

The Moore County Hounds 9th Annual Foxhound Invitational Performance Trial

October 12,13, 2019

Great sport, great food and great camaraderie.

Location: J Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC

Photo by Isabel Kurek



These wonderful grounds are in the midst of North Carolina's 64,000-acre Sandhills Game Land. The Performance trial grounds are comprised of 9,000 acres of open longleaf pine forest. There is excellent footing with sandy roads and fire lanes throughout the grounds. This is the native longleaf pine ecosystem

with no fencing. The trial is conducted just like a regular mounted foxhunt with multiple fields, from first flight to hilltopper. The only difference is there is an independent huntsman to hunt the combined pack and judges riding up with the hounds to score them as they work. The trial will be a wonderful opportunity to meet foxhunters and foxhounds from all over the East Coast. Come see some of the best foxhounds in America compete. It is always energizing to see hounds thrown together and work so well together in such a short time. Bring 5 of your best hounds to hunt with hounds from across the country to create one incredible pack of superstars!!!

Hound Trial rules: Hounds will be judged on hunting, trailing, speed and drive (full cry) and marking, per MFHA rules, and endurance scores will be given. Hounds must be steady on deer. **No** first year hounds, (we know, "*your hound is different...steady as a rock...*" but still **No** first year Hounds). Game: fox, bobcat and coyote

This event will be a great sporting fun-filled weekend with outstanding food and companionship. All Foxhunters are welcome, whether or not your Hunt competes hounds.

Performance Trial - Schedule of Events

Fri, October 11 th	4:00 pm	Apply numbers to hounds
	5:00 pm	Judges' Meeting
	6:00-7:00 pm	Cocktails at the clubhouse
	7:30 pm	Dinner and Calcutta
Sat, October 12 th	7:30-11:00 am	Ratcatcher Hunt
	~Noon	Breakfast at the clubhouse
	6:00-7:00 pm	Cocktails at the clubhouse
	7:30 pm	Dinner Party, 1 st Day Awards, &
Sun, October 13 th	7:30-11:00 am	Casual Hunt***
	~Noon	Breakfast at the Clubhouse
	After Breakfast	Hound Show and Awards

***Casual Dress—from ratcatcher to your hunt polo with chaps or half-chaps—all are OK

STABLING IN THE AREA: (Aberdeen approx.. 10 miles, Southern Pines 15 miles)

Stabling on the grounds: No hookups available.

Other nice stabling in Southern Pines (approx.. 15 miles):

Mel Wyatt, Fox Track Farm, 910-315-6359

Big Sky Farm, 890 Tremont Place, Southern Pines, NC Kelly Valdes, Mgr.
(910) 603-2449 cell/(910) 692-4164 home fkvaldes@gmail.com

Fox Chase Farm, 3120 N. May Street, Southern Pines, NC Michelle Palladino,
(910) 528-4227 cell michelle_palladino@yahoo.com

HOTELS IN THE AREA Mention “Moore County Hounds” for reduced rate.

Best Western Pinehurst, 1675 US Hwy 1 S, Southern Pines, NC 28387
(910) 692-0640 email: bwpinehurstinn@gmail.com

Hampton Inn, 200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen, NC 28315
(910) 693-4330 email: Jessica.cherry@hilton.com,

Holiday Inn Express 155 Partner Circle, Southern Pines, NC 28387
(910) 693-2280 email: pinehotel10@gmail.com

Residence Inn 105 Brucewood Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387 (910) 693-3400

Microtel, 205 Windstar Place, Southern Pines, NC 28387 (910) 693-3737

Farrfields Farm Bed & Breakfast 8811 Aberdeen Road, Aberdeen, NC 28315
(910) 944-0765 Becky Kauffman Kauffman.Pandb@gmail.com (has stalls)

Chadbourne Farm B&B 910-696-0239 (828-551-5296)

Directions to J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC

The field trial grounds are just south of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, NC.

Note: There is no street address, hence no GPS address, for the grounds. However, there is a bird dog trainer next door to the grounds and his street number is 279 Derby Rd, Hoffman, NC, which will get you close for time-planning purposes.

Travelling SOUTH from Greensboro, NC on Rte. 220: Route 220 is a very good, interstate-quality highway—easy ride down. It takes about 1 ½ hours from Greensboro to the field trial grounds. Going down Rte. 220, take the 2nd Candor exit, Exit 41, which says Candor Alt. 220. TURN LEFT over the Rte 220 bridge. As you go into the first curve on the left, there is a little Mexican taco restaurant. Just next to it, TURN LEFT (45 degree turn) onto Windblow Rd. Go 6 miles to a stop sign. Go straight across and the road becomes Derby Rd. Go 8 more miles to another stop sign. TURN RIGHT, immediately cross a low concrete bridge, then after less than ¼ mile TURN RIGHT onto the 1st sand road. There's no official sign here, but we'll have a Moore County Hounds sign. Go a couple of miles, pass straight through a 6-way intersection, go one more mile to the clubhouse & stables. (There's no other structure on the sand roads until the clubhouse).

Travelling South from Raleigh, NC on Route 1: Go through Sanford, then Southern Pines, then Aberdeen (where hotels are). Then, as you continue south on Rte. 1 look for a little green sign for Pine Bluff. After Pine Bluff look for Sedgewick Homes modular homes, at the corner of Thunder Road. TURN RIGHT onto Thunder Rd. (This road is hard to see and the road sign is over on the northbound side of Rte. 1. There is, however, a small strip sign that reads: "BIRD DOG FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS.") Go several miles on this paved road to a stop sign. Go straight across for another mile to a second stop sign (this section is not paved). Back on paved road, keep going straight across a low concrete bridge, then after less than ¼ mile, TURN RIGHT onto the first sand road. There's no official sign here, but we'll have a Moore County Hounds sign. Go a couple of miles, pass straight through a 6-way intersection and go one more mile to clubhouse and stables. (There's no other structure on the sand roads until the clubhouse).

Travelling North from Rockingham, NC on Rte. 1: Approximately 12 miles north of Rockingham on Rte. 1, start looking for signs for Hoffman. On the left will be a BP Station. TURN LEFT there onto Caddell Rd. Immediately (less than ¼ mile) TURN RIGHT onto York Ave. York Ave. turns into Derby Road. About 3-4 miles down York/Derby Rd. look on the left for the big wooden sign for J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds of the Sandhills Game Land. TURN LEFT onto this sand road and go about 2 miles to a six-way intersection. Take the 2nd left (you will be bearing left, not taking a hard left). Go one more mile to the Field Trial Area clubhouse and stables. There's no other structure on the sand roads until this clubhouse.)