

Joydens Wood Riding Permit

Terms and Conditions 2026 to 2027

The Woodland Trust | Riding Scheme Operator: J W Equestrian Limited, trading as Mount Mascal Stables

These conditions apply to riding permits for Joydens Wood from 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027. Permit Holders must sign two copies; the Riding Scheme Operator and the Permit Holder will each retain one.

Application, insurance and personal information

1. All Permit Holders and Riders using Joydens Wood must maintain public liability insurance with a reputable insurer for at least £1,250,000 for any one claim. The Permit Holder must provide the Riding Scheme Operator with a certificate of insurance, a completed and signed application form, photographic identification and payment in full. If cover expires during the permit term, the Permit Holder must renew it at their own expense for the remainder of the term and provide a current certificate.
2. By signing, the Permit Holder consents to submitted personal details being held in a secure database linked to the permit and key number. Information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and may be accessed by the Riding Scheme Operator or the Woodland Trust in an emergency.
3. Permit Holders enter Joydens Wood entirely at their own risk. Neither the Woodland Trust nor the Riding Scheme Operator accepts liability for accidents, loss, actions, claims, damage or injury to the Permit Holder, their horse or equipment, or any resulting direct or indirect consequential loss.

Permits and fees

4. A valid permit must be carried and displayed whenever riding in Joydens Wood. The lead Rider's permit must be displayed on the horse or pony, including when it is ridden by an additional Rider. Attach permits visibly to tack to help identify a loose horse. Each horse or pony ridden must display an Individual or Family Membership Permit, whether ridden by an adult or child.

The following fees apply to the 12-month 2026 to 2027 scheme. Prices include VAT.

Permit type	Fee including VAT (£)
Individual Rider	120
Additional Rider	80
Family Member	100
Family Member Adult	40
Family Member Child	25
Commercial	450

5. For Commercial Permits, a valid permit must be clearly displayed on each horse, or the lead Rider must carry the necessary number of permits.
6. Riders must make their permits and keys available on request for inspection by the Riding Scheme Operator, a warden, the Woodland Trust or their authorised representatives.
7. The Woodland Trust may refuse to issue or renew, or may revoke, any individual or commercial permit at its sole discretion. Previous issue does not guarantee a future permit. No compensation is payable if a permit is not issued or reissued.
8. The Woodland Trust may close any ride, gate or permissive horse route at any time for safety, maintenance, vandalism, damage or woodland management. Advance notice will be given where reasonably possible. Permit Holders are not entitled to compensation for closures.

9. All permits and keys remain the property of the Woodland Trust and must be returned at the end of the 2026 to 2027 scheme. Current Permit Holders must return their key to the Mount Mascall office before renewing, to enable recycling and control costs. Failure to return the correct key will result in a £25 fee being charged.

Who may ride

10. Permit Holders must not allow anyone without a permit to ride in Joydens Wood. Helping or encouraging an unpermitted rider is a breach of these conditions and may lead to revocation. The Riding Scheme Operator, the Woodland Trust, their staff or authorised agents may escort those riders and the associated Permit Holder from the site. The Permit Holder will be held liable for incidents involving an unpermitted rider.
11. No group of more than eight horses or ponies may use Joydens Wood at one time. All rides from commercial stables must be accompanied by a trained, experienced escort aged at least 18. An escort aged 16 or 17 may be permitted if the proprietor is satisfied of their ability and the Woodland Trust has given prior consent. Apply in advance by email to Mount Mascall Stables.
12. Riders under 14 must be accompanied by an adult Permit Holder.
13. Riders aged 14 or 15 must be accompanied by another Adult Permit Holder
14. Riders aged 16 or over may ride unaccompanied.
15. Family Membership is for immediate family members (spouse or partner, parent or child) living in the same household.

Conduct and riding rules

16. Joydens Wood is open to the public at all times. Permit Holders must be courteous to other users, including walkers and cyclists on the bridleways. Offensive, abusive, antisocial, dangerous or reckless behaviour towards the Woodland Trust, the Riding Scheme Operator, their staff, representatives or authorised persons will be treated as a breach and may lead to revocation.
17. Riding hats meeting current BSI standards must be worn at all times while riding. Bareback riding is prohibited. Horses and ponies must be kept under control, and galloping is not permitted.
18. Riding is permitted only between 6.00 am and 10.00 pm daily. The Woodland Trust strongly advises against riding after dark for safety reasons.
19. Do not take dogs into Joydens Wood while horse riding. Do not construct jumps, ditches or similar features.
20. Ride only on designated permissive horse routes. Horses may enter and leave only through the three designated gated access points, using the key provided. Close and securely lock every gate after entering or leaving. Repeated failure to secure gates or recurring vandalism may lead the Woodland Trust to close them.

Replacement, temporary permits and refunds

21. A lost key may be replaced for £25, a lost permit for £15, or both together for £30. Photographic proof of identity, the original applicant's signature and an additional passport-sized photograph are required.
22. On written request with reasonable advance notice, permission may be granted without charge for an alternative Rider to exercise a Permit Holder's horse during the Permit Holder's absence, for no more than three weeks in a calendar year. The alternative Rider must comply with these conditions. A temporary permit will be issued only for the agreed period and must be returned to the Woodland Trust when it expires.
23. No refund will be issued if a permit is cancelled or revoked before expiry by the Woodland Trust, the Riding Scheme Operator or the Permit Holder, for any reason.

Acknowledgement

24. By receiving the key, the Rider or Permit Holder acknowledges that they have received, read and understood these conditions and agrees to be bound by them.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____