

MORVEN PARK SPRING HORSE TRIALS 2024



**March
30 & 31**
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Welcome to Morven Park

LETTER FROM STACEY METCALFE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Morven Park hosted its first horse trial in 1973 and last fall we celebrated 50 Years of Eventing! Our 2023 Morven Park International & Fall Horse Trials featured CCI4*-L competition on a beautiful course that challenged the best of the best, as well as CCIYH2*-S and CCIYH3*-S divisions and U25 awards to promote the next generation of eventing talent.

This weekend at our Spring Horse Trials, we look forward to the return of eventing at Morven Park for our 51st season. We are so excited you are here to continue to share in our legacy of eventing and in the ongoing evolution of the Morven Park International Equestrian Center. Like you, we strive to improve every day, and we hope you love the improvements that we continue to make to better serve our equestrian community. All our events, including the eagerly anticipated Spring Horse Trials, support the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation, which provides funding for Morven Park. The Park's 1,000 acres of open space are an important community resource, and a portion of each entry supports grounds and facilities maintenance and future equestrian events.

Morven Park is a nonprofit historic property which is home to the iconic Davis Mansion, expansive grounds, beautiful gardens, and our internationally renowned equestrian center that hosts activity almost every day of the year. Our goal is to provide the best facilities and experiences for horses and riders across all equestrian disciplines. There is always more work to be done, and we cannot do it without your help! My ask is that you support Morven Park beyond this competition as a donor or member and join our team of enthusiastic equestrian partners who help make events like this possible.

Take a moment to become a member at Morven Park Membership or [consider donating today at Support Morven Park International Equestrian Center.](#)

Whether you visit, volunteer, compete, become a member, or support us with a donation, we are so happy you're here, and we hope you enjoy everything this remarkable place has to offer. Have a great ride!



**Stacey Metcalfe
Executive Director / CEO
Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation, Inc. / Morven Park, Inc.**

**Join Us this Fall.
Continue the Legacy.**

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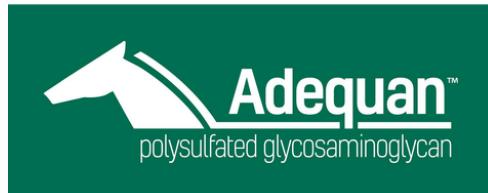
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Program Schedule

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Dressage | Intermediate, Training, Beginner Novice
Attwood Arena

9:00 a.m. Cross-Country Volunteer Briefing
Indoor Arena

7:00-9:50 a.m. Show Jump Course open for walking | Intermediate, Training,
Beginner Novice
Grand Prix Arena

10:00 a.m. Show Jump | Intermediate, Training, Beginner Novice
Grand Prix Arena

10:30 a.m.-10:55 a.m. Show Jump Course open for walking | Training
Grand Prix Arena

10:30 a.m. Cross-country | Intermediate, Training, Beginner Novice

1:50-2:15 p.m. Show Jump Course open for walking | Beginner Novice
Grand Prix Arena

SUNDAY

8:00a.m. Dressage | Preliminary, Novice
Attwood Arena

7:00- 9:50 a.m. Show Jump Course open for walking | Preliminary, Novice
Grand Prix Arena

9:00 a.m. Cross-Country Volunteer Briefing
Indoor Arena

10:00 a.m. Show Jump | Preliminary, Novice
Grand Prix Arena

10:30 a.m. Cross-country | Preliminary, Novice

11:10-11:36 a.m. Show Jump Course open | Novice
Grand Prix Arena

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What are Horse Trials?

50 years of eventing at Morven Park

Morven Park has hosted recognized Horse Trials since 1973, when the event was under the direction of cavalry master Major John Lynch and the Morven Park International Equestrian Institute.

Today, we are proud to continue this legacy and host the Morven Park Spring Horse Trials and the Morven Park International & Fall Horse Trials. As one of six venues in the United States to hold a CCI4*-L competition, we invite competitors and spectators to enjoy the exciting, multi-phase discipline of eventing at all levels.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if a triathlon involved more moving parts? Welcome to the sport of eventing!

Like a triathlon, eventing (also called Horse Trials) features three different equestrian disciplines—**dressage**, **show jumping**, and **cross-country**. Each phase demonstrates the grace, bravery, and athleticism of the horse/rider combo, fully embracing the definition of a well-rounded athlete.



DRESSAGE

During the dressage test, horse and rider demonstrate their level of communication, relaxation, and harmony through a series of intricate movements.

Best vantage point: Anywhere outside the arena fence and away from the arena entrance.

Spectator tips: Horse and rider are in a state of concentration, so it is important to avoid distracting them. Please hold your applause until the rider makes a final halt and salutes the judge.



SHOW JUMPING

Over a course of 12–15 jumps that can easily be knocked down, horse and rider showcase their ability to think quickly on their feet. Horses may touch a rail without penalty, but if the rail falls, or if the horse refuses to jump, the rider receives four penalties per issue.

Best vantage point: Anywhere outside the arena fence and away from the arena entrance.

Spectator tips: Horse and rider are in a state of concentration, so please hold your applause until you see them cross the finish line.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Horses and riders put on their cross-country gear and test their bravery and athleticism over terrain featuring logs, ditches, embankments, and water obstacles. Depending on the level of competition, course lengths range from 2 to 4.5 miles, and are ridden at a gallop, with exact speed requirements for each level.

Best vantage point: Outside of the galloping tracks, there are jump judges and stewards throughout the course, and they'll gladly direct you to the safest spots for ideal viewing.

Spectator tips: Water jumps are very popular to watch, and oftentimes you are able to see several additional obstacles from the same viewing area.

It's safest to enter the cross-country course at the beginning of the competition or during breaks between different levels of competition. Listen for the announcer to indicate those breaks.

Spectator Guide

WHILE ON COURSE

- Please be careful not to provide unauthorized assistance to horses and riders on course as you may unwittingly cause their elimination.
- Unauthorized assistance: Giving directions, letting them know they've missed an obstacle, etc.
- Permitted assistance: Catching a loose horse, helping a rider remount after a fall, and handing a rider any part of their equipment while mounted or dismounted.
- Please watch out for groundhog holes! We have attempted to flag and fill them on and near the track of the cross-country course, the dressage arena, the show jumping arenas, and the designated warm-up arenas. However, these holes can reappear within hours of being filled and remain a hazard to riders and spectators alike. We cannot be held responsible for areas off the track of the course. Anyone spotting an unflagged hazard is requested to immediately advise an official.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

- Dogs must be on a leash and attached to a person or an immovable object at all times. This is a USEF rule (GR 301.6) and failure to comply can result in penalties or elimination from the competition.
- Officials and jump judges have full authority, so please respect their requests.
- Horses and riders on course have the right-of-way, and the galloping track and the area around all marked obstacles must be kept clear at all times.
- The USEA rule pertaining to motorized vehicles on the cross-country course will be strictly enforced. Only official vehicles will be permitted.
- The Organizing Committee, the USEF, the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation, and the Morven Park International Equestrian Center do not accept any liability for any accident, injury, theft or illness to horses, riders, owners, attendants, spectators, or any person or property whatsoever.





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CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 3 Schooling Days in the Park: Jumper Rounds
- MARCH 9 Schooling Days in the Park: Jumper Rounds
- MARCH 30-31 Morven Park Spring Horse Trials
- APRIL 2 Spring Cross-Country Schooling Day
- APRIL 30 Spring Cross-Country Schooling Day
- APRIL 30-MAY 1 Schooling Days in the Park:
Dressage Arenas
- MAY 18-19 Morven Park Summer Show Series
- JULY 8-12 Schooling Days in the Park: Dressage Arenas
- AUGUST 10-11 Morven Park Summer Show Series
- SEPTEMBER 9-13 Schooling Days in the Park:
Dressage Arenas
- OCTOBER 10-13
Morven Park International & Fall Horse Trials
- OCTOBER 15 Fall Cross-Country Schooling Day



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