

Competitive Trail Riding

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There are several types of competitive trail riding. There is endurance distance riding which is epitomized by the 100 mile Tevis Cup Race but shorter distances of 25 and 50 miles are also held all over the U.S.A. Newer trail trials have sprung up in the past couple of years that combine a shorter distance of around 10 miles with numerous judged obstacles. Then there is the classic North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) rides. NATRC competition is totally unlike anything the show ring has to offer. If you want a challenge and a means to improve your horses and your horsemanship, Natrc is probably what you are looking for. Natrc competition is friendly and low key without the politics and is a learning experience each time you participate. You will learn new skills that will help improve your horse's performance while safeguarding his health and safety and yours. If you enjoy being out in the open with your horse and a lot of friendly folks that will help you in every way, join up.

We think that the Missouri Foxtrotter is an ideal match for distance competitions as well as recreational trail riding. Surefooted, smooth, quiet, calm and intelligent, these horses outshine the competition consistently in these equine activities. Even if you don't wish to compete for prizes, there is a distance only option that will allow you to record trail mileage and still learn as much as the other competitors. This will help you measure how well you and your horse handle the trail. At Horses & Moore, we breed and train horses with these objectives in mind.