

HORSE RIDING PERMIT – GENERAL CONDITIONS OF USE FOR THE DEFENCE TRAINING ESTATE SOUTH EAST

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The following Conditions of Use are essential to the smooth running of the Riding Permit scheme and it is incumbent on permit holders to comply in all respects and at all times.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE CONDITIONS OF USE WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PERMIT

Riding permits cover one person with one horse only. They are personal to the individual to whom they are issued and **MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED**, even on a temporary basis.

Riding permits are valid for one year from the date of issue. Unfortunately, once the permit has been issued, there is no refund.

Riding permits must be prominently displayed on the rider or the horse whilst riding on the Defence Estate.

Military training has priority use on The Estate at all times and riders must comply with any directions given to them by the Training Safety Marshalls, Area Marshalls, MOD Police and any military personnel. If it is obvious that Military training is taking place, permit holders are asked to avoid the area by taking an alternative route.

Please note that all fixed jumps on Defence Training Estate South East are out of bounds.

Riding is permitted only within that part of The Estate shown edged with a green line on the enclosed plan and **EXCLUDES ALL CROSS HATCHED AREAS**.

- a. **Pirbright and Ash only** - riding is also permitted along the route indicated by a heavy dotted line through Slyfield and Standinghill Woods.
- b. **Long Valley and Tweseldown only** - attention is drawn to those riders using the areas adjacent to the Military Vehicles Test Tracks at Long Valley (the area bounded by Tweseldown Racecourse, Bourley Catchment Area, Rushmoor Arena and the Basingstoke Canal). These Test Tracks, which are used by fast moving vehicles, are **EXCLUDED** from the area defined in the permit. This ruling applies every day, **including** Saturdays and Sundays.

Permit holder's attention is drawn, in particular, to the Danger Areas associated with live firing ranges on The Estate at Pirbright, Ash and Longmoor. The extent of these danger areas is marked on the ground by appropriate warning notices. Permit holders (and others) are prohibited from crossing the line of warning notices when red flags/lights are being displayed, irrespective of whether or not firing is evident.

Within the permitted areas, riders must keep to recognised paths and not ride in or through young plantations. They must be careful to avoid damaging crops, trees and other vegetation as they may be held liable for damage caused on Defence Training Estate South East property.

In the interest of safety, permit holders are required at all times whilst riding on The Estate to wear suitable clothing, including a riding hard hat and riding boots (or alternative suitable footwear). Permit holders must ensure that they are wearing a high visibility vest at all times whilst riding on MOD Estate.

No dogs are to accompany riders - unless also accompanied by a person walking on foot who will be responsible for the control of the dog(s) at all times.

The Defence Training Estate South East to which this permit relates has been used for Military training for many years and permit holders should be alert to the potentially dangerous nature of residual and discarded items of Military equipment, eg trip wires, barbed wire, slip trenches, exploded and unexploded ordnance. No suspicious object should be touched.

PERMIT HOLDERS ENTER THESE LANDS ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, HIS OFFICERS AND AGENTS ACCEPT NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY INJURY (INCLUDING INJURY RESULTING IN DEATH), LOSS OR DAMAGE WHICH MIGHT OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE GRANT OF THIS PERMIT.

Permit holders are required at all times whilst riding on The Estate to be indemnified against third party claims and evidence of such insurance cover will be required before any permit can be granted or renewed (see paragraph below).

The permit holder's attention is drawn to the relevant Military Lands Byelaws which govern the area to which the permit relates and which are prominently displayed at various locations around The Estate.

- a. Elstead/Hankley area only - the relevant Byelaws are the Surrey Commons Military Lands Byelaws 1978.
- b. All other areas - are subject to the Aldershot and District Military Lands Byelaws 1976.

PERMIT HOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH MILITARY LANDS BYELAWS AT ALL TIMES

The construction of jumps, tracks and paths is not permitted.

No smoking is permitted in places where there is a danger of causing fire on The Estate.

Horse riding is not permitted on Defence Training Estate South East during the hours of darkness (ie after sundown and before sunrise).

Each time you wish to ride on Aldershot/Church Crookham, Minley/Hawley, Pirbright/Ash, Elstead, Hankley or Bramshott/Woolmer, being part of Defence Training Estate SE, you MUST first contact the SE Operations Room on 01420 483405 with the Training Area designation you wish to use. They will inform you of any relevant training activities taking place which could impede your use of the training area. You will need to contact them AGAIN when you are leaving the site.

Whilst we will endeavour to send out permit renewal reminders prior to the expiry date, the onus is entirely on permit holders to arrange the renewal of their permit at the appropriate time. Applications for renewal must be accompanied by the permit holder's insurance certificate and proof of renewal. The permit holder's insurance policy shall be a public liability policy of insurance against loss or injury which may occur to any property or to any person arising out of the exercise of the rights authorised in an amount of not less than **£5,000,000. We will also require a letter from your insurance company to state they are aware that you are riding on the Defence Training Estate South East.**

NB: It should be noted that all horse riders have a right of unrestricted access on any statutory public bridleway on The Estate but that riding on statutory public footpaths is prohibited. **It is for the permit holder to establish, through the Local Council Right of Way department where these statutory routes are sited.**