

International Mountain Trail Challenge Association

2018 Northwest Regional Challenge



Building bold and confident Trail Horses one obstacle at a time!

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Northwest Regional Challenge

October 13-14, 2018

Schedule

Saturday

October 13

Full Challenge (see class list sheet 9)

Sunday

October 14

Championship (top 3 competitors in each division listed below of the Saturday Oct 13 Challenge will advance to championship)

Sunday Competition:

Championship Buckles will be awarded to the winning IMTCA horse/rider combination in the following divisions:

~Miniature Equine/Pony In-Hand~

~Youth~ ~Novice~ ~Junior Horse~ ~Adult~

~Open In-hand~ ~Open Riding~

Any rider with an IMTCA membership who has competed in at least one 2018 IMTCA Mountain Trail Challenge can participate in the IMTCA Northwest Regional Challenge.

This discipline is open to all equines and riders of all skill levels.

Location:

**Bolender Horse Park
131 Crater View Drive
Silver Creek, WA 98585**

Contact:

**Lee Bolender
jleecowgirl@gmail.com
360.269.6156**

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Dear Participants,

Welcome to the International Mountain Trail Challenge Associations first Northwest Regional Challenge! We're glad you've decided to join us in the exciting sport of Mountain Trail riding and to participate this exciting new Sport!

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Mountain Trail Challenge is a unique way to help build a solid partnership between a horse and rider. When this partnership is developed, you can plainly see its results as horse and rider navigate obstacles safely, boldly and confidently.

Please read the information carefully. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email us!

Welcome aboard!

Mark Bolender



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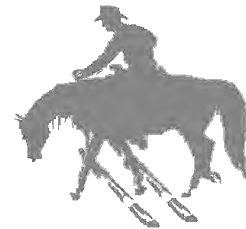
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About the Regional Challenge

Qualification

IMTCA membership and participation in at least 1
2018 IMTCA Mountain Trail Challenge



Participation

Each rider/horse combination may enter up to 2 levels e.g.
<**Novice—Level 1**>< **Level 1—Level 2**>< **Level 2—Level 3**>.
Novice riders may not ride in any Level 2 or Level 3 class and
Trainers can only enter Open & Money classes.

Saturday Competition

All entries will participate in the classes on Saturday. Patterns for
these classes can be found on the IMTCA.org website. Printed
copies will be also available in the Great room on the day of
competition. Saturday results will be announced Sunday
morning. Ribbons will be awarded to the top five competitors.
You must be present to receive awards. The top three competitors
will continue on to the championship.

Sunday Competition

Championship round. The top 3 participants of the 7 divisions
(Miniature Equine/Pony In-Hand, Youth, Novice, Junior Horse,
Adult, Open In-hand and Open Riding) will compete using Sunday
class patterns. Except for Mini/Pony In-Hand and Open In-Hand
the championship classes will be riding patterns. Patterns for these
classes can be found on the IMTCA.org website. Printed copies
will be also available in the Great room on the day of competition.

Results will be announced as soon as possible after last rider has
completed their run.

Awards

IMTCA Northwest Regional Championship Buckle

Championship Ribbons

Sponsor donations

(Must be present to receive awards)



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Important Contacts

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Office Management:

Lee Bolender

(360) 269-6156, jleecowgirl@gmail.com

Show Secretary:

Diana Jones

(360) 270-6765, ddljones@yahoo.com

Concession Hours: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Bolenders Horse Park Photos By Hal Cook

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About the Challenges

Refer to the IMTCA 2018 Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations

What to expect at a Challenge

A competitive event for Mountain Trail and Extreme Mountain Trail is known as a **challenge**. A challenge tests a horse and rider's ability to navigate both natural and man-made obstacles in a safe manner and with technical skills that demonstrate great horsemanship. There will be up to three levels of difficulty that are designed to challenge but not intimidate riders. Attire and tack required for participating must be neat, clean and in good working order.

The overall purpose of the Trail Challenge is to promote good horsemanship skills and provide an educational venue for equestrians. Trail Challenge tests an equine and rider on their ability to work as a team and navigate obstacles which they might experience on a trail.

The horse and rider will encounter various obstacles during a Trail Challenge. Sometimes they will encounter difficult trail situations which will better prepare the equine and rider in the real world. Through education and experience, riding becomes more pleasurable, while safety and fun are encouraged.


Judges: All challenges must be judged by IMTCA certificated judges. A judge must have the ability to evaluate horsemanship skills such a rider's skill in controlling and maintaining the equine. The judge should be also familiar with the natural movement of the equine.



Photos by Hal Cook

IMTCA Judge Scoring Reference 2018

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Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Entry 2 points	Slightly off center	Not straight 1 horse length	Refuse 2				Acknowledges obstacle No break of gait (wow)
	Slightly not 1 horse length	Pause more than 3 seconds	Won't enter				
	Slightly not straight	Refuse 1	Jump in				
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Horse not straight					
Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Body 5 points	Tie	Hopping in	Stumbles	Horse distracted	Small rearing	Out of obstacle 2 feet	Nice consistent forward gait (wow) 
	Slightly off center At entry	Break gait Per each stride	Rushing	Consistent tight rein	Unsafe but not -5	3 refusals	
	Slightly un- straight	Each off center stride	Break gait By 2 strides	Horse not listening		Falls off obstacle	
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Lose fwd motion	Wrong lead at lope			Off course	
		Moves or steps on obstacle	Break gait at lope			Disobedience	
		Incorrect gait or lead	Knockdown			4+ steps on dismount or ground tie	
		Horse steps 1 on dismount	1 foot out of obstacle			Holding on to saddle except mount, dismount or Going up/down hill	
		Ground tie				Excessive whipping or spurring	
		Skip required space/step				Horse rears/bucks	
		Off center/				Seriously unsafe	
					Drops obstacle		
					Let go of gate		
Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Exit 2 points	Slightly off center	Hurry/rushes	Not safe				Acknowledges obstacle No break of gait (wow)
	Slightly not 1 horse length	Not straight 1 horse length	Jumps out				
	Slightly not straight	Not centered	Doesn't exit at exit				
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Hopping out					
Entry Disqualification							
Horse or rider falls		Abuse/aggressive schooling			Improper language to judge		
Horsemanship = 5 points Deductions (-1 to -5)							
Excessive use of hands to instill fear or praise		Equipment failure or unsafe			Does not acknowledge Judge		
Jerk on bit		Enter/Exit from incorrect side/direction					
Excessive spurring		Riding outside boundary					
Overcorrection of horse		Failure of correct gait between obstacles			2 hands riding Western in shank bit 2 hands riding Western Senior Horse in snaffle, or bosal Novice and Level 1 = -1 Level 2 = -2 Level 3 = -3 Open = -5		
Dirty tack		Failure of travel line between obstacles					
Dirty horse		Head too low or over flexed					
Consistent tight rein		Inappropriate to judge					

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General Rules & Regulations

There is **no smoking** in the buildings or stables or around the concessions at Bolender Horse Park. Please observe the 5 mph limit on the property

- **Upon Arrival:** Please check in at the office for stall and parking assignments. Be sure to sign the Release of Liability Agreement.

○ **Entries:**

Important Class Entry Information: Circle the number of the class you plan to enter. (sheet 10)

Email or Mail your completed registration form (sheets 8-10) to:

Lee Bolender Email: jleecowgirl@gmail.com Bolender Horse Park, 131 Crater View Drive
Or mail registration to: Silver Creek, WA 98585

- ◆ ~ A rider can enter up to 2 Levels. Within each Division, a rider can choose In Hand or Riding, or both. Novice are excluded from any Level 2 or Level 3 Classes.
- ◆ ~ Payments: No entries/stall reservations accepted unless accompanied with payment.
- ◆ ~ Add/Drop/Change Class: Classes can be added or dropped by informing our office up until the first exhibitor in the class has started.
- ◆ ~ Refunds: Requests for refund can be made up to 10 days prior to challenge and are charged a \$25 office fee.
- **Dogs:** There is a \$30 fee charged per dog, per day. You are responsible for picking up after your pet. Dogs must be kept leashed at all times and kept away from people, horses, dogs, the concession area and the course. Owners are financially liable for any dog-related incidents.
- **Parking:** Park only in designated areas and not next to the buildings. Clean up after yourselves, your guests, horses and dogs. Please practice "Leave No Trace".
- **RV/Camping:** Spots are assigned based on vehicle/trailer length. There is a limited number of spaces available. Dry camping and limited lodging is also available. Please practice "Leave No Trace".
- **Practice/Walk Through:** Exhibitors will not be allowed to practice on the competition courses on the day of the event. Warm up obstacles will be set up to use through out the show if available. A obstacle walk through (without horses) will be done at 8:00am prior to the competition. Competition starts 30 minutes after the last walk through.
- **Disputes not covered by rules:** Any dispute not covered by the IMTCA will be referred to management, who's decision will be final. We reserve the right to adjust the schedule or to substitute judges if necessary. Changes and corrections will be posted in the office.

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IMTCA Challenge Registration Form

October 13-14, 2018

Riders Name: _____ Name of Horse: _____

IMTCA Member No. _____ Equine Age _____ Equine Breed _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Lessons & Open riding

Open riding on course Friday (10/12) & Saturday (10/13) after Challenge: Time will be limited \$35/ To 2 hours per day
course open: (10/12) 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. (10/13) after Challenge until TBD by Mark (10/14) no open ride

Semi Private Lesson offered prior to NW regional Challenge (9/25-30 and 10/2-10)
(1-2 people) \$85 per hour/ per person ~ arranged in advance call to reserve lesson time

Open ride ...(circle one or both days, limited 2hr per day)..... ☐ Friday 10/12 ☐ Sat 10/13 \$35/2hr each day.....\$ _____

Lesson(arrange in advance, call to reserve date and time).....\$85 per hr/per person.....\$ _____

Entry Fee:

Adult Classes: \$40 per class **or** 8 for \$220 _____ X \$40 \$ _____
(Money Classes not included in above entry fees)

Youth Classes: \$30 per class **or** 8 for \$200 _____ X \$30 \$ _____
(Money Classes not included in above entry fees)

Gamblers Choice: \$50 (\$150 for 1st place, must have at least 4 riders) \$ _____

Team: \$50 (\$150 for 1st place team, must have at least 4 Teams of 3) \$ _____

Ride one/Lead one: \$50 (\$150 for 1st place, must have at least 4 riders) \$ _____

Lodging: \$50 per person, per night \$ _____

RV Hookups: First Person \$30/night Additional persons \$15 each/night \$ _____
Youth free with parent

Dry Camping: First Person \$20/night Additional persons \$10 each/night \$ _____
Youth free with parent

Dogs: \$30/dog/day (must be leashed, you are responsible for clean up) \$ _____

Stalls: \$65/2 days includes shavings \$ _____

Stall Cleaning: \$15/day (will pick 1x/day) \$ _____

Stall Stripping: \$25/stall \$ _____

Haul In: \$20/horse (day of challenge) \$ _____

Office Fee: \$20 *(waived if entry submitted with payment 7 days in advance) \$ _____ *

TOTAL \$ _____ ***

Credit Card Payment Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVC _____

*** Make checks payable to IMTCA ***

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IMTCA Challenge ~ Saturday October 13 2018 ~ Class List

Levels:

Lead Line: Rider on the ground, horse on line with person in saddle.

Novice: Walking over obstacles/lesser degree of difficulty than Level 1

Level 1: Training, walk only, in hand or riding.

Level 2: Intermediate, walk and trot, in hand & riding. 180 & 360 degrees on some obstacles.

Level 3: Masters, walk, trot and canter, 180 & 360 degrees on some obstacles.

Divisions:

Novice: This is defined as the first year the handler/rider is competing trail obstacles in any organized trail or cowboy race competitions

Youth: Any rider under 18 years of age.

Adult: 18 years of age and over.

Open: All riders qualified except for Novice

Trainers: Any rider who is paid to train or give lessons, can **Only** go in Open classes

Junior Horse: Horses 5 years and under (this is an Open Class)

Within each Division, a rider can choose two Levels, In Hand or Riding, or both. See restrictions for Divisions within each box below. *Novice are excluded from Level 3 and Open Classes.*

Please circle the number of the class or classes you are entering. ←

→ **This page must be filled out and included with registration form.**

Lead Line Classes

1. Level 1 In Hand Only

Novice Division

2. In Hand Level 1 Only 3. Riding Level 1 Only

Miniature Equine/Pony Division

In Hand (only)

4. Level 1 5. Level 2 6. Level 3

Junior Horse Division

(5 and under) (this is an Open Class)

7. In Hand Level 2 (only) 8. Riding Level 2 (only)

Youth Division

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| <u>In Hand</u> | <u>Riding</u> |
| 9. Level 1 | 12. Level 1 |
| 10. Level 2 | 13. Level 2 |
| 11. Level 3 | 14. Level 3 |

Adult Division

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| <u>In Hand</u> | <u>Riding</u> |
| 15. Level 1 | 18. Level 1 |
| 16. Level 2 | 19. Level 2 |
| 17. Level 3 | 20. Level 3 |

Open Division

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| <u>In Hand</u> | <u>Riding</u> |
| 21. Level 1 | 24. Level 1 |
| 22. Level 2 | 25. Level 2 |
| 23. Level 3 | 26. Level 3 |

Money Classes

\$150 for 1st place, must have 4 riders Or 4 teams each class

27. Gamblers Choice 28. Team
29. Ride one /Lead one

Print Your Name: _____

*Novice riders
may not ride in any
Level 2 or Level 3
class*

*Each rider/horse combo
can enter up to 2 Levels.
Novice—Level 1
Level 1—Level 2
Level 2—Level 3*

*Trainers
Can **only** enter
Open & Money classes*



RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEND AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT
THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING



The undersigned, as a Participant/Spectator/Visitor/Horse Owner/Contractor/Volunteer (collectively “Participant”), on his/her own behalf and, if applicable, as the Parent/Legal Guardian of a minor Participant, for good and valuable consideration, agrees to the terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, Defend, and Indemnification Agreement (“Release”).

1. Assumption of Risk and Waiver: Participant understands and accepts the risks of engaging in Equine Activities, while mounted or unmounted, as well as merely being near a horse, pony, mule, donkey, or hinny (collectively “equine”), include, but are in no way limited to, faulty equipment or tack that cause injury or death, Released Parties’ failure to make a reasonable effort to determine the ability of Participant to engage safely in an equine activity or to safely manage the particular equine provided based on Participant’s representations of his or her ability, Released Parties’ failure to conspicuously post warning signs of a dangerous inconspicuous condition on the real property, as well as: (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in a way that may result in injury or death to a person on or near it (ex.: jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, bite, stumble, fall, etc.); (2) the unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to a sound (ex.: doors opening and closing, snow and ice falling, rain, wind, thunder, voices, music, guns, etc.), movement, or unfamiliar object (ex.: machinery, equipment, obstacles, buggies, carts, barrels, ground poles, cones, flowers, flags, golf carts, mini-bikes, whips, bats, construction material, etc.), person or animal (ex. leashed or unleashed dogs, ducks, wildlife, equines, etc.); (3) a collision with an object or another animal; (4) the potential for a person participating in an equine activity to act in a negligent manner, to fail to control the equine or to not act within his or her ability; (5) natural hazards, including surface and subsurface conditions (ex.: ground holes, uneven terrain, slippery or deep footing, etc.); and (6) any material or object utilized or included in designing and/or construction of the mountain trail course provided by Mark H. Bolender or anyone or entity on his behalf or at his direction. Participant agrees that engaging in Equine Activities under this Release includes, but is in no way limited to, those defined in the Washington Equine Activity Liability Statute, WA ST 4.24.530 *et seq.*, as well as riding another’s equine, petting, guiding, leading, mounting, feeding, watching, and otherwise interacting with or merely being in the vicinity of equines (collectively “Equine Activities”). Participant understands the injuries, death, loss, and damage that may result from the inherent risks of engaging in Equine Activities or just being near equines, that equines are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Release is just a sampling and Participant is not relying on Released Parties (defined below) to list all possible equine-related risks. Participant understands that Mark H. Bolender highly recommends the wearing of an ASTM/SEI-certified equestrian hard hat (“Hard Hat”) for anyone engaging in Equine Activities. Participant understands and agrees that failing to wear a Hard Hat while engaged in Equine Activities increases the risk of serious injury and/or death, Participant is not relying on Released Parties to provide a Hard Hat, check a Hard Hat or its harness strap for proper fitting, or monitor the wearing of a Hard Hat at any time now or in the future. Participant understands and agrees that Participant has other facilities to choose from, he/she has inspected the facility property and trails and is satisfied that all are reasonable and safe for Participant’s intended use, he/she is voluntarily engaging in Equine Activities, he/she is directly and intentionally engaging in and assuming the risks of Equine Activities, and he/she agrees to at all times to be responsible for his/her personal safety. Participant agrees to purchase and maintain his/her health and liability insurance, remain responsible for his/her medical expenses, and waives his/her right to any claims arising from his/her participation in or observation of any Equine Activities, being near equines, or merely being present on real property owned, leased, rented, borrowed, visited, or otherwise occupied or utilized by Released Parties. “Released Parties” herein includes Bolender Horse Park, Inc., International Mountain Trail Challenge Association, LLC, Mark H. Bolender, Juanita Lee Bolender, and their respective family members, heirs, agents, trustees, beneficiaries, employees, working students, volunteers, independent contractors, clinicians, guests, visitors, invitees, partners, members, managers, officers, directors, owners, lessors, lessees, licensors, licensees, and others acting on their behalf.

2. Release, Hold Harmless, Defend, Indemnify: Participant agrees to release, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Released Parties for any illness, injury, death, damage, or other loss (collectively “Loss”) incurred by Participant or to Participant’s property and/or horse, even if such Loss is caused in whole or in part by negligence or other fault of Participant or Released Parties (except gross negligence, or reckless or willful and wanton conduct). This Release shall not expire and shall remain in full force and effect in perpetuity.

3. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, Time/Liability Limitation, Attorneys’ Fees, Jury Waiver: This Release shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Release shall be resolved by the state court in Lewis County, Washington. Participant agrees that any and all claims for Loss by Participant against Released Parties must be brought within one (1) year of the date accrued and any surviving claim for personal property Loss is limited to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorneys’ fees and costs incurred by Released Parties in enforcing the terms of this Release and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims or causes of action involving or relating to Participant. Participant agrees to waive trial by jury in any action with Released Parties.

4. Severability, Modification: If any provision of this Release is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent of the law. The Release can only be modified if signed by Participant and Mark H. Bolender.

5. Certification: Participant certifies he/she read this Release and understands that signing this Release is required for Participant to participate in Equine Activities with Released Parties, knows that he/she has other instructors, facilities and/or horses to choose from, and voluntarily intends on his/her own behalf, and on behalf of minor Participant, and Participant’s spouse, parents, family members, heirs, agents, trustees, beneficiaries, representatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.

Date: _____ Participant’s Signature (on my own behalf and for minor): _____

Printed Name: _____ Phone/E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone: _____

Minor Participant’s Name and Date of Birth: _____

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Driving Directions to Bolender Horse Park:

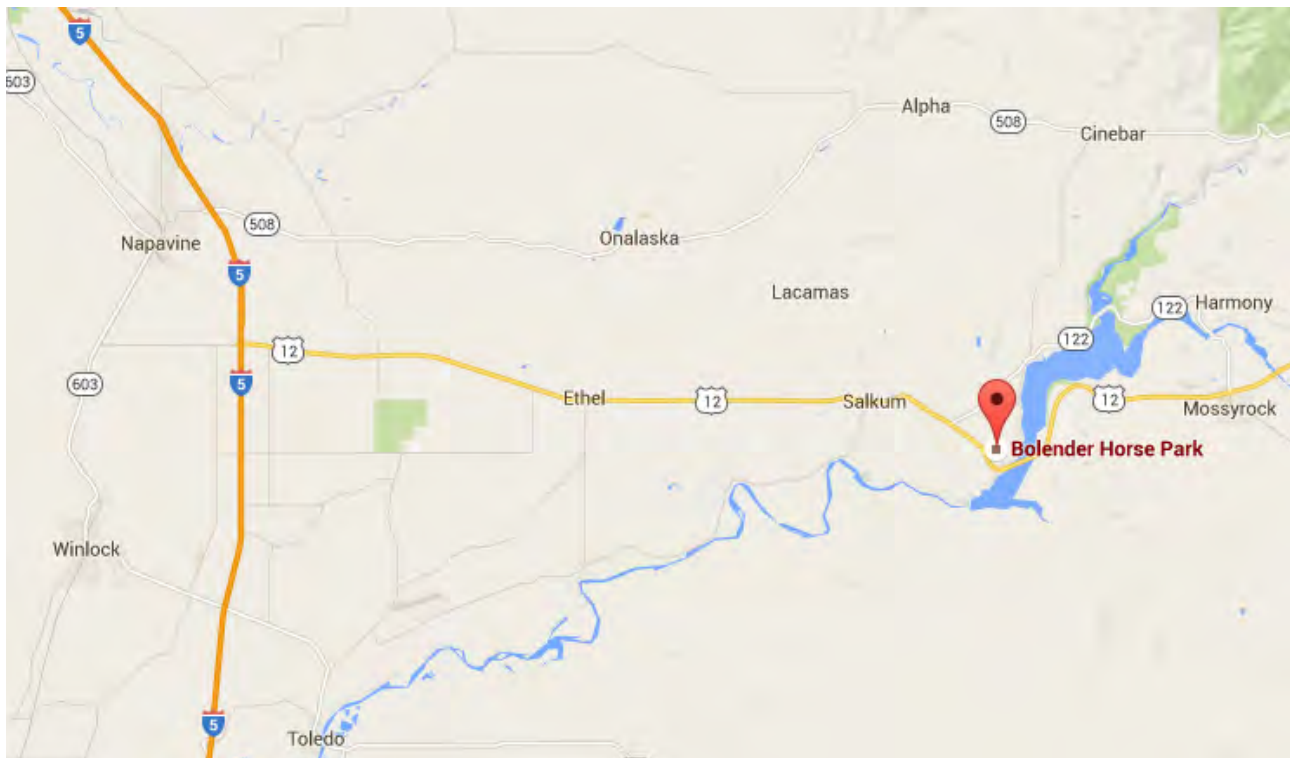
If you get lost on the way, feel free to call Mark (360) 269-5699 or Lee (360) 269-6156

From I-5

Bolender Horse Park is located half way between Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. Take exit 68 off of I-5 (US Hwy 12 / White Pass Hwy) east. Proceed east approx. 15 miles to mile marker 81 and turn left on the Filbert Rd. Go one block and turn right on the Rockwood Rd. – go one block and turn left in front of the Bolender sign (Crater View Dr. is unmarked). Go to top of the hill and turn left into Bolender Horse Park. Drive completely around the big barn and pull into a parking space if you have a horse trailer.

East on HWY 12

If you're traveling from the east on US Hwy 12 – when one crosses the Lake Mayfield Bridge going west then take the first road to the right (Filbert Road). Go one block and turn right on the Rockwood Rd. – go one block and turn left in front of the Bolender sign (Crater View Dr. is unmarked). Go to top of the hill and turn left into Bolender Horse Park. Drive completely around the big barn and pull into a parking space if you have a



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Aerial View of Bolender Horse Park and the Course

