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# **SPORT ENDURANCE**

## **THORESBY AUTUMN RIDE**

**18 October 2015**

### **Thank you for your entry**

**Competitors** - Registration for competitors from 8.00am. Start time within 30 minutes of vet time .

**Pleasure Ride** - Start time is between **10.00 - 2pm**. Registration for pleasure riders from 9.30 am.

### **1) DIRECTIONS**

Thoresby is signed off A roads nearby.

Post code is NG22 9EP.

From A1 south turn off at Clumber Park/Worksop exit – take A614 towards Clumber Park – carry on past Clumber Park until 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout (approx. 3 miles) turn right signed Thoresby follow road past Thoresby Hall entrances venue is on left and will be signed.

If coming from M1 junction 31/30 towards Worksop. or West- travel towards Worksop, take A57 follow signs towards A1/Retford, turn right at roundabout onto A614 past Clumber Park – 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout turn right – signed Thoresby follow road past Thoresby Hall entrances about 3/4 mile – venue is on left and will be signed.

From Mansfield or Worksop directions-If coming from A616/B6034, take turn marked Thoresby at mini roundabouts at Budby. Continue on Venue is on left in the Market Field

If coming from East or north on A1 come off A1 signed Retford, Gamston, follow signs to Ollerton off slip road, take Right turn to Bothamsall – Follow to Island – straight across -Venue is on left about 3/4 mile along this road. Past Thoresby Hall

### **2) VENUE**

The parking is on a flat grassed area with hard standings in Thoresby Market field. When entering please look out for horses exiting the venue onto ride, which may be the same way as you are coming in. The venue is permission of Thoresby Estate. Please respect the venue and other users. Please take all your litter and droppings etc away with you.

There is water available at venue. Toilet on venue. Thoresby courtyard centre with cafe, shops, toilets, plant sales and gallery 5 minutes walk for those not riding. Very nice!!

Vet and Farrier in attendance

Photographer on route

Excellent Caterer and Air Ambulance stall at venue.

### **3) ROUTE**

The Pleasure routes are approximately 10 or 15 miles; longer route is 20 miles. Lead rein is approx. 3 miles.(but can be extended) .15m, 20 m, 30m, 40m 50m are competitive distances.(These are declared distances for ride- but check notice board in case of any late changes to route and distance.

The ride is entirely in Thoresby estate this year

#### **Terrain-**

Generally the terrain is fairly flat to gently rolling.

It is a easy ride and route. It looks a bit complicated on the map but it will be easy to follow. Mostly forestry tracks some a bit rough but, some lovely grassy tracks, one long track surfaced with red shale, some old tarmacked roads in the forest (not used as public roads)These can be slippery in places . If your horse is barefoot care should be taken on shaded tracks.

See map -Red shale paths are from checkpoint 1 to checkpoint 2..

Please note with the exception of Freeboard Lane (red shale track) all parts of the route are private and not accessible normally. Please do not go on the gallops at the side of Freeboard Lane- we have no access to this, any riders seen on these will not be covered by SE.

#### **Roads-**

There is one road crossing on the route out and back, which will be stewarded.

#### **Marking-**

The route will be marked with coloured spray on the ground. Letters marked on map will be marked on the route in spray and on posts.. There will be some arrows on signs as well. See map and notices on day to check for changes.

For pleasure riders -there are no restrictions on speed, you can go as fast or slow as you like, but recommend a speed of 5 mph minimum. If you think you may be riding slower, that's ok, but please let organisers know, so we don't worry about you. If you are doing the 20 mile pleasure ride please try to set off earlier within the time window, remembering that all the stewards etc are volunteers who are giving up their time to make the ride safer.

Please be courteous to other users of the tracks-. Please ask before overtaking with care, particularly look out for horse with tail ribbons (see notice board) . Please allow riders in red or orange bibs to overtake as they are competing.

We have a good reputation and need to keep it, to continue to be allowed to use these lovely areas almost all of which is on private land

## **4)CREWING/CHECKPOINTS**

There are two accessible crewpoints on all routes. Please ensure when crewing, you don't block any gateways/tracks. All the crewing areas are small so please only meet your riders where necessary. Limited water will be available at check points .

See map for suggested crew points and checkpoints, Best place to meet is by CP1-small car parking area at roadside- B6034.Duncan Wood. This is a well signed parking area only a short drive from venue( just past the paint balling). Other crew point is on Freeboard Lane by CP2. However you will need to park in layby on A614 and walk down the track to meet your horse.

## **5) CAMPING**

For those of you camping -please arrive after 2pm and follow signs. Please camp where directed by the Camp Supervisor. Do not camp under the trees or in the roped off areas prepared for vetting and secretary etc.

Corrals must be electrified.

Organisers will not be on site overnight. Please ask our Camp Manager if anything needed.

Water is available and toilet available for use.

Main towns nearby are Worksop, Warsop and Ollerton, which have good facilities for food etc. Leave venue turning left and follow signs from mini roundabout. There is a Macdonalds, Garage shop and a Fish and Chip restaurant at Ollerton Roundabout – right out of venue – right at A614 roundabout.

## **6)HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The ride is run under Sport Endurance rules and policies. A First Aid box is available at the Secretaries Tent.

Children should be supervised at the venue

Dogs must be kept on leads at venue and walking on the estate.

There will be notice board on the day with health and safety information, any changes etc. Please check this.

## **7)ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We would like to extend our thanks to all landowners/managers, Thoresby Estate particularly for the lovely venue and permissive paths. We also want to thank the helpers and Raynet, who have given their time, and without whom we really could not run the event. Thanks to Tom Beech – our vet. Steve our Caterer and Ruth (photographer) for adding extras to the day.

Please don't hesitate to ring me if any problems before or on the day. If there are any changes we will try to inform you as soon as possible. Telephone- 01302 710439 up until Friday evening.

It just remains to wish you a safe journey and safe and pleasant ride. Enjoy the day - hopefully the weather will be kind.

**DAVE HULL- RIDE ORGANISER**