

21ST ANNUAL WEISER WAGON TRAIN EVENT MAY 26-27-28-29, 2023



Twenty-one years and still going strong! Join us for a leisurely four day journey on a true Idaho Gem, the Weiser River Trail. Follow the Trail through two counties, from Weiser to Council, as the terrain gently changes from rolling farm land surrounding Weiser to majestic mountains in Council. Enjoy a splendid hot breakfast (7 a.m.) (coffee is on at 6 a.m.) and dinner (6 p.m.) each day. Camp far from the madding crowds, with only the sounds of nature to lull you to sleep. Travel at your own speed and enjoy as many rest stops as you like each day. Horseback riders and walkers welcome!!! We shuttle your gear and hay from site to site.

Thursday, May 25: You may arrive today (or earlier) in Weiser if you choose. Please let us know so we can advise and help you plan accordingly. You may shuttle your own vehicle to Council on Thursday or Friday morning if you wish. Vehicles will be parked at the Council trailhead.

Friday, May 26: You are on your own for breakfast but we will provide coffee and muffins. If you are shuttling your vehicle and need a return ride, be ready to leave Weiser at 10 a.m. SHARP. At that time, vehicles will caravan to Council and you will be shuttled back to Weiser. We will travel approximately 12 miles to the first camp site at "primitive camp," where you will be served a catered dinner.

Saturday, May 27: Following breakfast, we will trail approximately 18 miles to Midvale. Showers, dinner and a relaxing evening await, as well as drawing for all raffle items.

Sunday, May 28: Following breakfast, we will trail approximately 20 miles to Goodrich for dinner.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29: Following breakfast, trail approximately 12 miles to the Council trailhead, where we wrap up the event and head home. Remember, today we honor our fallen soldiers. Please show your patriotism with the Red, White and Blue!



WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, pillow, mattress or pad, etc.)
- Cell phone or two way radios (NOTE: cell service is not available much of the time)
- Picket line (24 feet)
- First aid kit (we have a kit available in the sag wagon)
- Camp chair
- Bug spray (human and equine)
- Fly mask (human and equine)
- Water resistant horse blanket
- Flashlight
- Hay and hay bag or hay net (hay does not have to be certified weed free)
- **Small** ice chest
- Lunch items/water for the trail (limited bottled water available, lunch is not provided)
- Halter and lead rope
- Enough clothing to last four days, including rain gear

Please organize your gear into a labeled plastic storage bin.

CALL OR TEXT 208-861-8614 WITH QUESTIONS OR E-MAIL weiserrivertrail@gmail.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (and other important information) (in no particular order) PLEASE READ

- We haul all hay and camp equipment from camp site to camp site. *Please* organize your gear as efficiently as possible and **do not overload bags**. Please tag or identify your hay and gear, as it will be on "common" trailers. You may send a **SMALL** ice chest. We will **NOT** transport large ice chests. Please be mindful of the folks who are loading and unloading every day, they are not weight lifters. We do have limited space. You can purchase additional ice, groceries, etc., at the grocery store in Midvale (right next to our camp site) as well as Cambridge (a short distance from the trail). Please organize your gear into a labeled plastic storage container when possible.
- Outhouses are provided at camp sites and along the trail. Showers available in Midvale.
- You may camp overnight at the Weiser trailhead on Thursday May 25.
- Due to our commitments for services, we cannot make refunds after May 15.
- This is a family outing and we expect everyone to conduct themselves accordingly.
- Children (age 17 and younger) must be supervised at all times and must have written permission to participate from their legal guardian.
- Please note, due to safety issues, **NO DOGS ALLOWED**. This is NOT negotiable.
- All equines MUST have hoof protection on **all four hooves** (iron shoes or some type of hoof protection such as Easy Boots, Renegades, Old Macs). This is NOT negotiable. The trail is on an old rail bed and as such, is very rocky in places.
- NO STALLIONS allowed. No foals, weanlings or lactating mares allowed.
- Equines must be at least 36 months of age.
- The trail covers 60 miles in four days, with one 20 and one 18 mile day. All equines must be fit enough to go this distance. Evacuation resources are extremely limited and the trail is not always close to a highway. Lameness is not permitted. The wagon master has the final say on what constitutes a fit and sound equine. **Our first priority is the safety of all participants and equines.**
- Out riders and "day" riders welcome.
- Helmets strongly encouraged for riders of all ages but particularly riders under age 18).
- Walkers/hikers and bicycles are also welcome to join us.
- **DO NOT BRING:**
 - Lameness or sick horses
 - People who think this is a horse race
 - Dogs
 - People who complain, tire easily or who can't keep up
 - Harness, collars or saddles that don't fit
 - Horses that kick, pull back **or cannot be tied overnight**
 - Overloaded wagons or carts

WAGONS/CARTS/BUGGIES: Check your width. Trestles are only eight feet wide.

OTHER INFORMATION: If at some point you feel you cannot continue the event, we will do our best to get you to your rig in Council in a timely manner. Additional meals may be purchased if you anticipate friends/family joining you for just a meal (please note that "primitive camp" on Friday night is not accessible by vehicle). The nearest trailhead to Primitive Camp is Presley, approximately 3 miles south. Please let us know WHICH meal and how many additional meals. Please note we are a small organization and are not able to accommodate food allergies or requests such as gluten/lactose/dairy intolerance, vegetarian or vegan requests (BUT we usually have basic vegetarian options).

We welcome participants who cannot commit to all four days. Please specify which days you would like to join us and we will work with you on logistics.

The weather can be extremely unpredictable. The event will not be cancelled because of inclement weather. Please check the forecast in the days prior to the event and pack rain gear accordingly. If you are riding, you will want a DRY saddle every morning, so you may want to include a small tarp to cover your gear.

You will be crossing many trestles on the ride. They are completely horse safe, with solid planks and railings. Most are quite short and none are particularly high.

We will not have a farrier on-call, so we encourage you to carry a spare Easy Boot (or equivalent) in the event your horse pulls a shoe. Riders, we also encourage you to carry a halter and lead rope on the trail, as well as sufficient people water.

If you are coming from out of state, check with your veterinarian for health requirements prior to entering Idaho. You will need a health certificate and Coggins and you may need a brand inspection.

We will rent a small pump and have horse water available in a trough at each camp site. You will not have to negotiate the slopes to river or creek at any camp site.

The nearest equine vet is in Weiser, Idaho ([\(208\) 549-0944](tel:2085490944)). There is also a fully staffed 24/7 equine vet clinic (Idaho Equine) in Nampa ([\(208\) 466-4613](tel:2084664613)). There will NOT be a vet available on the ride.

The organizers, helpers and wagon master are all volunteers. Please be respectful of ride management, we are there to make sure you have a SAFE and enjoyable experience. We look forward to seeing you on the trail!!!

NOTE ABOUT 2023 RAFFLE SADDLE: This year's saddle is a leather western saddle, 15 inch seat, gently used but completely cleaned, oiled and refurbished.



2023 Quilt

COVID-19: It is our SINCERE hope we will not be knee deep in another surge in May 2023 but obviously we have no idea what the future will bring. We had no problems in 2021 or 2022, everyone behaved responsibly and as far as we know, we had no COVID exposures on the wagon train. We will monitor the situation and adjust as necessary.

We will provide Port-A-Potties but use them at your own risk, we cannot clean them after every use. We will provide a hand washing/sanitizing station at the camp sites. We will provide hand sanitizer at all camp sites.

Please be responsible at all times for your own safety and the safety of other participants. No one likes wearing a mask or being told they need to socially distance but it is our responsibility to provide a safe experience for all. If you do not agree with ANY of our rules/recommendations, then please do not attend our event.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam at weiserrivertrail@gmail.com or call/text 208-861-8614.

Sincerely,

Weiser River Trail Wagon Train Management Team



MAP TO WEISER TRAILHEAD



From highway 95, turn east on Main Street (Maverick gas station on the southeast corner). Through residential area to the bend in the road, trailhead is on the left. Please do not park/unload horses on the asphalt.

Horse water will be available. Vault toilet available. Overnight camping permitted. Check-in and pick up ride packet and T-shirt Friday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Coffee will be available.

THIS IS LIABILITY RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY, SO PLEASE READ IT!

Please fill out a separate form for each participant. Each participant age 18 or older must sign. Each participant age 17 or younger must have the signature of a guardian or parent.

Please read carefully and check each box to indicate you have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules.

I understand that a wagon trail ride and drive is a hazardous activity which involves being in remote areas for a long time; that these areas may have many natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time, and there is NO ambulance or medical help present.

I understand that I am entering this wagon train ride and drive at my own risk and upon acceptance of my application for entry in the above described ride, I acknowledge that I assume **FULL RESPONSIBILITY** for my own safety. I, my heirs, executors and administrators will hold FWRT (Friends of Weiser River Trail) and all officers and directors thereof, any member of the ride management and ride personnel, and all property owners/tenants whose land the ride crosses **BLAMELESS** for any injury or loss to myself or my horse which occurs due to my participation, and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In short, I will not sue the ride management, their personnel, land owners or tenant, and FWRT for ANY REASON! I am fully aware of all ride rules and agree to abide by those rules set down by the ride management and FWRT. I fully understand the consequences for not following ride rules. As a participant in this ride, I have read the above liability release and will agree to abide by ALL rules.

I understand that my equine(s) **MUST** have hoof protection (shoes or some type of boot) and that in the event my equine does not meet this requirement, I will be excused from the event. I further understand I will not receive a refund.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

OR _____
GUARDIAN/PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF PARTICIPANT IS AGE 17 OR UNDER

DATE

LAST NAME			
FIRST NAME			
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
CONTACT PHONE			
E-MAIL			
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME			
EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE			

Please return application and check (**CHECK PAYABLE TO FWRT**) to Pam Haynes, 1235 Rolling Hills Drive, Meridian, ID 83642. **OR** scan signed application and E-mail to weiserrivertrail@gmail.com. You may pay via PayPal (send funds to weiserrivertrail@gmail.com). If you have questions, please contact weiserrivertrail@gmail.com or call/text 208-861-8614. (Checks will not be deposited before mid May).

NAME _____

	PRICE PER UNIT	SUBTOTAL
Participant (4 days) (out rider or in wagon) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$ 200 (retired military price \$180)	
Wagon Driver (4 days) one driver discount per wagon) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$ 175 (retired military price \$160)	
Active Military (with ID card) (4 days) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$ 100	
Junior participate (age 17 and younger) (MUST have signed release from parent or guardian) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$100	
Day Rider (PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$ 75 per day	
Extra T-shirts (sizes below) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$ 20	
Extra meals (see below for additional info) <i>PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW</i>	\$ 15 breakfast \$ 25 dinner	
Raffle tickets (does NOT include saddle, quilts and other high ticket items) (we will have many raffle items!)	\$1 each or six for \$5	
SADDLE RAFFLE TICKETS (separate raffle this year!)	\$5 each	
QUILTS AND OTHER HIGH VALUE ITEM RAFFLE TICKETS (contact us for info on specific items)	\$5 each	
	TOTAL	

Your entry fee includes ONE T-shirt of any size. If you wish to purchase additional T-shirts, you must preorder. Please indicate additional T-shirt size below and number of each. T-shirts will be short-sleeve men's sizes cotton/poly blend.

"DAY" RIDERS: You are welcome to join us for only a portion of the trail. We need to know which days you will be joining us and which meals you will want. Your \$75 entry fee includes two meals and a T-shirt. Please contact us to let us know when/where you would like to join up and we will work out the logistics. If you wish to only ride and do not want any meals or a T-shirt, we will be happy to adjust the entry fee accordingly.

EXTRA T-SHIRTS AND MEALS FOR GUESTS WHO WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT. Please specify number and sizes below and add totals into grid above. Please note we cannot refund prepaid meals for no shows/late cancellations. We will get T-shirts to you if you are unable to attend.

EXTRA T-SHIRTS	NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS	EXTRA MEALS	NUMBER OF MEALS
SMALL (\$20)		Dinner Friday \$25	
MEDIUM (\$20)		Breakfast Saturday \$15	
LARGE (\$20)		Dinner Saturday \$25	
EXTRA LARGE (XL) (\$20)		Breakfast Sunday \$15	
XXL (\$20)		Dinner Sunday \$25	
XXXL (\$20)		Breakfast Monday \$15	