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APPLICATION FOR RIDING PERMITS, 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012

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 public liability (third party) insurance, a copy of which must be attached to this application. Permits are issued per horse and permit colours and numbering change on 1st April every year.**

Name of Permit Holder:			
Home Address:			
Daytime phone number:			(For day- to-day queries)
Emergency phone number:			(In case of an emergency)
E-mail address:			(For day-to-day queries)
Address where horse is stabled:			(If different from above)
Will you box to the Forest? <i>Horse box numbers are regularly checked by Rangers.</i>	Yes / No	Box reg. number:	

Other authorised adult riders:	Other authorised child riders: <i>(Under 12)</i>

PERMIT FEES *(inc VAT)*

Please circle the fee applicable	NON AFRA		AFRA MEMBERS*	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Annual permits (1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012)	£100.00	£50.00	£85.00	£42.50
<i>Badges returned no later than Friday 21 October 2011 will count as a 'summer' permit and will qualify for a partial refund as detailed.</i>	£40.00 refund	£35.00 refund	£25.00 refund	£17.50 refund
Winter Permits (30 September 2011 to 1 April 2012)	£60.00	£30.00	£30.00	£20.00

Ashdown Forest Riding Association* rebates may only be claimed if a current membership card is enclosed for each rider with this application. AFRA welcomes new members. To join AFRA visit the website at www.afranews.org.uk or their Facebook page. (Price is £00.00) You can also call 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 the 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 no later than Friday 21 October 2011. If you have lost your badge a £5.00 charge will be made. Broken badges will be replaced at no charge providing they are returned to the office.

Permit fee(s)	£
Have you lost your badge from last year? If yes add £5.00	£
Cheques are payable to the Conservators of Ashdown Forest	£
Total:	

NB: RIDERS USE THE FOREST AT THEIR OWN RISK. NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE THIRD WEEK IN MARCH PTO 25 November 2010

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

Signed:

Date:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Having an Ashdown Forest Riding Permit 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 etc. 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. Please do not share your badge(s) with any one else.

Badges returned by 21 October 2011 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 that date. 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 as permit badges have made it possible to track the owner of riderless horses and facilitate rescue by the emergency services.

RIDING REGULATIONS

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). Please note these tracks are rough terrain and can be crossed by drainage ditches. Please take care
- riding tracks – these may be narrower than 9 metres and marked with Ashdown Forest signs. Please note these tracks are rough terrain and can be crossed by drainage ditches. Please take care.

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) - closed to boxes on Remembrance Sunday
- Blackhill, Friars Gate Road (B2188)
- Long, south of Wych Cross (A22)
- Twyford Car Park is for AFRA members only (C2)

Livery yards and Riding establishments

Owners of livery yards must apply for a livery yard licence ensure all riders who use the 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. There

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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

- Help protect the Forest by varying routes, avoid wet and badly eroded areas, keep to the permitted fire breaks and tracks and keep out of the sensitive heather areas;
- Be aware of the rough nature of the terrain and the drainage ditches that cross tracks;
- Be considerate and courteous to other Forest users;
- Encourage other riders to follow this Code of Conduct and obey the Riding Regulations;
- Adhere to the marked road crossings and ensure that gates into the grazing area are closed.

Please call 01342-822846 as soon as possible if you see injured livestock, 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 or causing damage to the heather areas.