

Morse Brook Farm Ranch Trial - Trial of the Intrepid
226 Kurkul Rd
Westminster, VT 05346
August 22nd and 23rd, 2026
2 Novice Novice, 2 Pro Novice, 2 Ranch runs
NEBCA Sanctioned

Please read ALL the information before you enter.
It is challenging to get to the field but it is worth the effort.

Judge: Denise Leonard

Trial Manager: Liz Shaw farfetchfarm@gmail.com 802-376-6280

Fee: \$50 per run, checks payable to Morse Brook Farm

Entries Open: June 15th until filled. Entries close August 1st and checks cashed August 10th. Limit 2 dogs though 3rd dogs may be accepted if space is available.

Start Time: 1st handler's meeting 7:45 am (here's hoping for a cool day) . PLEASE arrive AT LEAST 45 minutes early since getting up the hill to the field requires extra logistics (see description). Give yourself at least an extra half hour to get yourself settled

Trial Venue: We are a working farm. Please keep your dogs on leash at all times. There will be livestock and livestock guardian dogs and there may be farm equipment moving about. There will be a porta potti by the barn and an outhouse at the trial field.

Trial Sheep: Cheviot/Perendale farm flock/ewes. They are light and respond to pressure. They will settle well if your dog treats them kindly but will run if pushed.

Field access: We will be using our upper fields. They are large open fields with a gentle swale running across the fetch line. There are hard fences but the trial area will be surrounded by e-net. The field is accessible by high clearance 4 wheel drive vehicles. Absolutely no campers up top except tent camping in a high clearance vehicle! It is a steep drive up hill on a farm road that has several water bars to prevent runoff so it is a bumpy ride. (The water bars are not as extreme as they were a few years ago). We can provide a ride for you, your dog and your stuff in a side by side vehicle, a crew cab pick up (Please arrive early!!!) Or find a friend with a high clearance vehicle who can take you up . You may also hike up the hill(a quarter mile up a steep hill). We recommend you pack your lunch and everything you need and bring it with you.

Sheep Love the Field

We are holding the trial on the upper fields because the sheep prefer the fields and feel less stress and fewer pressures.

Camping/RVparking: There is unlimited tent camping but very limited level dry spots (maybe 2 or 3) for campers/trailers. **You MUST email** Liz (farfetchfarm@gmail.com) ASAP to check and

see if we can accommodate your camper/tent. There is a KOA campground about 20 minutes away in East Dummerston. <https://koa.com/campgrounds/brattleboro/>

Hotels:

The closest dog friendly inn is The Putney Inn. <http://putneyinn.com/> about 20 minutes south of us. Call, their pet policy has changed.

There are a number of Pet Friendly accommodations in Brattleboro on Putney Rd about 25/30 minutes away including: Motel 6, Colonial Motel, Quality Inn. A nice list is at:

https://www.bringfido.com/lodging/city/brattleboro_vt_us/ Please double check with the hotels about numbers of dogs/dog fees etc.