

# Sea to Shining Sea Ride 2021

## About the Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a yearlong virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 5,000 mile 'ride' uses 20 checkpoints in 4 regions of the US starting January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021. Each checkpoint will count for 250 miles or 62.5 hours of riding.

Riders can participate as individuals or teams. All participants must be US Icelandic Horse Congress members throughout the ride to log their hours. Participants log their time riding which we will convert to distance at 4 miles-per-hour. This is easier for everyone to record. If you are riding as part of a team you should log your individual time. We will take care of crediting your rides to the correct group. Teams can only have a maximum of six riders.

The horses used in the ride must be registered Icelandic Horses. They do not have to be registered in the United States...any FEIF member country's registry or WorldFengur is acceptable.

The Sea 2 Shining Sea ride is for leisure riders. You participate by riding or driving your Icelandic horse however you like – if you are not being paid for the time. The route is designed stage stop style. The checkpoints do not make one continuous trail but are actual places that you can go and ride your horse in the USA during the year 2021. Local clubs may host rides at some of the locations, these will be announced on the S2SS FB page and you are welcome to join!

You will log your hours by logging into [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you can log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on Wednesday 12:00 AM Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.

Once the week is over, you need to start your hours at zero again. Please, do not carry hours forward between weeks. Since this ride is aimed at leisure activities, we expect your weekly total will be under 20 hours. If you have a big week, you will need to e-mail your hours to us with a short description of what you did during the week. Lastly, hours count when you are doing an activity (riding or driving) with your horse...not watching someone's lesson or auditing a clinic. It is one on one with a horse.

We have created a Sea 2 Shining Sea Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866794093559110/>) and encourage everyone to share photos and stories about their rides.

## Rider Recognition

Each participant receives a patch with our logo when they log their first hours.

When each individual or team passes the quarter milestones, they get a post made for them on the FB group celebrating their achievement.

Riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program, will have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine the Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will be posted on Facebook and will be featured in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.

### The Route and Checkpoints:

Leg	Route	Region	Checkpoint	Distance
<b>First Quarter - 0 miles complete</b>				
1	Southeast	Louisiana	Gum Springs Horse Trails	250
2	Southeast	Mississippi	Big Foot Horse Trails	250
3	Southeast	North Carolina	South Mountains State Park	250
4	Southeast	South Carolina	Salad Shoals Park	250
5	Southeast	West Virginia	Chief Logan State Park	250
<b>2nd Quarter - 1250 miles complete</b>				
6	Northeast	Pennsylvania	Gifford Pinchot State Park	250
7	Northeast	New Jersey	Allamuchy Mountain State Park	250
8	Northeast	Rhode Island	Arcadia Management Area	250
9	Northeast	Delaware	Trap Pond State Park	250
10	Northeast	New Hampshire	Bear Brook State Park	250
<b>Halfway - 2500 miles complete</b>				

11	Mid West	North Dakota	Sheyenne Grasslands	250
12	Mid West	South Dakota	Sundance Trail	250
13	Mid West	Nebraska	Indian Cave Trail	250
14	Mid West	Kansas	Cimarron Grasslands, Turkey Trail	250
15	Mid West	Iowa	Yellow River Paint Creek Loop Trail	250
<b>Third Quarters - 3750 miles complete</b>				
16	Western	Washington	Pacific Crest Trail	250
17	Western	Montana	The Bob Marshall Wilderness	250
18	Western	Idaho	Hells Gate State Park	250
19	Western	Oregon	Todd Creek Horse Camp	250
20	Western	Nevada	Columbine Campground Austin	250
<b>Ride Complete - 5000 miles!</b>				

### **The Fine Print**

- Participants must be USIHC members throughout the entire program.
- Horses must be Icelandic horses, registered with a FEIF registry or DNA Verified through USIHC cooperation with UC Davis (available January 1, 2021).
- Horses need not be owned by the participants.
- Each member can only enter once.
- Members participate as individuals or in teams. Teams can only have a maximum of 6 riders. Regional clubs may have more than one team.

- Once participants join a team they must remain with the group for the rest of the ride. Changing teams is not allowed mid-ride.
- Logged time transfers if participants join a team.
- Participants may start any time during the ride.
- Progress is logged in hours ridden and converted to distances using a 4 MPH conversion.
- Paid riding time is not eligible.
- Participants must log their hours by logging into [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you can log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on 12:00 AM Wednesday Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.
- Participants must record hours weekly by Tuesday 11:59 PM (ET). Failure to record, results in lost hours.
- Participants submitting more than 20 hours for a week, must provide details for the long hours by e-mailing [s2ss@icelandics.org](mailto:s2ss@icelandics.org).
- Rider of the Month - All riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program for 2021 season have agreed to have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will go in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.