

PICTURES FROM THE

SHAWNEE TRAIL RIDE!

ONE HORSE GAP!
All Breeds Welcome
All Riding Styles
Limited to 100 Riders



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New Hope Hill Horse Camp, Herod, IL

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A update from Gene Allen indicates that Quarter Horses will have \$100,000 in 2014 for purses for racing—from the ADW bill when it passes. This will mean more races at Fairmount in 2014. Fairmount plans to have more mixed races also in 2014. Purses in 2014

should range around \$6000-7000. The ADW bill will run for 3 years, giving Quarter Horse racing that same \$100,000 each year.

The 7th Annual ILQHA Recreational Charity Ride

Shawnee Trail Ride

On the last weekend of September, 103 riders met for the 2013 ride. Each year the Recreational Ride Program moves the ride to a different location in the state of Illinois. It was time to head south. The Buchanan's One Horse Gap Campground was the spot chosen to set up base camp. The trails from the camp put us into the beautiful Shawnee National forest. Every day spectacular views of rock formations and wooded trails were enjoyed by the riders.



The ride started on Thursday. Rigs were pulling in on Tuesday & Wednesday. It was exciting to see all the stalls and camping spots fill up. The weather was fabulous, the food was great, the auction was fun, and the band was perfect. A good time was had by all.

We donate 50% of our ride profit to a charity each year. In keeping with the AQHA focus on youth we picked the Massac County Youth Fair.

This fair is attended by the youth of 13 southern Illinois counties. The largest number of participants in this fair show horses. Once again the ILQHA Recreational Ride Committee put together a wonderful ride.

