

## **BURKE LAKE RIDE April 19-20**

**Get your Department of Fish and Wildlife Parking Pass and join us for a weekend ride at Burke Lake in the Quincy Wildlife Recreation Area! The area can be entered off of 1-90 and highway 281 from George or highway 28 out of Wenatchee near the town of Quincy.**

We will start our ride on a plateau above the gorge and ride into canyons formed from lava flows with waterfalls both flowing and dripping down to small lakes and ponds. We will ride a short drop into a long opened valley flanked with rock shelves on each side. Our trip will take us under the Gorge Amphitheatre and down to the Columbia River where we will stop for lunch then work our way back up to the Ancient Lakes. The next day's ride will be a shorter trip to the Columbia River or an even shorter ride around Burke Lake. This year should be especially beautiful because of the snow that makes all things green in the spring. It should be more colorful than normal with lots of small waterfalls. If you love to look at rock formations, or you fondly remember those Geology classes, this is the ride for you!

Please have your horses shod and bring along an easy boot ([http://www.easycareinc.com/our\\_boots/easyboots/Easyboots.aspx](http://www.easycareinc.com/our_boots/easyboots/Easyboots.aspx)) or such in case a shoe is lost. This area is rocky and full of shale. This is a great place for newer riders and green horses. It is a wonderful training ground with small challenges but mostly easy riding.

Camping is on a first come basis. **Get there as early as possible Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> so that we have a better chance of camping together.** We will put out signs to direct you with a "TWH". There are turnouts that can fit several rigs all around the loop. Campfires are permitted in the fire pits so bring wood if you like. Horses can be either trailer tied or corralled. Some people highline between trailers. There is water in small lakes near the camping areas. Horses are led to water but you know the rest of the saying. If you have an onboard trailer tank, bring your water and a bucket. Look at the list of things to bring to this area as it is good to be prepared for all types of weather. We have experienced strong wind, hot and cold, and sporadic rain. So, be prepared. Bring blankets for your horses in case of a cold wind at night or rain. We cannot stress enough the importance of **Leave No Trace** in this area. Manure and leftover hay does not break down here and must be packed out with you. **Be sure to bring a garbage can and manure pick. You will be packing out all material generated by your horses.** The poop police will enforce this. There have been many problems with this in the past here.

### **Bring the following for the ride:**

Breast Collar and Crupper

Saddle Bags for lunch, water or other supplies (First aid, etc.)

Sunscreen

Bandana (for the wind, you will be thankful if it gets windy!)

Headwear or hat with stampede string (if it gets windy it may stay with you)

Helmet if you or your horses are green.

\*Helmet required for juvenile riders.

Gloves

Sunglasses (for sun or wind)

Coat or rain slicker to tie to saddle should conditions change

**We will gather on Saturday evening for a fun social and semi potluck dinner. Bring something to BBQ for yourself and something to share with others. If you have a small gas grill bring it as well. Bring your own drinks.** RSVP is greatly appreciated. Call Cyndy 360-862-9514 or email to [edsnate@hotmail.com](mailto:edsnate@hotmail.com). **Most outdoor stores (Joe's, REI, Cabela's have a Department of Fish and Wildlife Parking Permit which is required and checked for on site.**

This is a wonderful place that rarely disappoints! Hopefully you all can make it!