

National Association of Competitive Mounted Orienteering

"A Treasure Hunt on Horseback"

Zumbro Bottoms CMO

August 2 & 3, 2025

Location: Zumbro Bottoms West Assembly

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Saturday– Registration @ 9am, Meeting @10am, Ride @ 11am Sunday – Registration @ 8am, Meeting @ 9am, Ride @ 10am

BEGINNERS WELCOME!! - short course available

Please complete registration forms prior to ride meetings.

Ride Fees: NACMO SANCTIONED RIDE EACH DAY

\$10 per adult rider per day Junior riders \$5 per day All riders must be members: One day membership \$5

Fees waived for first time riders (must pay 1 day membership fee)

Camping: Equestrian campsites are \$22 per night. No reservations required or available.

Facilities: Primitive campground designed to furnish only the camper's basic needs, vault toilets, and hand-pumped

water.

Trails: Hilly, dirt, rock, and some dirt/gravel riding. Shoes recommended, but not necessary.

Potluck: Dinner on Saturday night. Pulled Porkwill be provided by ride management. Bring your own plates,

utensils, beverage, and a dish to share.

Directions: Zumbro Bottoms West assembly

West: From Wabasha take Hwy 60 west 12 mi. Turn left on Co. 4 go 3 mi. to Co. 86. Turn left and follow

2.5 miles. Follow CMO Plates

Competitive Mounted Orienteering (CMO) is a timed event. The ride manager has set up from 5 to 10 paper plates, called markers, in a given area. You will be given a map with the general area of the markers circled, along with a list of clues to find the marker. The clues will describe something in the area - perhaps a specific tree, a log, a rock, or a shelter, along with a compass reading. Each team then decides their route to each marker, locates the landmarks from the clues, and finds the marker using a compass. Write the letters found on the marker on your map to verify that you were there and then ride on to the next marker. Ride as an individual or a team of two or more. You may ride one day or both days. Bring your horse, your compass (non-electronic), and be prepared for a great afternoon of riding! Ask the Ride Managers if you need instructions.

Ribbons are awarded for the 1st through 6th place teams each day in the long course and 1st through 3rd for the short course (two ribbons per team). Points are kept on a state level and national level, and year-end awards are also given at the annual banquet.