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## EQUUS Film Fest Mustang Discovery Ride – On the Trail!

Take two young women with a passion for the iconic American Mustang, looking for a grand adventure, add 4 American Mustangs along with a curious wild born molly Mulestang and you have the ingredients for the “[Mustang Discovery Ride](#)”. Riders, Hannah Catalino and Lisanne Fear, will cover 12 states taking 12 months, with the assistance of their support crew. Starting in Delaware in September and ending their journey on the California coast next year.

Presented by the Mustang Heritage Foundation, the Mustang Discovery Ride will take us on a journey across the United States, coast to coast, on American Mustangs. Both girls are trainers who have taken part in the [MHF Trainer Incentive Program](#) (TIP). Hannah travels the world as a Mustang Ambassador and trainer doing “Wild Horse Workshops” & Liberty Training Clinics.

There will be a “Meet the Mustangs” event with [Delaware Equine Council](#) at their 8th Annual Member Appreciation Day ride in the [Redden State Forest Headquarters](#), Sunday, September 26, 2021; 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Riding out from historic [Cape Henlopen State Park](#) in Delaware on September 28, 2021. The pair will head West through Maryland in October. Helping celebrate Maryland “Horse Month” as proclaimed by Governor, Larry Hogan. Participating in the annual “Tuckahoe – Celebration of the Horse” horse fair October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Working with [Maryland Horse Industry Board](#), Ross Peddicord, and the [Maryland Horse Council](#) while in Maryland.

Heading West into the Washington DC area, October 12, 2021, the team will be helping to bring awareness to the American Discovery Trail and the [HR4878 National Discovery Trail Act](#), before Congress now.

[Meadowbrook Stables](#), the oldest urban riding school in the United States, will host a “Meet The Mustangs” on October 12.

The team will be joined by [Operation Wild Horse](#) Veteran Program founder and director Jim Welch and Patti Gruber, following the [American Discovery Trail](#), a cross country trail composed of many other existing trails and some unique connector routes between them. They will ride through [Rock Creek Park](#), October 12, to the National Mall and riding back to Meadowbrook Stables.

Then onto Fredrick Maryland for a stop at the [Hidden Hills Farm Vineyard](#) on October 14<sup>th</sup> to host a super exciting “*secret*” Mustang film premiere (opening Nationwide October 15<sup>th</sup>), with local Mustang eventer and [SBF Mustang Eventing](#) owner, Ann Hanlin. Completing their time in Maryland at a “Wild Horse Workshop: & Liberty Training Clinic” hosted by, Patricia Milligan, founder of [Fox Lea Mini Horse Rescue](#) and host of the [Tiny Horse Talk Podcast](#), in Dickerson.

Riding off into West Virginia at the end of October for the next month of their adventure. Their goal is to continue forward this fall and early winter until the weather gets too extreme and the footing dangerous.

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The team will then hold and conduct trainings and clinics when the weather puts them on hold. Completing the Western phase of the adventure in 2022. EQUUS Film Fest will be posting monthly AHP updates for locations and events in each state on the route.

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest is partnering with the team to bring this story to the world, as part of the EQUUS Equine Enrichment Program. Joining with [Mustang Leadership Partners](#) and [Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy](#) we will bring the journey into the classroom and beyond.

Creating an interactive experience for Social Media, inviting others to join the ride as they travel across the country. There will be a Docu-Series, weekly Podcast and Documentary created as the journey progresses. A team of photo journalist and videographers will be joining the trip, each giving their own creative perspective on the ride. Plans are underway to Zoom into classrooms in the US, India, and Mongolia. More locations to be added as the program expands.

The team will be working with [EQUUS TV](#) with coverage and updates of the ride. Field correspondent, Jacqueline Taylor, will be covering the coast-to-coast journey. [Film Festival Flix](#) founder Benjamin Oberman will assist with sponsorships and other logistics.

Mustang Discovery Ride presents unique Sponsorship opportunities for interested parties. Please reach out to Mustang Discovery Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Diersen at [lisa@equusfilmfestival.net](mailto:lisa@equusfilmfestival.net) or call 630-272-3077 for more information and to find out how you can become involved in this amazing cross-country adventure.

EQUUS Film Fest will provide home based support and management. [J A Media Productions](#), Julianne Neal, will assist the team on the development of the documentary, podcast and docu-series.

*The **Mustang Discovery Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a wild ride across America to inspire adoptions of living legends. We are working to help people discover how truly incredible these wild horses are, trekking with our favorite companions, 5,000 miles across America to inspire the adoption of 5,000 mustangs.*

*The **Mustang Heritage Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating successful placements of America's excess wild horses and burros through innovative programs, events, and education.*

*The **EQUUS Film & Arts Fest** highlights and rewards the diverse and creative efforts of those who pay artistic homage to the horse. Every horse has a story, it's our mission at the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest to share those stories, through film, art and literature.*

*Save the dates! EQUUS Film & Arts Fest 2021 will take place both "Virtually" and "Live" November 12 – 21, 2021. With a Special "Thanksgiving" Weekend event. More info coming soon.*

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