

NATRC Competitive Trail Ride

May 16 – 17, 2026



Seligman, Arizona



Showdown at Sunset CTR Two Leisure Division Rides Seligman Rodeo Grounds 27655 W. Fort Rock Road Seligman, AZ 86337

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Seligman, AZ is a quirky small town along a preserved section of Route 66 that captures a vibrant slice of Americana. Radiator Springs, the fictional town from Pixar's *Cars*, had to fight for its survival after being bypassed by the interstate. Radiator Springs gets its name from the nearby town of Peach Springs. Seligman's iconic desert topography looks very similar to the backdrop of the little Route 66 town in the beloved animated film, and the film's story was inspired by tales from resident barber, Angel Delgadillo's own memories of the town. Look for nods to the film around town, including a Mater-like toothy truck in front of The Historic Seligman Sundries, and a pastel-colored Volkswagen bug (just like Fillmore) in front of The Motoporium. Visit the iconic restaurants and shops and spend the day shopping and eating. Nearby the Grand Canyon Caverns are located a few miles east of Peach Springs, Arizona and lie 210 feet below ground level. They are among the largest dry caverns in the United States. Grand Canyon Cavern and many tours are available.

Ride camp, located at the Seligman Rodeo Grounds, is a newly refurbished facility located 5 minutes from the Town of Seligman, Arizona and just off the historic Route 66. Both days of the ride will find spectacular footing riding among juniper trees, few cacti and weather approximately 10 degrees cooler than the desert valley. During your ride you may see cattle, elk, deer and pronghorn antelope,

If you are new to Competitive Trail Riding, we invite you to come and ride. Don't let the idea of competition keep you away. You will learn the best way to care for your trail horse as you take in this unique area, all while maybe getting an award at the end of the day. This Leisure Division ride will begin around 8 a.m. with check-in. We'll be hitting the trail soon after. You are invited to bring a dish to the potluck Friday evening while the Saturday dinner is provided by ride management.

A Competitive Trail Ride is NOT A RACE. It is a timed and measured distance-riding event. Horses of all breeds, including mules, are invited to compete in NATRC. You will follow marked trails using GPS and a printed map with specified minimum and maximum riding times. You and your horse will be observed over the course of the ride by an experienced Leisure

Division (LeD) judge. You will be judged on the way you handle and care for your horse and how you negotiate trail conditions such as steep ascents and descents, and natural trail obstacles. Your horse will be judged on condition and capability to continue. Shoes and any type of boots are allowed.

Enter online on the NATRC Ride Management System (eRide Entry Forms) at <http://www.rms.net>. For help creating an RMS account and entering the ride refer to the [RMS Guide](#).

Entries are also accepted by regular US Mail. Pre-entry is required. Registration deadline is May 12, 2026, or permission of ride management. For more information, or to print additional paper entry forms, visit our website: <http://www.natrc2.org> and select Events, or see us on Facebook at [Showdown at Sunset NATRC Ride](#) or [NATRC Region 2 Discussion Group](#).

This ride is sanctioned by North American Trail Ride Conference and will be governed by the rules thereof. The rule book is available online at <http://www.natrc.org> under Resources tab.

Lunch is on your own in camp after the LeD ride.

Friday dinner is a potluck. Please bring something to share. Saturday dinner is provided by ride management for the cost of \$10 per person.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented as soon as scores can be tabulated. Awards will be given to first through sixth place team of each class. All horses/mules and riders are encouraged to remain for the awards presentation.

HOOF BOOTS: There are no shoeing restrictions. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed.

REGISTRATION PAPERS: This event is open to all horses, mules, and ponies and does NOT REQUIRE Registration Papers to enter or participate. Management STRONGLY requests that any horse, mule, or pony that is registered provide a copy of the Registration Papers with the entry so NATRC can track participation by breed.

CAMP: Plan to arrive at camp on Saturday morning by 8:00 am to register for the ride. (You can camp Saturday night if you don't want to drive home after the ride.) We will be staging at the Seligman Rodeo Grounds. Open fires, loose dogs or other pets are FORBIDDEN. **No smoking will be permitted on the trail.** Anyone caught smoking on trail will be disqualified and asked to leave. Dogs must be on a leash. You are welcome to come early and stay late to enjoy the town of Seligman. Please notify management if you plan to stay longer than Friday through Monday. Management is not responsible for horses or camps left unattended. Portable toilets will be available beginning Friday afternoon, May 15th.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING: Camping is available at no charge at the venue on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. If you plan to camp longer, please notify ride management.

CORRALS: Corrals are available at no cost this year due to the generous sponsorship of Sunset Ranch/Megan and Gary Bennett. Small corrals are for individual horses. Larger corrals are available for 2 or more horses stabling together. One round pen is available for three (3) or more horses together. One round pen is restricted to use for exercising horses only.

WATER: All water is being hauled by ride management. Horse water will be available. Please bring drinking water for your own use. A limited amount of water will be available to sponge/clean horses in a specific area. PLEASE RESTRICT HORSE BATHING to the marked area to avoid creating muddy ground around the horse camp.

RAFFLE: A raffle will be held during the ride at a time to be determined. Many nice items have been donated. If you have an item to donate, please let ride management know. We are grateful for new or gently used items.

WHAT TO BRING - All food for you and your horse. Saddle, bridle, pads, grooming equipment, water buckets, hay nets and anything you need for your horse. Bring tools to clean around your stable area. Also, bring your personal sun protection lotion, sunglasses, water bottles, and folding chair (for briefing), wristwatch with sweep second hand, etc. The disposal of MANURE will be announced at the ride briefing Friday night. Riders will be notified at the ride briefing regarding the location to dispose of horse manure.

VOLUNTEERS: **Yes**, we can always use volunteers! Please reach out to the ride manager.

ENTRIES: Entries must be received by **May 12, 2026**, or specific permission of ride management. Minimum deposit is \$25.00. The deposit is non-refundable.

Late Arrivals: Please call ahead if you will be arriving after 8:00 am Saturday or Sunday for the LeD Ride.

Emergency Phone Number: 623-810-9040. Cell phone coverage in camp and on most trails is usually available.

LEISURE DIVISION – Is a one-day ride. Horses, mules and ponies must be at least 48 months of age. Mileage will be between 9-12 miles, usually about 9 miles with a speed of 3 to 4.5 mph, usually about 3.5 mph. Horse and rider compete as a team, and their combined score is used to determine placing recognition.

In Leisure there are three (3) (classes from which to choose.

EXPERIENCED–Anyone who is a judge, has more than 250 points in horsemanship, won a National Championship or obtained 1,500 miles in competition must compete in Experienced. Any Rider (Adult or Junior) may compete in this class if they choose.

ADULT – Riders 18 or older. Intended for riders new to the sport. More experienced riders should consider entering the Experienced class.

JUNIOR -- Ages 8 through 17. If 17 on January 1 of the current year, the entrant will ride as a Junior for the remainder of the year. Juniors may choose to compete in either the Experienced or Adult classes. Juniors must wear ASTM/SEI or other approved EQUESTRIAN riding helmet while mounted.

LeD BRIEFING - Management will provide a detailed briefing about the LeD competition and the trails. Bring your map (provided at check in) and a pen for writing notes. **This ride will be featured on Ride w/GPS.** We highly recommend that you download the free **Ride w/GPS** app to your smartphone. Once you enter, we will send you the route and you can follow it as you ride. It's a great way to track your ride as you go!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday through Sunday, May 15, 16, 17, 2026

(Subject to change)

- **Friday** at 12:00 pm Ride Camp opens. If the ride secretary is available, you can check in early.
- **Friday** night Potluck – join us at managements trailer at 6:00 pm. Bring your chair, beverage of choice and a dish to share.
- **Saturday ride CHECK-IN** will begin at 8:00 am followed by the pre-ride check of your equine by your LeD judge. Come unsaddled.
- **Saturday 10:00 a.m.** out on the trail.
- **Saturday** dinner and awards at 5:00 pm
- **Sunday ride CHECK-IN** will begin at 8:00 am followed by the pre-ride check of your equine by your LeD judge. Come unsaddled.
- **Sunday** 10:00 am – out on the trail.
- **Sunday** awards will be announced as soon as points are tallied by the judge.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Seligman Rodeo Grounds

Seligman, Arizona is East of Kingmn, and west of Flagstaff off of the I-40. It is an easy shot from any direction Take the I-40 in northern Arizona to Exit 123. toward I-40-BL/AZ-66/Seligman/Peach Springs. This will take you directly through the charming town of Seligman.

To get to the Fairgrounds, continue through Seligman on Old Route 66 to Fort Rock Road, turn south. Follow Fort Rock Road for just over 2 miles. The Rodeo Grounds is on the left. The road is paved all the way.

Showdown at Sunset CTR – Region 2 NATRC

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Please use a separate sheet for each entry. Complete entry form and mail with payment.

For Information, call Bob Insko 760-789-0007. Mail Entry to: Showdown at Sunset NATRC, 4581 Bella Terra Dr, Arnold, MO 63010

Rider: _____ Horse Name: _____

Address: _____ Breed: _____ Reg. No*: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Color: _____ B-Day _____ Height: _____

Phone: _____ Sex: Stallion Gelding Mare _____ Weight: _____

E-Mail: _____ Horse Owner: _____

Name of Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____ Phone: _____

**To be eligible for breed awards, a copy of the registration papers must accompany the entry form or be presented at check in.*

Check NATRC Class you wish to enter.

LeD Ride – Saturday Morning

Experienced _____ \$80
 Adult _____ \$80
 Junior _____ \$45

LeD Ride — Sunday Morning

Experienced _____ \$80
 Adult _____ \$80
 Junior _____ \$45

Basic entry fee already includes NATRC
 Member National Fee, CA Drug Fee,
 NATRC Region Fee, Park Fee Entry
 Fee from above +\$ _____

NATRC Non-Member National Fee (add \$20.00)** +\$ _____

** Add this fee if rider is not a member of NATRC
 ** Free NATRC Membership to new members available

Dinner Saturday Night (\$10 per person) \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Less Deposit (of which \$25.00 is Non-Deductible) \$ _____

Balance due at Check In \$ _____

For Office Use Only:

Pre-Ride Check-in

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____ \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Registration Papers OK:

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