



TRAILS OF THE WILD

When the Order is "Boots and Saddles!" Will You Be There?

BOOTS and saddles!" That will be the order of the day on July 10 when a group of members of The American Forestry Association leave Missoula, Montana, on the first ride of the "Trail Riders of the National Forests." Under the guidance of forest rangers and flanked by expert trailsmen and wranglers, the party will venture beyond the outposts of civilization for six days, exploring one of the great remaining wilderness areas in the United States—the South Fork country of the Flathead National Forest.

A month later, on August 16, the order will again be given, this time at Helena, Montana, starting point of the second exploration trip of the Trail Riders into the romantic Sun River Wilderness of the Lewis and Clark National Forest, unchanged since the Blackfeet Indians held their picturesque sun dances a century ago.

One need not be experienced in the saddle or have knowledge of trail life to make the trips. The Trail Riders are primarily for the inexperienced—for those who seek vacations in forest country that typifies the western wilderness of a hundred years ago. Only horses well trained to mountain trail travel will be used. Experienced trailsmen will be with the parties from beginning to end. Federal forest rangers, protectors of the wilderness itself, will serve as guides and interpreters. Qualified cooks, expert in preparing camp meals, will provide for the appetites of the riders.

All necessary equipment, with the exception of sleeping

bags, will be provided. The latter, of the type recommended by the United States Forest Service, may be secured at the starting point of each trip for \$7.50.

The cost of both trips is astonishingly low, reduced to actual expenses. Trip No. 1, into the South Fork Wilderness, may be made at a little more than \$7 a day, or a total of \$43.75 from Missoula. Trip No. 2, into the Sun River Wilderness, will cost less than \$11 a day, or a total of \$54.75 from Helena. There will be no other charges. Reduced railroad fares from every section of the country to both Missoula and Helena will be in effect.

Never before has such an opportunity to explore the really primitive areas of the country been available to the public. Both trips will be conducted by the Association in cooperation with the United States Forest Service and the Northern Pacific Railroad, thus assuring that the agencies that service the Montana wildernesses will serve the Trail Riders.

Both parties will be made up entirely of members of The American Forestry Association. No one else may qualify for a place. Thus the ranks of the Trail Riders will be filled with men and women keenly interested in the forest wilderness. Arrangements have been made to provide for older children in perfect safety.

A limit has been placed on the number of people to be included in the parties, so members are urged to make their reservations immediately. If you have not already received the folder setting forth the two trips in detail, write for it today.