Redbud Ramble I and II, April 15 & 16, 2023:

at Rockhaven Park, Clinton Lake, Lawrence, KS

Competitive Trail Rides, MOTDRA sanctioned,

intro ride (8 miles), 15-mile ride and 25-mile ride

Clinton Lake currently offers about 30 miles of horse trails on the south side of Clinton Lake. All of Rockhaven Park’s equestrian campsites have pens. Make reservations at Recreation.gov. Electric sites are 13E-24 E and cost $20/night. Non-electric sites are $12/night. There is a shower house/restroom in the park (across from site 13E). There are only 2 water hydrants (one near site 23E, one near site 10.)

Directions: Rockhaven Park is southwest of Lawrence, KS. From 59 Highway go west on County Road 458, then go north on 700 East for about 1 mile. That road ends at Rockhaven Park.

The trails are mostly in wooded hillsides, quite rocky in some places. A blue-marked trail keeps mostly to high ground and includes some flat sections along the edges of meadows and a yellow-marked trail meanders along halfway between the lake and the blue trail. A red-marked trail at water’s edge was flooded for most of 2019 and is still under reconstruction.

Vet judge; Dave Cross, DVM

Ride manager; Maggie Childs, cell 785 550-0646; land line 785 842-2264; mgchilds@ku.edu

Ride secretary: Marjorie Vaughn, 785 224-1840

Ride fees IF you are a MOTDRA member and RSVP:

intro ride=$20; 15-mile ride=$30; 25-mile ride=$40.

Ride fees for non MOTDRA members who don’t RSVP:

Intro ride = $30; 15 miles = $40; 25 miles = $50.

Awards: Mostly white elephant swap style: Bring stuff you don’t need but that someone else might want.

Check-in and register. Friday after 5 pm.

Vet check-in Friday from 6pm until dark: Saturday afternoon, tba.

Start times; 25-mile ride 7:00am; 15-mile ride 7:30am; intro ride 8:00am. (Sunrise is 5:55 am.)

Junior riders free with accompanying adult.

Friday and Saturday ride meetings 7:30pm at the group shelter (near the trailhead).

Helmets required.