

Oxshott Forest Riding Permits – Conditions 2017/18

1. Pre-permit conditions

- 1.1. Submission of an application for a permit shall be taken as acceptance of these conditions.
- 1.2. All riders must hold a current third party liability policy, with a minimum sum insured of £5,000,000 (five million), and a current personal accident policy, and must maintain those policies throughout the duration of their permit. In the case of a riding school, these policies must cover all riders operating from that riding school together with all employees. Copies of both policies must be provided to The Crown Estate Office. If the policies expire within the period covered by the permit, copies of renewal policies must be provided to the Crown Estate Office a minimum of 7 days before the existing policy expires. Failure to do so will result in the permit being cancelled and permission to ride withdrawn. In agreeing to these conditions applicants certify that they hold and will maintain adequate insurance cover.

2. Riding Permits and Discs

2.1. Individual Permits

- a) On provision of the documents set out in paragraph 1.1 above and payment of the annual permit fee of £200 individual permit holders will be issued with a yellow riding disc.
- b) Riding permits and discs are not transferable: they are strictly for use only by the registered permit holder personally. The registered permit holder may not loan, share or sell the permit/disc. Riding permits are non-refundable.

2.2. All Permits

- a) All riding permits are non-refundable
- b) When riding in the park riding discs must be prominently displayed at all times either on the offside of the bridle, on the top 'D' ring on the offside of the saddle, or on the front of the horse.
- c) Lost discs must be reported to the police and will only be replaced upon production of the lost property reference number and payment of a £15 fee; broken discs will be replaced free of charge.

3. Permitted Riding Areas

- 3.1. Horse boxes are not permitted in any of the car parks.
- 3.2. Riding is permitted during daylight hours, subject to the rights reserved at 4.1 below.

4. Access Rules

- 4.1. Riders are restricted to roads and tracks from 1 November to 31 March. The Crown Estate Commissioners reserve the right to extend this restriction as necessary in the event of periods of inclement weather or to close the whole or parts of the park for riding at any time. The Crown Estate Commissioners will in these situations notify riders or display notices at the forest gates detailing the extent and length of closure. Known scheduled closures are set out at 6 below.
- 4.2. Riders must:
 - a) obey track signs and notices restricting access;
 - b) comply with directions given by estate staff; and
 - c) wear appropriate riding clothing including an approved riding hat and suitable safe footwear.

4.3. Riders must not:

- a) ride at a pace faster than a “hand canter”;
- b) ride recklessly in a way which could endanger the safety or interfere with the comfort and convenience of other users of the forest including racing, jumping, riding more than four abreast and showing, trying exercising or breaking-in horses; and
- c) be accompanied by dogs.

5. Permit Revocation or Withdrawal

5.1. The Crown Estate Commissioners reserve the right to revoke permits without notice or refund in the event of a breach of any of these conditions, in particular if:

- a) the permit holder is identified as riding outside of the permitted areas or time and ignoring signage on more than one occasion;
- b) a riding permit or disc is used by anyone other than the registered holder (or the registered holder’s paying customers or ride escorts while participating in an escorted ride where the registered holder is a riding school); and
- c) the permit holder fails to clearly display the appropriate disc on more than one occasion.

5.2. The Crown Estate Commissioners reserve the right to cancel permits on provision of 30 days written notice for any reason. Permits are non-refundable.

6. Liability

6.1. Permit holders will be held responsible for all claims and demands whatsoever on the part of any person whomsoever in respect of any injury, loss or damage arising out of or in consequence of the exercise of the rights and liberties given by the permit.

6.2. The Crown Estate Commissioners and their agents accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage which may be occasioned to the permit holder or his horse. The Crown Estate is not responsible for checking the adequacy or validity of any insurance policy or licence held or risk assessment completed by the permit holder.

7. Advisory Notes and Scheduled Closures

7.1. Riders are advised that there are many obstacles in the forest, including concealed ditches and rabbit holes.

7.2. Oxshott forest is a popular recreational destination. Riders are therefore asked to pay due care and attention at all times to other visitors and residents, including road users, pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers.

Please visit www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk for details of other events taking place inside the Park throughout the year.