

BHS Terms and Conditions

Forest of Dean Ride



General

- Advance online bookings only. No entries on the day.
- All entrants must hold third party public liability insurance either through being a Gold member of British Horse Society or via proof from another provider. Find out more about BHS Gold Membership [here](#).
- Tickets are non-transferable.
- Please report to the organisers on arrival.
- Always follow the instructions of marshals and officials.
- Registration opens at 9.30am and closes at 12.30pm.
- Starting will be at the time you have booked for.
- You will be asked to provide emergency contact details at the point of booking.
- You will be asked to provide your vehicle make, model and registration on the day.
- Everyone attending the event is responsible for ensuring the safety of themselves and others.
- The BHS cannot provide supervision for attendees under the age of 18. Any attendee below the age of 16 years should be accompanied by a responsible adult who remains at the venue for the duration of the event. For attendees aged 16-17, or an adult at risk, it is at the discretion of their parent or guardian and agreed in advance with BHS.
- Please leave the parking area as you found it – don't muck out your trailer or lorry in the parking area and take dung home with you.
- Dogs are permitted but MUST always be kept secured on a lead.
- We may use photos, video and information about you on BHS social media, website or magazines. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by emailing dataprotection@bhs.org.uk.
- For more details about how your personal data is used, please take a look at our Privacy page: www.bhs.org.uk/privacy or contact dataprotection@bhs.org.uk.
- This event is being run under the [BHS Code of Conduct for Welfare of Horses at Events and Activities](#).

Riders

- BHS strongly recommends wearing hi-viz when riding.
- A numbered tabard will be provided and must be worn (£5 refundable deposit required). All tabards to be returned at the end of the ride.
- Riders under 16 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the event.
- Riders over 16 and under 18, or an adult at risk, may ride unaccompanied at the discretion of their parent or guardian.
- Hats to the current standard must always be worn and correctly secured when mounted. Please check yours meets current standards which can be found at: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/go-riding/riding-out-hacking/what-to-wear/hats-and-helmets/>.
- Body protectors, if worn, should comply with current standards – also found on the BHS website at <http://www.bhs.org.uk/body-protectors>.
- All riders must wear suitable riding footwear. Wellington boots and trainers are not allowed.
- No one must sit on/ride a horse unless they are booked as the event participant and have appropriate insurance cover.
- Unless directed by a medical professional, or event official, riders continue to ride after a fall at their own discretion.
- Riders are advised to carry a mobile phone and be aware of the emergency contact number for the event.
- It is recommended that riders have the What3Words app on their phone.
- All riders must have previous experience of riding the horse they have entered.
- Riders should have an appropriate level of fitness to safely undertake the activity.
- Riders should be of an acceptable size to ride the horse they have entered.
- All riders, whether they have completed the ride or not, must report their return to the organiser.
- Always ride and carriage drive with courtesy, care and consideration to fellow users of the route including equestrians, cyclists, walkers, particularly those who may be elderly, disabled, children, or simply be frightened of horses. Ride slowly past others.
- Do not stray from the planned route or designated areas.
- Leave gates as you find them.

Horses

- All horses must be no younger than four years of age and be of an appropriate fitness level for the activity being undertaken – hooves and shoes must be in good condition.
- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their horse is fit and healthy enough to complete the chosen distance comfortably.
- Tack must be suitable, in safe condition and fit correctly.
- Any stallions must be informed to the organizer at the time of booking. No person may bring a stallion without ensuring, at all times, that other riders, horses and members of the public are not at risk. Stallions should be identifiable by a bridle tag and/or yellow tail ribbon. Any stallions deemed to be unsafe by the organiser may be directed to leave the site.
- All horses must be up to date with annual equine influenza vaccinations and must be 6 days clear from their most recent booster vaccination. Further vaccination guidance can be found using the BRC Flu Vac Checker. ([Before 1 Jan 2024](#)) ([After 1 Jan 2024](#)). Spot checks may be made at the event.
- Horses should not be left unattended when tied to horseboxes, in the parking area.
- It is a legal requirement to have your horses' passport when travelling to events.

Cancellations and Refunds

- If the event is cancelled by BHS, the entry fee will be fully refunded.
- Cancellations made up to 10 days before the event will be refunded less a £5 admin fee.
- Cancellations made within 10 days of the event will only be refunded if the place can be filled by another participant or from any waiting list we hold and will be subject to a £5 administration fee.
- Cancellations can be made via email to bhessouthwest@bhs.org.uk.
- Strictly no refunds for anyone who has booked and does not attend.

Disclaimer

The organisers have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents.

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