

PIONEER TREK 408 Km MARATHON

From 2nd July 2010 to the 19th July 2010

Venue Tepon Equestrian Grounds Wondecla



As each year rolls around **The Far North Endurance Riders** prepare for the ride that is an event in a class of it's own. Throughout the history of this ride there have been many triumphs and failures by horse & rider as they endeavour to achieve the ultimate goal of completing a marathon there has been joy and tears of happiness flowing freely when successful. There has been sorrow and tears of sadness when the horse and rider have not made the distance but to every rider brave enough to take up this challenge each and everyone of them is a winner, Remember 'Winners must be Grinners.' How true for every rider that crossed the line on the final day have the biggest and broadest grin ever.

This week is not only for marathon riders, our group offers an 80 Km ride daily and also a 40 Training & 20 Intro ride. The grounds are a hub of activity. We are inviting all keen endurance riders to make the trip north this year and complete in the longest Marathon ride in Australia. In the greatest country on offer, with tracks that meander through pretty hidden valleys then up along old logging tracks into the hills of the Great divide. You will pass old mining sites, logging camps and experience the ride of a lifetime. The views are breathtaking and the ride is mainly through forestry country, hardly any road work.

The Pioneer Trek was created to commemorate the wonderful Pioneers that went before us. In those days a person would ride 50 Km's just to go to church or school a 100 mile a day was no effort and the horses would have been strong sturdy steeds as the normal feed for these horses was just a nose bag of oats, of course the riders would have ridden their horses at a good steady pace not at some breakneck speed, if they had, the horses would not have lasted. These are the people and the horses that we must not forget, for without them where would be today?

Camping grounds offer hot showers and there are power points around the grounds. There are a few steel yard for the horses but we ask that you bring along your own electric containment fences. We would love to see some of the Southern riders make the trip up North and enter the Supreme test of Endurance & the ultimate in riding experience **The Great Pioneer Trek 408 km Marathon ride.**

If you are interested please contact Janet Fornier on 0740962777 b/h or 0429676959 mobile or email jfornier@bigpond.net.au If you have always wanted to try a marathon here is your chance so contact us of the most enjoyable week of riding.