



Chester Zoo & Home Farm



Sunday 26^h June 2016

VENUE: Home Farm, Gordon Lane, Backford, Chester, CH2 4DG

Directions:

Home Farm is just 2 miles from Junction 11 off of the M53.

Please take care when turning into the venue entrance as it is quite narrow.

Camping

Please arrive before 8pm at the latest and dogs on leads please as it's a livery yard and dairy farm. Campers may have bbqs, there is water on site and toilets.

Venue Arrival:

Competitors can arrive at the venue from 7.30am, Pleasure riders can arrive from 8.30am. Once you have parked up and unloaded your horses please come and check in at the secretary, where you will be issued with your rider bib.

The first vetting will be at 8.30am.

First pleasure horse out from 9.30am and last horse strictly no later than 11am.

Please ensure you print off 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

Please don't panic that the route looks complicated – it is very clearly marked and there will be marshals where required.

This is an interesting ride and has a few unusual challenges to be aware of, but we hope you will enjoy and have fun on it.

Please read the following:

1) Some of the bridle paths run close to motorway . The level of sound is fairly constant and most horses are not bothered by it, but we recognise this may be a new experience or many horses. In the interests of safety there is the chance at the start of the ride, (on the first loop of the farm rides) to ride alongside the motorway in "safe farm ride" conditions and with much space to be able to practice. Whilst problems are not anticipated (these bridle paths are very well used) if you feel after riding this section, that you would prefer to, you can stay on the farm ride and a steward will direct you accordingly .

2) The bridle path through the Zoo. This is a nice, fairly wide path with parallel grass and tarmac. It has been built with horses in mind and is well screened at horse eye level. **THIS IS A COMPULSORY WALK THROUGH SECTION.**

There are several animals that can be seen on a good day, including cheetahs, camels, elephants, deer, giraffes and muley type things. It's really interesting. There is a very slow monorail which crosses the path – but it is very slow and you will see it well in advance and easily avoid it if you wish. It is likely that you will meet pedestrians and cyclists, please be polite at all times.

3) There is some roadwork and places where bridle path comes out onto road. The roads are not very busy, but please be aware of traffic when leaving the bridle paths and at all times on the roads.

4) Please be aware that although you are allowed to jump the jumps at Home Farm, Sport Endurance Insurance does not cover you for jumping.

5) There are two gates out on route, the first is a small horse friendly gate and the second is large horse friendly gate. This gate is at the end of a bridlepath which brings you out to checkpoint 2 and actually runs through the garden of a private house, please show consideration on approach to the gate and ensure that it remains closed. There will be someone on checkpoint duty that can assist you here.

Please read the risk assessment that will be on the notice board when you collect your bibs. Any queries please ask one of the team.

Give consideration to other riders and the general public. The bridle path running through the Zoo may have walkers – please show respect.

Facilities

There are two toilets on site, a catering van that serves hot and cold food and drink.

First Aider:

This event does not have an official first aider, however there is a first aid kit located at the secretary.

Notes:

All droppings must be picked up off the venue and taken home with you.

Please note that this is a working dairy farm and also livery yard.

Photographer:

www.indiepics.co.uk

Ride Organiser:

Amanda Morriss – 07891 655779

Please see important information below:

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 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

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