



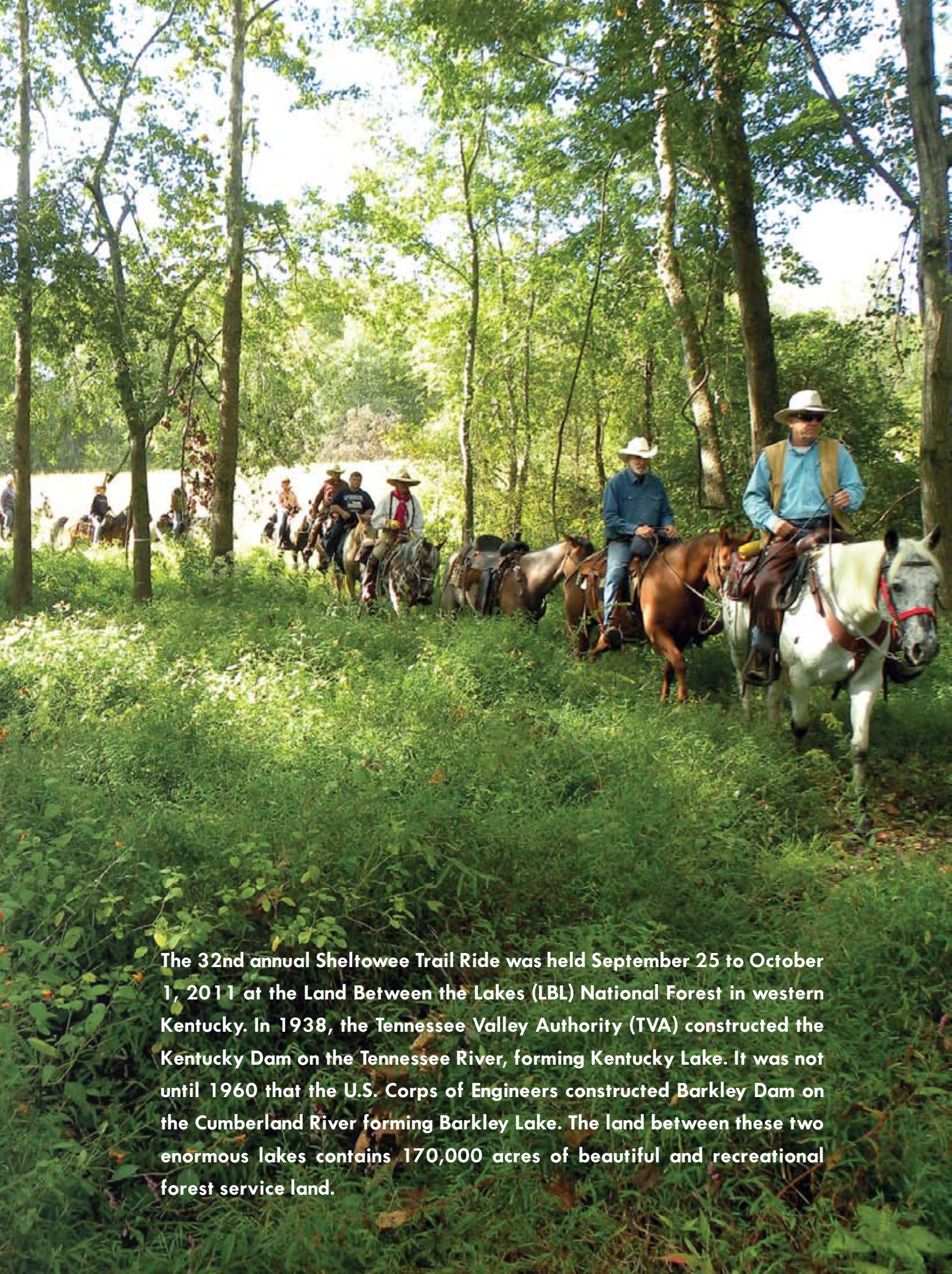
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The 32nd annual Sheltowee Trail Ride was held September 25 to October 1, 2011 at the Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Forest in western Kentucky. In 1938, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) constructed the Kentucky Dam on the Tennessee River, forming Kentucky Lake. It was not until 1960 that the U.S. Corps of Engineers constructed Barkley Dam on the Cumberland River forming Barkley Lake. The land between these two enormous lakes contains 170,000 acres of beautiful and recreational forest service land.



The host camp, Wrangler Camp, is located within the forest and between the two large lakes. Wrangler Camp has an abundance of campsites and several overflow areas. The Shelto wee riders were located in one of the overflow areas.

A rented 30 by 60 foot tent housed the caterers, a dance floor, and space for riders to eat under shelter. A heavy rainstorm, thunder and lightning accompanied the first evening meal; however, the tent safely protected those assembled.

Other than the first night's rain, the weather was perfect all week for riding. Seventy-six (76) riders left camp the first morning and traveled ten miles, through the forest and along the shore of Lake Barkley. Trail boss Bobby Russell, assisted by a local guide, Steve Morris, planned all five rides for the week. They were assisted by very competent scouts selected some years ago by the former Shelto wee trail manager, legendary Embry Curry, now deceased.

There were 21 first-time riders this year. They were presented with a medallion and invited to be first in line for dinner. After the evening meal, fellowship by a large campfire and dancing in the tent entertained the campers.

On the second day, sixty-seven riders rode 15 miles through another section of the forest. Portions of the ride followed well maintained forest service trails, but some of the most exciting segments of the ride were revealed by Steve Morris, following what the locals refer to as "pig trails". These are narrow



Five year
 Jodi Barnes
 Patsy Carter
 Carol Clute
 Lynne Gaston
 Patience Reagan
 Garland Sanny

Ten year
 Karl Duncan
 Brian Isaacs

Fifteen year
 Kathy Hoffman
 Skip Seifert

Twenty year
 Jim Wells

Thirty year
 Terry "Taz" Turner







unmarked trails known only to frequent riders of the LBL.

The third day's ride with 66 participants followed a trail along another segment of Lake Barkley. This ride covered 11.2 miles over rather challenging terrain.

The evening meal was a highlight of the week. Riders enjoyed New York Strip steaks, baked potatoes, and a salad. Following the meal was the award presentations.

A beautiful 30-year plaque was presented to Terry "Taz" Turner for his participation and support of the Sheltowee ride over the years. Dr. John Corpolongo was recognized for 31 years of participation, serving as the ride's physician and chief scout. David Bunnell was recognized for having ridden every mile every year for 32 years.

The awards ceremony was followed by the annual Sheltowee auction. Items donated by riders netted over \$3100 for the ride. All

proceeds will go back into the ride, keeping costs at a minimum.

On Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings the DJ, Clayton Boaz, provided music. On Thursday evening the Western Kentucky Boys, a local Bluegrass band, provided the entertainment.

Twenty-three states and Ontario, Canada were represented on the ride. Participants traveled to the ride from as far away as Oregon, Utah, and New Mexico.

Next year's ride is planned for September 30-October 6 at the new Mammoth Cave Horse Camp in the Mammoth Cave National Park. The trails in the park are well maintained and absolutely beautiful. Some of this year's riders have already made reservations for next year. The camp will have water and electricity, restrooms, showers and stalls for the horses. A pavilion with a stage is available for dancing and entertainment. Riders are already looking forward to next year's ride. 🐾