2025 Charles River Panorama Hunter Pace

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On Sunday, August 10, 2025 Norfolk Hunt Club's Charles River Panorama Hunter Pace starts at Medfield State Hospital on Hospital Road in Medfield, MA. The Pace will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the last rider leaving at noontime, and returning in about two hours. The rain date -- if necessary -- is the following week, August 17, 2025

This fifth annual panorama hunter pace features about eight miles of riding trails with gorgeous vistas of the Charles River from Medfield, Dover, and Sherborn. Historic and incredibly beautiful properties such as Leverett Saltonstall Farm, George Lewis Estate, Rocky Narrows, Medfield State Hospital, and Charles River Gateway are included on this unique riding experience that you'll not want to miss! You will have a few surprises from last year's trail.

The Charles River Panorama will be held in a picturesque region of Medfield, Dover, and Sherborn following along both sides of the Charles River where many trails have been used for hundreds of years by Native Americans, horseback riders, walkers, hikers, and various animals.

Access to the parking area and starting point can be obtained from Harding (Junction) Street and by connecting to Hospital Road in Medfield, or from Route 27 in Medfield turning onto Hospital Road from the west.

Teams of up to five rider/horse pairs compete in one of three divisions: first flight (jumping), second flight (flats), and hilltoppers (slower pace flats). All divisions encounter inviting fences and stone walls not to exceed 3' 6" in height. A way around all obstacles is available to all riders. Riders in all divisions could go around jumps at their own discretion. This Is not a "race" but a "pace" so the riders will be scored on how close their team comes to the optimal time determined by experienced riders from the Hunt Club.

** Please note that riders under the age of 16 years-old must have an adult rider on their team.**

Entry fee of $80 per adult rider and $60 for junior riders (17 years or younger). **LUNCH IS INCLUDED with your entry fee payment**. All riders must sign a Liability Waiver. All riders must wear certified helmets and hard-soled shoes with heels. Riders may ride in English or Western tack. **There is no available water source at Medfield State Hospital so please bring your own water supply.**

Please fill out **one entry form per team** and **one 2025 liability waiver per rider** (available on the Norfolk Hunt Club website. We need a current waiver, so even if you have filled one out in the past, we need each rider to complete a **2025 waiver**.

Norfolk Hunt Club is ONLY accepting online registrations, online payments, and online release forms. Any problems or questions about submitting forms or payment, please contact Katie Estes at KEEstes@gmail.com .There will be no entry refunds for this event.





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