

Michigan 4-H Horse Program's Ride Across our State Challenge
Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021

Eligibility

Youth and adults may participate. If adults are competing as a team, their team must include at least (1) 4-H youth member. Out of state participants are also welcome.

Divisions

Individual Division*: For those that want to participate competitively as an individual.

Team Division*: A full team consists of 5 members. A family unit can be considered a team. Counties may participate as a team. Counties may have multiple teams. If participating as a team, select a team name and a team captain. The team captain will need to have e-mail access and will be responsible for submitting their team's mileage every week.

**All participants must register as individuals. They may also sign up to be on a team at the same time.*

Mileage

If you register after challenge begins, back miles will not be accepted. Any miles spent riding or driving your equine count. This includes, but is not limited to: showing, trail riding, conditioning at home, riding lessons, etc. Participants may log miles on multiple horses. Miles are tracked per person, not per horse. Teams do not have to ride together. Your miles can be logged separately. ***When riding please keep safety measures (riding helmets), trail etiquette and social distancing protocols in mind.***

Educational Opportunities

Based on the collective miles traveled by all participants, event organizers will track the virtual progress as we travel across the state of Michigan. Michigan geography, history, and fun facts will then be shared with participants via email and social media weekly.

Recognition

Top placing individuals and teams will be recognized.

All participants receive a participation certificate at the end of the challenge no matter your accrued mileage, or participation level.

Cost

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

There are no refunds for entry fees.

Ex. Suzy Spartan is riding for the "Go Green" Team. She paid \$5 for her individual membership and \$5 for her portion of the team membership. Her total is \$10.

Register here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/RideAcrossOurState/>

Entry will not be considered eligible for awards until your registration and payment have been received.



Submitting Mileage

Submit mileage to Taylor Fabus at tenlenta@msu.edu. Individuals must report their miles each Monday by noon EST. Emails received later than Monday by noon will forfeit that week's miles.

Reminder: ***You do not have to ride together as a team. Miles can be logged separately.***

Apps that you may find helpful logging mileage. It is **not** a requirement to use apps mentioned below.

- Map My Ride
- My Tracks-Google
- Horse Trail
- Equi-Trail
- Horse Riding Tracker

We encourage you to take pictures, post on social media, using hashtags **#4HatHome**
#RideAcrossMIChallenge #4H