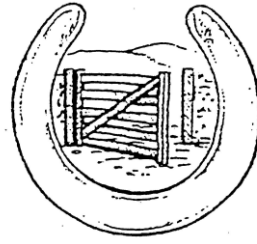


Leicestershire &  
Bridleways



Rutland  
Association

## Rides: Rules & Information 2017

All entrants **MUST** be LRBA members before commencing any Ride.

The Ride Entry Form contains an application for membership

### ***Ride Fees***

**Adult MEMBERS and also NON-MEMBERS wishing to join LRBA and ride –  
£10 membership + £10 Ride Fee**

**Under-18s : £10 membership. 1st ride free, thereafter £5 per ride.**

*Under 18s may only enter in advance; entry forms must be signed by parent/guardian.*

Completed Entry Form+cheque+stamped addressed envelope to be **received** by Ride Contact **no later than ONE WEEK before** day of Ride so Ride Maps & Notes can be *posted*.

***Entries may be closed if the parking area is full. WOULD-BE ENTRANTS WHO TURN UP WITHOUT NOTIFICATION WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RIDE ORGANISER.***

- Some Rides have special fees. Please check current Rides Programme before completing Entry Form and writing cheque.
- Please date cheques for date of Ride if sent well in advance. Cheques are banked **after** Ride.
- Any parking fee is usually payable on the day. This will be made clear on the Ride Notes

See last page for LRBA's Aims + Bridleways code

**On arrival, each rider **MUST** deposit with the Ride organiser an "*Emergency Envelope*" with their name on the front and containing instructions on getting the horse back home in case of an accident to the rider. Please reclaim the envelope at the end of the ride.**

**Please bring the horse's passport and show to the Ride Organiser.**

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION  
RIDE RULES & INFORMATION.**

**Rules are written in bold and contain the word "MUST".**

**ENTRIES:**

- Each Rider **MUST** fill in *and* sign an Entry Form before starting their Ride. This signature confirms that they have read and will abide by our Rules and our bridleways code.
- Directions to Venue + Ride Notes/Map are sent out from 10 days before Ride to those entering in advance. There are many benefits to Advance Entry - see *Finding Your Way*.
- Some venues have food on sale, or collections for charities or countryside work. Please support by purchasing or donating. Information in Rides Programme or Ride Notes.
- Please take all your litter, **INCLUDING HORSE POO**, home
- By law you **MUST** bring your horse's passport. (Does not apply to those hacking to Ride.)  
***It is a condition of our OS licence that Ride Maps must be handed in at end of Ride***

**CANCELLATION: You MUST notify us if you cannot attend a Ride you have entered.**

If it is a last-minute decision on the day, please do so by text. If you cancel **before** your Ride Notes are posted, your cheque will be returned or destroyed. If we cancel the Ride all cheques will be returned or destroyed.

**START TIMES:** Weekend Rides usually have a starting period between 9am and 11am

At evening Rides, riders may not be allowed to start after 7pm.

To help the Organisers and stewards, please obey the 'earliest arrival' and 'vacate Venue' times given in the Ride Notes. (Also see **Insurance** below).

**LOCAL RIDERS:** At most Rides, local riders can join/leave the route at their nearest point without riding into the Venue first. Ensure the Ride Organiser knows you are doing this **BEFORE** the Ride starts. **ALL such riders MUST wear hi-viz whilst riding to and participating in the Ride.** They are expected to visit the venue to clock in and collect their rosette.

**MEMBERSHIP: £10 per calendar year.** This includes Public Liability Insurance for you on LRBA Rides and events, informative *Newsletters* and opportunities to be involved with *your* bridleways. Allow 3 weeks for receipt of membership card. If you wish to do another Ride in that time, please refer the Ride Organiser to the Organiser of the Ride at which you joined.

**Renewal:** due by 31 March each year through the Membership Secretary. Members must produce a current membership card at Rides if asked.

**INSURANCE:**

You are responsible for providing Accident etc Insurance for you and your horse. Your vehicle must be taxed, MoT'd and insured. Any substitute driver (see Safety 1 below) must hold the relevant licence and insurance to drive your vehicle. Our **Public Liability Insurance** applies to members whilst on the Ride and at the Venue but only between the times given in the Ride Notes.

LRBA accepts no responsibility for accidents to riders or their horses whilst riding the route, either on the Ride or subsequently. Ride Organisers accept no responsibility for parked vehicles.

**SAFETY:** - *for you, your mount and other people.*

1. **On arrival each ride MUST deposit with the Ride Organiser an "emergency envelope"** with

their name on the front containing instructions on getting the horse home in case of an accident to the rider, and show their horse's passport to the organiser.

Please reclaim the envelope at the end of the ride.

2. **ALL riders must book in PERSONALLY without their horse** so that they can be briefed and receive their (appropriately sized) hi-viz.

3. **Under-18s MUST ride with an adult unless their parent/guardian allows otherwise. The parent/guardian MUST sign the entry form *and* initial the name of the accompanying rider.**
4. Riders **SHOULD** wear correctly fitted hats to current BHS-recognised standards. **Hats MUST be fastened when mounted.**
5. Flat soled, heeled boots + clothing to protect against bushes, brambles & falls are advised.
6. **Riders MUST wear the LRBA hi-viz provided *outside* their other clothing;** local riders joining part-way round **MUST** wear their own hi-viz.
7. Your mount's shoes and tack **SHOULD** be in good condition
8. **Horse schooling or training aids of any kind MUST NOT be used on rides.**
9. **All horses leaving the venue MUST be ridden.**
10. **Each rider or group MUST have a switched on mobile phone + the Organiser's mobile number. If a rider is injured, ring 112 for emergency services and also tell the Ride Organiser.**
11. Any rider with a medical condition or rare blood group etc, should carry this information on them during the Ride.

LRBA does its best to ensure routes are as safe as local conditions allow but riders must keep alert for normal bridleway hazards such as poached/slippery ground, stock, barbed wire, electric fencing, ditches, tree roots, rabbit holes, traffic, farm machinery etc . Most routes will have gates which you will need to open/close.

*The Organiser may stop any rider from participating in a Ride if, in their reasonable judgement, the rider or horse should not start or continue.*

#### **FINDING YOUR WAY:**

We want you to have an enjoyable time on all our Rides. Rides have a map and 'talk round' which, with permanent official waymarking, should be enough to guide you. If you study the Map and Notes beforehand you will find it easier. If you are a novice or think you may have a problem, consult the Ride Organiser who will try to "pair" you or help in some other way. Before starting ask the Ride Organiser what additional route marking to look out for. Some Rides are planned to develop your map-reading abilities so may have little or no LRBA marking.

A double-sided clear map holder is very useful. Plastic 'Pockets' for lever-arch files (with opening at top, not side) can be used. To hang it round your neck use cord; not string which chafes.

Our Rides celebrate Rights of Way and other permanently available routes but we often enjoy private links kindly opened for us on the day and the Venue is usually on private land. The maps/info provided for each Ride will make the situation clear. You are welcome to return and re-use the public parts of any Ride. Ask the Ride Organiser about alternatives to private links and parking.

To comply with our OS licence, the Map (but not the Notes) must be handed in at the end of the Ride. (Mark the route on your own copy of the relevant OS map(s).)

#### **SPEEDS:**

Organisers want to be sure of your safe return, so please: -

- Aim for a *minimum* speed of 4 mph – an active walking pace,
- Start in good time, especially if you intend to ride slowly.
- Keep 'refreshment breaks' short. If you stop at a pub, text the Ride Organiser to say so.
- On Evening Rides please return to Venue by 9pm or dusk, whichever is the earlier
- An Estimated Finishing Time and a time for vacating the Venue will be given in the Ride Notes - please observe them
- Latecomers may be asked to ride a shorter route.

## **LRBA's AIMS**

1. To preserve and improve, and where possible, extend the Counties' bridleways and byways.
2. To work towards the establishment and publicising of a network of bridleways, byways, tracks and quiet roads, including permissive routes, that will enable horses to be ridden (and driven wherever possible) away from traffic.
3. To hold social, educational and fund-raising events, including Rides, for members.
4. To endeavour to ensure that the needs of the horse and rider are considered in any planning approvals for new roads, housing or other developments, country parks or recreational provision.
5. To encourage and educate riders in the responsible use of the network so that the Counties' Rights of way, recreational and permissive routes, and the land they pass over are respected, and also to promote good road safety practice.
6. To work or consult with the British Horse Society, the County, Unitary, District and Parish Councils in the Counties, as well as farming, conservation, access and leisure organisations, and any other national, regional or local bodies, to achieve the Association's aims.
7. To negotiate with landowners and others for the creation or extension of permissive bridleways for use by the public generally or exclusively by Association members.

### **LRBA's Bridleways Code**

#### **Please follow the Code on Rides and at all other times**

You go onto land to exercise a Right of Way – not to exercise your horse all over the farmer's fields. Keep to the designated line. Care for the land.

Animals thrive best in a calm environment. Don't disturb stock any more than you have to – go slowly.

Close any gate you open, even if you have to get off to do so.

Ride within your 'stopping distance'. Other riders, walkers or cyclists may be just round the next bend.

Give other users as much room as you can. Walkers are often wary of horses.

Don't 'bomb' past other riders. Ask if it's OK to pass, then go slowly until you are well past.

Don't damage timber or hedgerows by jumping.

Saying 'thank you' costs nothing. Be courteous. Acknowledge courtesy.

Bad behaviour gives a bad impression of ALL riders.

What your horse drops, fertilises! What you drop, pollutes! Take your litter home.