

Bayou Gulch Combined Driving Trial

Saturday July 26, 2025 Entries close July 23, 2025

Bayou Gulch Open Space, 8038 Bayou Gulch Rd, Parker, CO 80134

Organizer: Kelly Stanton

This is a one-day competition for any size and number of equines using any safe carriage. We start with a dressage test, then a cones course, followed after lunch by a cross country marathon course with four obstacles to negotiate along the way. This event will be held at the Bayou Gulch Open Space, entering the area from the "Two Bridges" trail head. There are restrooms available at the trailhead, but no water for Equines. Please bring water for your horses (and yourself!) and a chair.

APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. Secretary's Office open,
Competitor packets available
8:30 A.M. Cones course open for inspection
Marathon course open for inspection
9:00 A.M. Dressage starts
9:30 A.M. Cones starts
Noon Lunch
1:30 P.M. Marathon starts (There will be no safety check, so drivers are
responsible to check their own equines, equipment and harness.
4:00 P.M. Awards

JUDGES:

Dressage: Denise Loewe
TBD

Cones: TBD

DIVISIONS AND CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

TRAINING DIVISION:

Recommended for competitors beginning combined driving competition. It is an introduction to the sport for horse and driver. The tests acquaint competitors with the basic gaits, figures, and obstacles that are the foundation of all Combined Driving Events.

Dressage:

Entries will drive ADS Training Level Dressage Test B*

Cones: Cones speeds: Horses & ponies 180 mpm; VSE 160 mpm. No cantering

Marathon: The marathon will consist of no more than 4 obstacles with up to 3 gates each. Obstacles will not be timed individually, but time in the obstacles will count towards the total marathon time.

Marathon speeds: Horses 13 kph; Ponies 12 kph; Small Ponies 11 kph; VSE 9 kph. No cantering.

PRELIMINARY DIVISION:

Recommended for horses and drivers with some prior competition experience and who would like to further their training experience and training program. The tests encourage development of basic gaits, obedience, suppleness and balance.

Dressage:

Entries will drive ADS Preliminary Level Dressage Test B.*

Cones speeds:

Horses & Ponies 200 mpm; VSE 180 mpm.

Marathon: The marathon will consist of up to 4 timed obstacles with up to 4 gates. Marathon speeds: Horses 14 kph; Ponies 13 kph; Small Ponies 12 kph; VSE 9 kph.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

Recommended for horses and drivers with more experience looking for an additional low stress competition. Intermediate entries will use the same marathon course as Preliminary Level drivers, with the addition of the "E" gate.

Dressage:

Entries will drive ADS Intermediate Level Dressage Test A.*

Cones speeds: Horses & Ponies 220 mpm; VSE 190 mpm

Marathon: The marathon will consist of up to 4 timed obstacles with up to 5 gates. Marathon speeds: Horses 14 kph; Ponies 13 kph; Small Ponies 12 kph; VSE 9 kph.

*Dressage tests are available at AmericanDrivingSociety.org

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ENTRY FORM *Saturday July 26, 2025 **Entries close July 23, 2025****

DRIVER _____ Date of birth if under 18: ____/____/____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY /STATE/ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **Other** _____ ☐ Yes! I'll volunteer to help set up on Fri. 7/25
☐ I'll BRING a volunteer to help on Sat. 7/26.

EMAIL _____ Volunteer's name _____

NAVIGATOR _____ Volunteer's Phone: _____

ADDRESS _____ Date of birth if under 18: ____/____/____

CITY /STATE/ZIP _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____ **Other** _____

ALL DRIVERS AND NAVIGATORS must sign a waiver for 2025, please include with entry form if you haven't done one this year.

"Horse" shall also mean Pony, Very Small Equine (VSE), Donkey or Mule turned out as single, pair, or four-in-hand.

Other combinations may be considered.

"Class" refers to equine size: VSE (under 99cm); Small Pony (99-120 cm or less than 12.2 hands);

Large Pony (120-148 cm or 12.2 to 14.2 hands); Horse (over 14.2 hands).

**Please check
one box
on
each line:**

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| a. Division: | <input type="checkbox"/> Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate |
| b. Class (size): | <input type="checkbox"/> VSE | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Pony | <input type="checkbox"/> Large. Pony <input type="checkbox"/> Horse |
| c. Turnout: | <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> Pair | <input type="checkbox"/> Tandem <input type="checkbox"/> Four-in-hand |
| d. Phases: | <input type="checkbox"/> Full three-phase event | <input type="checkbox"/> Dressage & cones only | |

If you wish to drive more than one turnout, please submit an entry form for each. Entry fees may be combined in a single check.

Name of Animal	Age	Height	Gender	Color	Breed

Entry fee \$75.00. (\$105 for non CDS members includes membership) Late entry add \$25.*	\$
Box Lunches \$13 each: ____Roast Beef ____Pastrami ____Turkey ____Veggie (sandwich, chips) Mark number of box lunches beside type of sandwich desired.	\$
* ____ volunteer lunch sponsorships \$13.00 each (an assortment will be provided.)	\$
* ____ class sponsorships at \$10 each. Write divisions & classes sponsored below. _____	\$
Make checks payable to <i>Colorado Driving Society</i> . Total:	\$

**Division & Class sponsorships and contributions toward lunches for our hard-working volunteers are appreciated and encouraged!*

HAVE LUNCH WITH US! *Come to the gazebo at approximately 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Whether you order lunch from CDS or bring your own, please join the group to eat and meet competitors and volunteers.*

Please mail entry form, release signed by both driver and navigator, lunch reservations, & payment **BEFORE JULY 23* to: Bayou Gulch DT C/O Kelly Stanton 11056 E Grant Rd Franktown CO 80116**

GENERAL RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING ENTRIES.

- 1. A bridle with reins attached and passed through the saddle terrets must be in place when ever a horse is put to a vehicle.** Failure to comply will incur elimination.
- The Bayou Gulch Combined Driving Trial will be conducted and judged according to American Driving Society rules insofar as possible.
- Neither the management of the event, the Organizing Committee, the Show Committee, nor the property owners of any property used during the event accept any responsibility for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horses, owners, riders, driver, employees, attendants, spectators or any other person or property in connection with this competition.
- HARNESS AND VEHICLES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION, SAFE, uniform in appearance, and of an accepted style.** Vehicles may have iron or solid rubber tires. Pneumatic tires will be allowed at all levels for all animals. Vehicles, harnesses or equipment that are found to be unsafe will not be allowed to compete or remain in use during the event.
- 5. ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES! (Better yet, leave them home!)**
- ADS veterinary and cruelty rules will be observed. If during the show an animal is deemed unfit to continue, this decision, under the aegis of the judge, will be final.
- Junior drivers under 14 years of age, except those driving VSE/minature horses, must be accompanied in the carriage by a knowledgeable adult horseperson. Failure to comply will incur elimination.
- 8. A groom/navigator is required for all turn-outs on the marathon,** except for VSE competitors aged 14 or older. Additional passengers are permitted. **Groom/navigators must be at least 12 years of age.**
- Breeching and/or brakes are required for the marathon.
- 10. HELMETS: are required for the cones and marathon. Vests are strongly encouraged for marathon.**
- Groom/navigators may ride more than once if scheduling permits. A driver may compete with more than one turnout if scheduling permits. A driver may ride as groom/navigator for another competitor if scheduling permits.

Volunteers Needed!

This is your chance. If you're someone who has competed at many CDS events, this is a way to give back to the club. If you're just starting to drive, it's a way to learn about competitive driving. It's also a chance to spend a day outside with fun people doing something worthwhile. See page 3 for times and volunteer posts..

On **Friday July 25th**, we'll set the courses. We'll be setting up dressage and cones arenas. We'll also mark and measure the marathon course and mark the gates in the obstacles. If you're competing, this is a great chance to see the course ahead of time without having to worry about what your horse is up to or when you need to be in an arena on the morning of the show.

On **Saturday, July 26th, show day**, in the early morning, we need folks to set up sun shades, tables and chairs for the officials, to measure wheels, and to hand out competitor packets. Then we'll need folks to get competitors in and out of the dressage and cones arenas, and pick up downed balls and cones. We need a couple of drivers for the marathon course "walk" in the morning, and people to dismantle the cones and dressage arenas during the lunch break. In the afternoon we need many timers and judges for the marathon and its obstacles. When everything's over, we'll need a few folks to take down the marathon course and obstacle markers, take down sunshades and equipment, and pack everything up. Volunteers receive thorough instructions in advance.

On show day, we're happy to have you for all or just part of the day. Either way, **we'll feed you—and thank you!** If you can help, please fill out the form below and mail it to Kelly Stanton, 11056 E Grant Rd Franktown CO 80116, or email to KellyL97@gmail.com

If you signed up to volunteer for this event by phone or email, please reconfirm here your intention to volunteer. Thanks!

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____

Yes! I'll do it! I'll volunteer!