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APPLICATION FOR RIDING PERMITS, 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010

All riding on Ashdown Forest is subject to a permit (Ashdown Forest bye-law 7) and to regulations (see over). **The Board of Conservators takes no responsibility for injury to riders, horses or any third party involved in an accident with horses. All riders must have personal liability insurance.** Permits are issued per horse and permit colours and numbering change on 1st April every year.

Name of Permit Holder:			
Home Address:			
Postcode:			
Daytime phone number:	<i>(For day to day queries)</i>		
Emergency phone number:	<i>(In case of an emergency)</i>		
Address where horse is stabled: <small>(If different from above)</small>	<i>(If different from above)</i>		
Will you box to the Forest?	Yes / No	Box registration number:	
Other authorised adult riders:	Other authorised child riders: <i>(13 years or over)</i>		

PERMIT FEES (including VAT)

	Adult		Child (under 12)	
	Non AFRA	AFRA* Member	Non AFRA	AFRA* Member
Annual permits (1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010)	£92.00	£80.00	£46.00	£40.00
Badges returned by 1 st November 2009 will count as a 'summer' permit and will qualify for a partial refund	<i>£37.00 refund</i>	<i>£32.00 refund</i>	<i>£18.00 refund</i>	<i>£15.00 refund</i>
Winter Permits (31 September 2009 to 1 April 2010)	£55.00	£49.00	£28.00	£25.00

Ashdown Forest Riding Association* rebates may only be claimed if a current membership card is enclosed for each rider with this application. For membership details contact the AFRA at www.afranews.org.uk or 01825 713152.

Badges remain the property of the Board of Conservators; all expired badges must be returned. Due to a significant number of riders using summer permits without renewing them for the winter we regret an annual charge will be made with refunds (as detailed above) given on return of the badges. To qualify for a refund badges must be returned by 1st November 2009. There will be charge of £5.00 will be made for all lost badges. Broken badges will be replaced at no charge providing they are returned to the office.

Permit fee(s)	£
Lost badge fee	£
Total:	£

Cheques are payable to the Conservators of Ashdown Forest.

I agree to abide by the Riding Regulations and Code of Conduct.

Signed:	Date:
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INFORMATION AND RIDING REGULATIONS

Having an Ashdown Forest Riding Permits gives you access to 81 miles of safe, varied and very beautiful riding and, with over 6,500 acres, you could easily ride all day. Riding Permits are issued per horse rather than per person.

All riders who share a horse, for whatever reason, *must* be listed under 'other authorised riders'. Stable hands or grooms who exercise the horse on your behalf and with your permission *must* also be listed under 'other authorised riders'. Horses that are being lead must also have a valid permit.

Badges returned by 31st October 2009 will count as a 'summer' permit and will qualify for a partial refund as detailed under 'permit fees' on the front of this application. There will be no refunds on badges returned AFTER 31st October 2009. Refunds will not be made under any other circumstances.

The Conservators of Ashdown Forest reserve the right to suspend permits for breaches of the riding regulations. Any rider found not to be displaying a permit may be asked to leave the Forest.

You *must always* display your permit badge on the horse where it can be seen easily by Forest Rangers (e.g. on the near side of the bridle). It is in your own interest to do so. For example, permit badges make it possible to track the owner of a riderless horse.

Riding *is* permitted on:

- fire breaks – these are the unmarked tracks across the Forest, cut and maintained to a width of more than 9 metres (30 feet)
- riding tracks – these may be narrower than 9 metres and marked with Ashdown Forest signs

You may *not* ride

- across heathland unless on one of the above fire-breaks or tracks
- on footpaths or any unmarked narrow track
- through car parks except those designated as Horse Box Parks (see below)
- on tracks and roads leading to private properties or the fire breaks surrounding private properties
- over recreation grounds or on the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club courses

Only the following Forest car parks may be used for horse boxes which, due to their size/entrances, make it much easier to manoeuvre boxes:

- Box (see bottom of page), Stonehill Road, Nutley (C3)
- Blackhill, Friars Gate Road (B2188)
- Long, south of Wych Cross (A22)
- Twyford Car Park is for AFRA members only (C2)

BOX CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED TO HORSE BOXES ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Livery yards

If you are the owner of a livery yard you must apply for a livery yard licence, you must also ensure all riders who use your livery yard have their own permit badges and that badges are not shared. Records of horse owners using the yard must be kept and maintained ready for inspection by Forest Rangers.

Riding establishments

There are only four riding establishments permitted on Ashdown Forest. The maximum number of horses allowed at any establishment is 12 and a fee is charged per horse. Leaders must wear an instructor/leader badge.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Riders are also asked to:

- help protect the Forest by varying their routes and avoid wet and badly eroded areas
- be considerate and courteous to other Forest users
- encourage other riders to follow this Code and obey the regulations
- adhere to the marked road crossings and ensure that you close all gates into the grazing area

Please call **01342-822846** as soon as possible if you see any injured livestock, or incidents of sheep worrying, or if you have information about people abusing the Riding Regulations or Code of Conduct, for example those who are riding without a permit or acting in an unsafe or irresponsible manner.

NB: RIDERS USE THE FOREST AT THEIR OWN RISK

NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE THIRD WEEK IN MARCH