

Press Release

Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau

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First Annual National Trail Ride & Fox Trotter Sale July 23-25 in Ava, Mo.

Ava, Mo. – The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association’s First Annual National Trail Ride & Performance/Trail/Versatility Fox Trotter Sale is set for July 23-24 in Ava.

The trail rides include a ride to Brown’s Cave July 23 and a grounds ride July 24.

Riders will meet across from the MFTHBA headquarters on Missouri 5 at 8 a.m. both days. There is plenty of parking and help with transportation to the trail head from the show grounds if needed.

For trail ride information, contact Paul Martin at 417-683-3069.

Other events planned during the three-day gala include:

- A BBQ dinner served by D & L BBQ on July 23, followed by live music after dinner.
- At 2 p.m. July 24 in the main arena are free instructional clinics on “modeling your horse,” “preparing your horse and hints for the show ring,” and “identifying and help with Fox Trotter gaits” presented by Johnny Miller, Mike Owens, and Geno Middleton, with compliments from the MFTHBA Trainer’s Committee.
- The Fox Trotter horse sale begins at 10 a.m. July 25. About 100 registered Missouri Fox Trotters, 3 years and older already under saddle will be sold. The sale will be under a big tent rain or shine on the show grounds. Sale catalogs will be available after July 1 and consignment information can be obtained from Adam Jokisch, Auctioneer, at toll free 1-877-566-8751.

RV Spaces are available for \$25 per night and stalls are available for \$15 for 1 night + \$10/night for each additional night. Call Donna Watson 417-683-2468 for reservations.

Concessions will be available Friday and Saturday. There will be a charge for the BBQ and a \$5 gate charge Friday for those coming for the day but not staying on grounds.

For more information, call Joyce Graening at 479-846-5577.

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