

The Woodland Trust **Joydens Riding Scheme**

Permit Conditions – 2023-24

1. This Permit will commence on the 4th October 2023 and continue until the October 2024. All Permit Holders will acknowledge receipt of these Permit Conditions by signing two (2) copies of the Permit Conditions. The Riding Scheme Operator and the Permit Holder will retain one signed copy.
2. All Permit Holders and Riders using Joydens Wood must hold and maintain public liability insurance with a reputable insurer for a minimum of **£1,250,000.00** for any one claim. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance must be supplied to the Riding Scheme Operator, together with a completed and signed Application Form, photographic identification and payment in full. If the Permit Holder's insurance cover expires during the term of the Permit, the Permit Holder is responsible for renewing their insurance for the remainder of the term of the Permit, at their own expense and a current Certificate provided to the Riding Scheme Operator.
3. In signing the permit, the Permit Holder consents to the holding of all submitted personal details within a secure database linked to the Permit and key number. Information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Please note that this information may be accessed by the Riding Scheme Operator or the Woodland Trust in the event of an emergency.
4. Permit Holders enter Joyden's Wood entirely at their own risk. Neither the Woodland Trust nor the Riding Scheme Operator accept any liability whatsoever or howsoever arising as a result of any accident, loss, actions, claims, damages or injury to the Permit Holder, their horse or equipment, or any other consequential losses, direct or indirect, that may result from use of Joydens Wood.
5. Permit Holders must not allow non-Permit holders to ride within Joyden's Wood under any circumstances. Anyone encouraging or aiding non-Permit holders to ride within Joyden's Wood will be in breach of these Permit Conditions which may result in a revocation of their Permit. Both Permit Holders and non-Permit holders will be escorted off site by the Riding Scheme Operator, the Woodland Trust, their respective staff or any other agent authorised on their behalf. In the event of an incident involving a non-Permit holder, the Permit Holder will be held entirely liable.

6. Joydens Wood is open to the general public at all times. All Permit Holders must be courteous to all other users of Joydens Wood, including all members of the public, walkers and cyclists on the bridleways. Any offensive, abusive, anti-social, dangerous or reckless behaviour against the Woodland Trust and the Riding Scheme Operator, their staff, representatives or authorised persons, will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and will be deemed a breach of this Permit, which may result in a revocation of the Permit.
7. All Permit Holders will be issued with a valid Permit which must be carried and displayed at all times when riding in Joydens Wood. The lead Rider's Permit must be displayed on the horse/pony at all times including when being ridden by an additional Rider. Permits should be visibly attached to their tack, to assist with identification in the event of a loose horse.

The following Permit Fees shall apply for the 12 month scheme in 2023/4

	Charge £ (inc VAT)
Type of permit	12 month
Individual Rider	110
Additional Rider	72
Family Member	91
Family Member Adult	34
Family Member Child	15
Commercial	430

8. For all Commercial Permits, a valid Permit shall either be clearly displayed on each horse, or the lead Rider shall carry the necessary number of Permits.
9. Riders must, on request, make available their Permits and keys for inspection by any member of the Riding Scheme Operator or the Woodland Trust, their respective representatives or other authorised persons.
10. The Rider hereby expressly acknowledges and agrees that the Woodland Trust reserves the right to refuse to issue a Permit to any individual or commercial business. It is within the sole and absolute discretion of the Woodland Trust whether to issue, refuse to issue or revoke any Permit. The Woodland Trust is not under any obligation to issue future Permits, irrespective of Permits having been previously issued. An individual or commercial business shall not be entitled to any compensation in the event that a Permit or Permits are not issued or re-issued to any individual or commercial business.

11. The Woodland Trust further reserves the right to close any or all of the Rides or permissive horse routes for reasons of safety, ride maintenance or woodland management operations, at any time. Advance notice of any such closure shall be given wherever it is reasonably possible to do so.
12. All Permits and keys issued shall remain the property of the Woodland Trust at all times and should be returned at the end of the 2023/24 permit scheme.
13. Upon return of the key for the previous season, Permit Holders will be eligible for a 10% discount when renewing their permit.
14. No groups of more than eight horses and/or ponies may use Joydens Wood at any one time. All out-rides from commercial stables must be accompanied by a trained and experienced escort, aged eighteen (18) years or over. Where the proprietor of the commercial stables is satisfied as to ability, escorts aged sixteen (16) years or over will be permitted, but only subject to the prior consent of the Woodland Trust.
15. No Riders under the age of fourteen (14) years shall be allowed in Joydens Wood unless accompanied by an adult Permit Holder.
16. Riding hats to the current BSI Standards must be worn at all times whilst riding in Joydens Wood.
17. All horses and ponies must be kept under control at all times and no galloping is permitted within Joyden's Wood.
18. The Rider/Permit Holder shall only be permitted to ride within Joydens Wood between the hours of 6.00am and 10.00pm daily. Please note that the Woodland Trust strongly advises against riding in the Wood after dark for safety reasons.
19. Permit Holders shall not be permitted to take dogs into Joydens Wood whilst horse riding.
20. No jumps, ditches or similar are to be constructed within Joydens Wood.
21. Refunds will not be issued for any Permit cancelled or revoked pursuant to these Permit Conditions, or for any other reason, by the Woodland Trust, the Riding Scheme Operator or the Permit Holder, prior to its expiration.

22. Each horse/pony ridden within Joydens Wood must have an Individual or Family Membership Permit on display at all times, (irrespective of whether the horse is ridden by an adult or a child).
23. Subject to Condition 10, Riders must only use the designated permissive horse routes within Joyden's Wood.
24. Horses may only enter and leave Joyden's Wood through the three (3) designated and gated access points using the key provided.
25. Riders must ensure that all gates are closed and securely locked after entering or leaving Joydens Wood.
26. Permit holders may replace lost keys at a charge of £25.00 each and Permits at £15.00 each, with a £30 charge to replace both the key and the permit. Photographic proof of identity and the signature of the original Applicant will be required , together with an additional passport-sized photograph.
27. Subject to reasonable prior notice, upon written request, permission may be granted without charge for an alternative Rider to exercise a Permit Holder's horse for a period not exceeding three (3) weeks in any calendar year, in circumstances of the Permit Holder's absence, subject always to these Permit Conditions. A Temporary Permit will be issued for that specified period only and must be returned to the Woodland Trust at the expiration of that period.
28. Family Membership applies to immediate family members only (i.e. spouse/partner, parent or child) living within the same household.
29. **In receiving the key, the Rider/Permit Holder hereby acknowledge that they have received, read, understood and agree to be bound by these Permit Conditions.**