

**CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HORSE RIDERS IN  
WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT WOODLANDS  
PREPARED BY FORESTRY COMMISSION WALES AND  
THE BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY CYMRU**

**INSTRUCTION**

- Only ride on forest roads, bridleways, waymarked/designated riding trails and multi-user trails unless they are marked unsuitable for horses. If you wish to ride other routes please check first with the Forest District Office or Local Area Manager, and then make sure that the routes are safe before using them
- Apply for permission from the Forest District Office or Local Area Manager if you want to use an area where there is permit only access (see map)
- Remember that there are some areas where the only access is on Designated Routes – if in doubt check with the Forest District Office or Local Area Manager
- Respect other users in the forest and always be friendly
- Remember vehicles use forest roads as well as you
- Don't build jumps and hurdles or attempt to jump stacked timber
- Follow the Countryside Code
- Report accidents or near misses to the Forest District Office or the Local Area Manager on whose patch the incident occurred
- Pay attention to all warning signs and adhere to their instructions
- Ride at a walk or trot unless you are on one of the few waymarked 'canter or gallop' track
- Do not ride on picnic sites or designated footpaths
- Leave parking areas and gateways clean and tidy.
- Park in designated horse box parking areas where available and park sensibly to allow maximum space for other users
- Report obstructions to the Forest District Office or Local Area Manager
- Be aware that other users may also have designated trails in the area you are using – check first if in doubt

## **GUIDANCE**

- If you are riding alone tell someone where you are going and how long you intend to be gone for
- Carry a mobile phone in case of emergencies (remember that there is limited or no reception coverage in some areas)
- Check the FC Wales Website for up to date information on what facilities are available. If you are in any doubt as to where you can ride, please contact the Forest District Office or Local Area Manager
- Horse riders are encouraged to carry their own third party liability insurance whilst riding in Welsh Assembly Government Woodlands
- Wear high visibility clothing so that you can be seen by others

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