



PERMISSION CHARGES

Frequently Asked Questions

Why will I be charged for a Permission?

A charge is needed to cover the cost of essential internal consultation to enable us to confirm that it is appropriate to grant the Permission so that the activity or event can take place in safety, taking account of other forest users and also to reflect the impact on the forest environment.

How has the rate of charges been set for different events and activities?

There is a minimum administrative charge on Permissions, plus additional charges for some events. This may include charges per participant.

Are there some circumstances where charges are not appropriate?

Yes, whilst the minimum administrative charge will apply in most cases, any event run on a non-commercial or charitable basis will not be charged the 'per head' charge.

Where the applicant provides a service to FCW there is a discretion to waive part or the whole charge.

Where a chargeable event involves more than one landowner the per head charge may be adjusted.

As a Registered Charity will we be charged for a Permission?

Charities and non commercial event organisers will be charged the minimum administrative charge otherwise the cost of administering the Permission would have to be met out of the public purse.

When is an event organiser be classed as 'commercial' or 'non-commercial'?

A commercial organisation will make a profit from the event and distribute this to shareholders/owners.

Whilst a non-commercial organisation may or may not make a profit from an event, even if it does make a profit, this will be reinvested to achieve the charitable or social objectives set out in its governing documentation/constitution.

Will I be charged value added tax (VAT)?

Yes, VAT will be charged on most Permissions.

Is there a charge for educational activities?

Not generally, it will depend on the commercial nature of the activity or event.

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Where can I ride my horse without a permit?

You can find all access route details on the Forestry Commission Wales website – www.forestry.gov.uk – look at the 'Horse Riding' page. Alternatively, give us a call on 0300 068 0300 (lo-call rate).

How often will the charges be reviewed?

Charges will be reviewed on an annual basis.