3. Through Mesa, past Powderhorn, up Grand Mesa.
4. RIGHT on Lands End Road (Forest Service Road 100)
5. 3.3 miles on Lands End Road.
6. HARD RIGHT on FS Road 108 (Carson Lake Road)
7. Look for big rigs ~1/10 mile off Lands End Road.

From HWY 50 (Delta):

1. EAST on HWY 92 - 3.8 miles
2. LEFT on HWY 65 (Cedaredge) - 10.8 miles
3. Stay on HWY 65 at the traffic light.
4. Up Grand Mesa.
5. Lands End Road is 19.6 miles from the light.
6. LEFT on Lands End Road (Forest Service Road 100)
7. 3.3 miles on Lands End Road.
8. HARD RIGHT on FS Road 108 (Carson Lake Road)
9. Look for big rigs ~1/10 mile off Lands End Road.