



**THE CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN**

**FOREST**

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**APPLICATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT**

**1 APRIL 2016 – 31 MARCH 2017**

Riding Establishment name:	
Address:	
Daytime phone number:	
Emergency phone number:	

Names of Instructors/Leaders as at 1 April 2016	
1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

For every three horses one badge is supplied	RE	RE	RE
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Full Fee payment 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017.....horses@£168.00 (inc VAT) per horse	£
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Part payment Paid by 1 April 2016	£
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**Fee paid** £

*Cheques are payable to the Conservators of Ashdown Forest.*

Balance Payment Paid by 1 October 2016	£
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**Total fee** £

<b><i>I understand and agree to abide by the Riding Regulations and Code of Conduct.</i></b>	
Signed:	Date:

## RIDING ESTABLISHMENT RIDING REGULATIONS

- The Conservators of Ashdown Forest grant permits for four Riding Establishments to use the Forest.
- For every **three** horses paid for the establishment will receive **one** coloured Instructor's/Leader's badge.
- The names of Instructors/Leaders must be submitted to the Conservators at the time of the application and any changes during the year must be notified
- Only the named Instructors/Leaders may act in that capacity at any time.
- All rides must be accompanied by an Instructor/Leader who must wear the Riding Establishment badge.
- The Instructor/Leader must be familiar with, and adhere to, the Ashdown Forest Riding Regulations and Code of Conduct.
- The establishment must keep a log book listing the rides taken onto the Forest including the date and time of the ride, the number of horses taken out and the name of the Instructor/Leader in charge.
- The Instructor's/Leader's badges must only be used by the Instructor/Leader taking the ride.
- Establishments should be aware that fourteen mounted volunteer rangers now operate right across the Forest throughout the year. They can be identified by their high-viz tabards. Mounted rangers carry up to date details of valid badges and current riders and any rider found not to be displaying a valid badge will be asked to leave the Forest.
- Badges remain the property of the Board of Conservators of Ashdown Forest.

## RIDING REGULATIONS and CODE OF CONDUCT

The Conservators of Ashdown Forest reserve the right to suspend permits for breach of the Riding Regulations. Permit badge must always be displayed on the horse where it can be seen easily by Forest Rangers (e.g. on the near side of the bridle). It is in your own interest to do so. Any rider found not to be displaying a permit will be asked to leave the Forest.

Riding *is* permitted on

- fire breaks – these are the unmarked tracks across the Forest, cut and maintained to a width of more than 9 metres (30 feet). Please note these tracks are rough terrain and can be crossed by drainage ditches. They can be slippery when wet. Please take care
- riding tracks – these may be narrower than 9 metres and marked with Ashdown Forest signs. Please note these tracks are rough terrain and can be crossed by drainage ditches. They can be slippery when wet. Please take care.

You may *not* ride

- across heathland unless on one of the above fire-breaks or tracks
- on footpaths or any unmarked narrow track
- through car parks except those designated as Horse Box parking (see below)
- on tracks and roads leading to private properties or the fire breaks surrounding private properties
- over recreation grounds or on the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club courses

Please

- Help protect the Forest by varying routes, by avoiding wet and badly eroded areas, by keeping to the permitted fire breaks and tracks and by keeping out of the sensitive heather areas;
- Close all gates into / out of the grazing area to protect livestock;
- Be aware of the rough and sometimes slippery nature of the terrain and remember that drainage ditches cross tracks;
- Be considerate and courteous to all other Forest users and give dog walkers time to put their dogs on the lead;
- Report all incidents as detailed below or any matter that you feel is worrying or important;
- When cantering ensure other Forest users are aware you are coming and give them a chance to move away;
- Encourage other riders to follow this Code of Conduct and obey the Riding Regulations;
- Adhere to the marked road crossings.

Only the following Forest car parks may be used for horse boxes which, due to their size/entrances, make it much easier to manoeuvre boxes:

- Box (see bottom of page), Stonehill Road, Nutley (C3) - **closed to boxes on Remembrance Sunday**
- Blackhill, Friars Gate Road (B2188)
- Long, south of Wych Cross (A22)
- Twyford Car Park is for AFRA members only (C2)

**Please help us by calling 01342-822846 as soon as possible if you see injured or distressed livestock (including deer) , incidents of sheep worrying, lost or out of control dogs, fires, fly-tipping or any other incident that you feel may be important.**

**If you have information about people abusing the Riding Regulations or Code of Conduct, for example those who are riding without a permit or acting in an unsafe or irresponsible manner or causing damage to the heather areas call us on 01342-822846**