

**CAHC CARIBOU RANCH “FUN RIDE”, BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008**

Historic Caribou Ranch is located between Nederland and the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. A true mountain park, it has wetlands, meadows, forests, streams, and woodlands which provide excellent habitat diversity. It also has a rich cultural history. Former home to the Van Vleet Arabian Ranch, who imported Egyptian Arabians in 1936, established the first Arabian Breeding Ranch in Colorado. They had horse shows weekly in good weather. The Switzerland trail, the former route of the Denver, Boulder and Western Railroad, Bluebird mine, the Batesville and North Boulder Mill, the DeLonde homestead and the Silver lake pipeline are also located on this ranch.

In the early 70’s the horse barn was converted to a recording studio for rock stars: Elton John, John Lennon, Joe Walsh and many more. It was closed in 1985 due to a fire.

- Ride Fee: \$5, pay at the ride when you turn in your CAHC Release Form
Ride Guide: Sheryl & Mike McConnell
RTR: Arrive 9 am, ride at 10am
Ride duration: Approx. 3 hours, 6 miles roundtrip
Difficulty: Moderate, shoes not necessary
Trail users: Hikers and horses must stay on trail. No dogs.
Trailhead: Restrooms available. Picnic tables
Directions: North of Nederland or South of Ward on Co. Rd. 126 off of the Peak to Peak scenic byway. The canyon road from Boulder to Nederland is very curvy all the way, but not hairpin turns. The last 5 miles of the road has slow vehicle lanes. At the round-about in Nederland go right or North. Pass the road that is marked Caribou as CR 126 is further North and well marked. Turn Left on 126 and turn at the sign for Boulder County Open Space Mudd Lake and Caribou Ranch.
- Parking: Trailer parking available at Mud Lake parking lot, _ mile east of the Caribou Ranch parking lot. A connecting trail accesses Caribou Ranch from Mud Lake.
- What to Bring: Pack a lunch, we will eat lunch after the ride at trailer area picnic tables.
Bug spray, breast collar, gear for inclement weather, camera.
Safety helmets encouraged.
Please bring water for horses.
No draw reins. Martingales & ties allowed. Breast Collars recommended.
- Website: www.bouldercounty.org/openspace/

CAHC will provide water for riders.

THIS RIDE HAS VERY LIMITED PARKING SPACE. PLEASE CALL PAULA KOCH, 303-646-4201 OR EMAIL, equinepine@aol.com FOR RESERVATION. The lot will only accommodate 4 trailers.