

ROCK ENDURANCE RIDE - 9TH MAY 2004

by Dr Steven Roberts

Dr Steven Roberts and his just-turned five year old Arabian, Bendy Creek Arrival, got around The Rock (NSW) 40km endurance training ride in 3.40 hours.

"This was a lot faster than his first 40km introduction at Mt Macquarie (also barefoot) of over five hours!" said Dr Roberts, who is delighted with his youngster's performance.

"At The Rock, pre-ride HR 41, finish 42, but then The Rock ride is FLAT & Mt. Macquarie has the 'Mt' in the name for a reason!"



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The Rock Ride track is a combination of gravel roads, road verge (hard-packed dry soil and dead grass) and stone-studded dusty tracks, all on flat terrain.

Steve started Bendy Creek Arrival himself. He is 15.1hh, by Whyneemah Tribute out of Kyremi Kimberlee. He is so-named because he was the first arrival in Dr Roberts' breeding program when he moved to his property Bendy Creek.

Arrival is now having a spell until the end of the year, when he will be brought back into work for the early events next year, aiming to do three 80km events to get out of novice status. He has never had metal in his mouth or on his feet, and Steve hopes to keep it that way.