



## National Forest Ride

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Venue Address:** 5 Church Street, Donisthorpe, DE12 7PX.

**Directions from the North** -A42 to Junction 12 – then take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit on the B4116 travelling towards Measham. When you reach the traffic lights turn right onto New Street towards Donisthorpe. Follow on this road until you get to the crossroads in Donisthorpe with the Masons Arms on your left hand side. Turn left and the venue is just after the Scout Hut on the left.

**Directions from the South** – M42 – A42 to junction 11 – then take the A444 towards Burton. After approximately 2 miles there is a sign for Donisthorpe to the right, this is on a bend and easy to miss so please drive carefully. At the next crossroads go straight over, again signposted Donisthorpe. This takes you straight into the village, carry on past the Church and Cemetery, the venue is on the right hand side.

The entrance to the venue will be well marked. It is in the centre of Donisthorpe village, next to an old Scout Hut which is on Church Street near to the crossroads. Please be courteous to the farmer as he is doing me a big favour letting us park here

**Venue Arrival:** You may arrive at the venue from 9.30am. First horse away 10am Last horse 11.30am. The venue is by kind permission of Phillip Sherratt

Please ensure you print of a map and know your bib number. At the end of the ride members can record their official mileage on the list provided at the secretary

**Route Information:** Mileage options are: 8, 10, 14 & 18 miles. The route is across bridleways, permissive paths of the National Forest and Woodland Trust, private tracks and a few sections of road to link the route together. This is a great chance to see these old mining villages that have been transformed with trees, lakes and walkways. The route will be marked with coloured spray paint and pink ribbons in areas where spray paint is not permitted. **In the Donisthorpe Woodland Park please ride on the paths not the grass.** There are some road crossings and I have not got enough marshals for all of them so please take care. The tracks are also used by cyclists and walkers so please be courteous to other users. There are two sections on this ride that have only recently been opened as permissive bridleways so please follow the markers and try not to wander off course.

**Have fun and wear pink to show your support for Cancer Research**

**Facilities:** Toilet is off venue just a short walk away. Cake Stall also selling snacks & drinks. There is also a Tombola raising money for Cancer Research UK

**First Aider:** This event does not have an official first aider but there are plenty of helpers who are qualified in first aid.

**\*\*\*\*\* Dogs Must be kept on a lead \*\*\*\*\***

**This is a working farm with livestock and chickens roaming. The farmer has requested all Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times**

**Notes: All droppings must be picked up off the venue and taken home with you**

**Photographer:** Indiepics – [www.indiepics.co.uk](http://www.indiepics.co.uk)

**Ride Organiser:** Kathryn Parker TEL: 07977 468524

**No SPURS or whips longer than 30” as per our rules. All riders should take time to read through our rules – these can be found on our website**

**Never pass another horse without asking permission first, always pass at a pace no more than a trot. Remember that not everyone may be a confident rider or they may have a novice horse, please see below tail ribbons for guidance**

#### **TAIL RIBBONS**

**Please wear the follow ribbons in your horse’s tail if needed.**

**RED RIBBON – My horse may kick**

**GREEN RIBBON – I or my horse are nervous /novice, approach with caution and pass with care**

**BLUE RIBBON – My horse is a stallion**