

24TH ANNUAL WEISER WAGON TRAIN EVENT MAY 22-23-24-25, 2026



Twenty-four 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 welcome!!! We shuttle your gear and hay from site to site. NOTE: Due to support logistics, this year we will have a hard limit of 40 participants; after that we will wait list.

Thursday, May 21: 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 if you wish or you can go up with the group Friday morning, we will bus you back.) We are pleased to offer FOUR 16 x 16 corrals at the Weiser trailhead, which may be reserved for \$10/night. You will need to call 208-861-8614 or E-mail weiserrivertrail@gmail.com to confirm availability.

Friday, May 22: You are on your own for breakfast but we will provide coffee, juice and muffins. If you are shuttling your vehicle to Council 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. After you return to Weiser, you will travel approximately 12 miles to the first camp site at "primitive camp," where you will be served a catered dinner.

Saturday, May 23: 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 24: Following breakfast, we will trail approximately 20 miles to Goodrich for dinner.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25: 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 (NOTE: cell service is not available much of the time)
- Picket line (24 feet) (or you can tie to a railroad tie)
- 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 or duffel bags if possible

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. Please be mindful of the folks who are loading and unloading every day, they are not weight lifters. We have limited space in the cargo trailer. 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 or duffel bags 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 21.
- Due to our commitments for services, we cannot make refunds after May 10.
- 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. Contact us to make special arrangements.
- Helmets strongly encouraged for riders of all ages but particularly riders under age 18.
- Walkers/hikers and bicycles are also welcome to join us but equestrian entries will be given priority.
- Yes you may pony a pack horse or extra horse
- **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

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).

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

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 20276 RAFFLE : We are unable to offer a saddle for our raffle this year BUT we will still have many wonderful items, including at least one handmade quilt (similar to that shown below), hand crafted jewelry similar to that seen below, a laser etched metal wall hanging (see below) and leather saddle bags.



2023 Quilt



We will provide Port-A-Potties at each camp site. We will provide a hand washing/sanitizing station at the camp sites.

Please be responsible at all times for your own safety and the safety of other participants.

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

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**MAP TO WEISER TRAILHEAD**



From highway 95, turn east on Main Street (old 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 a.m. Coffee and muffins will be available. Please be strategic in parking, we can get pretty full. We have overflow camping just across the street for a couple of rigs (marked by the teeny weeny red spot on the above map).