

Foxhunting with horse, hound, and Virginia hospitality



The Rockbridge Hunt was founded in 1947, registered with the Masters of Foxhounds Association in 1960, and recognized in 1962. And it was essentially founded by a single individual, Warren Edward "Tex" Tilson at his farm, Broadview Ranch.

Located near Glasgow, Virginia, Rockbridge Hunt owns about 40 acres with several buildings – the kennels, a large barn, a riding ring, a Huntsman's house, and the Tex Tilson Lodge. The main hunting territory includes the area between the kennels and the Tilson family's farm. This is a large area of many contiguous farms. The Northern part of the territory is centered around West Airlie farm, near Brownsburg.

Foxhunting with Rockbridge Hunt is an experience in good horsemanship, friendship, and enjoyment of the outdoors. The activity with horse and hound is an exciting seek-and-chase sport adhering to codes of conduct established by the Masters of Foxhounds Association.

We hunt on Wednesday afternoons, Saturdays, and occasional bye-days at various locations in Rockbridge County. A Virginia small game hunting license is required. Your mount requires a current negative Coggins test.

When possible, three fields (riding groups) will be organized and led by a field master for every hunt. The first field follows the staff and hounds over fences at a speed dictated by prevailing trail conditions. The second field will ride at a pace to generally keep up with the first field but forego jumping. A third or hill-topping group is enjoyed by riders desiring a quiet, peaceful pace without jumping.

Visitors may call the Master or Honorary Secretary for an invitation to hunt and directions to the meet. Each guest will pay a capping fee (hunting fee for nonmembers) of \$50.00 per hunt. Visitors or guests are permitted to cap no more than three times in any hunting season. Pony Club members in good standing may hunt with permission of the Pony Club DC and when accompanied by an adult. Capping fee is waived for Rockbridge Hunt Pony Club members. Previous foxhunting experience is not required, but expect a polite exchange to ascertain suitability of your riding skills and fitness of your horse.

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For the latest notice before every event, please listen to the pre-recorded message on the "Rockbridge Hunt Line" - 540-462-1113

<http://rockbridgehunt.org>



Poker Ride!



West Airlie

New Location near Brownsburg!

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Start 8:30 AM, last riders out at 11:00 AM
6-8 mile course with many *optional* schooling jumps

Try Your Luck!

All Riding Disciplines welcome!

Entry fees (includes lunch):
\$35 Adult rider, \$25 Junior rider (under 18)

Awards: Best six hands win CASH!!!
1st \$50, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30, 4th \$20, 5th \$10, 6th \$5.

*More information, entry forms and waivers
available online at:*

<http://rockbridgehunt.org>



Rockbridge Hunt *Poker Ride*



Poker Ride?

Riders will set their own pace on a well-marked and shady course at the beautiful West Airslie farm and the surrounding farms and woodland. During this untimed ride, you'll pick up five playing cards along the route and submit your poker hand to the Casino Master at the end of the ride. The best Poker hands win cash prizes!

Virginia state law requires a current negative Coggins test certificate be available for inspection. Please bring a copy to speed up registration.

All participants must register and sign a waiver of liability.

Protective headgear required for all riders.

Parent or guardian must sign for entrants under 18 years of age. Juniors under the age of twelve must be accompanied by an adult entry on horseback.

Directions

Take I-81 to exit #200 (Fairfield exit).

Turn West onto Sterrett Road, and proceed 1.2 miles to VDOT yard at Swope Lane.

Turn Left onto Swope Lane.

Go approx 1.7 miles to 783 Swope Lane.

Turn Left into drive and follow signs to parking.

Questions? Contact: Louise Golian
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Call before you come! 540-462-1113
for information on postponement or cancellation.

THANK YOU! To SOUTHERN STATES for your generous help with our trails, gates & jumps!

