



Blidworth Forest Ride 9th and 10th September 2017

Dear Rider, thank you for your entry.

Directions: Postcode for venue is NG21 0NW.

From the North A1, take the A614 towards Nottingham, past Ollerton, Rufford Park, White Post Farm Park. Keep heading towards Nottingham. Ignore the first two right turns signposted to Blidworth. Take third turn signposted Blidworth. Follow for approximately 1.5 miles. You will pass Kirkfields Riding School on your left hand side. The venue is in the next field on the left, just after the bend. Take care; turning in could be tight. Please be aware of horses and riders leaving the venue.

From South M1, come off at junction 27 Annesley, drive through Annesley towards Mansfield on the A608. At traffic light junction turn right on to B6020 towards Ravenshead and Blidworth. This road meets the A60 at Larch Farm traffic lights. Carry straight over at lights, towards Blidworth. Follow this road for approximately 1.5 miles, when the road swings sharply to the left take the next right turn before the road goes up the hill, opposite Fair View Farm Stud. Go down this road for about 1 mile and you will come to the Fox and Hounds Pub on your left hand side. The venue is about 50 yards on your right, before you get to the bend in the road.

Venue: The venue is a grass field, this is the day parking. Please leave the venue tidy by taking all poo and rubbish home with you. If you are camping overnight please use the riding school entrance. The camp site is available from around 1pm on the Friday afternoon. There is a muck trailer parked up for all horse poo and old feed, NOT LITTER. Please take any litter home with you or find a bin. We must leave the camp site tidy please. Water is available from a tap at the camping site. There are toilets, showers and café on site which we can use.

Check In: All competitors to report to the Ride Secretary on arrival. Competitive riders check in from 8 am, pleasure riders after 9.15 am. You will be issued with a numbered bib. Pleasure riders will be issued a yellow bib, competitive riders red bibs and next step with orange. You will be given two emergency detail bands, one to be worn by the rider and one attached to your horses tack, in case of an emergency. Check the Notice Board for any route changes, hazards or issues you need to be aware of. Please remember to print/bring your own map and vet sheet with you. Also if tail ribbons are displayed, **RED** may kick, **GREEN** novice horse/rider and **BLUE** stallion.

Pleasure ride distances are 6, 10, 14, & 20 Miles. Competitive classes are 50, 40, 28, 20 & RS and Next Step is 14 Miles.

Check Out: All riders, competitive and pleasure, to return their issued bibs to the secretary on completion of the ride. Rosettes for all riders.

Route: The route is over private farmland and forestry commission land. Some of the farmland will have this year's crop in, so please keep to the **edges of the fields, in single file**. The routes will be marked with directional arrows on the ground.

General Points: All pleasure riders to start between 9.45am and 11.45am. All riders to have completed route by **3 pm**, please. There will be water for your horse on route in two places. Please check master route map at venue to see where these points are. Crewing is allowed and recommended in forestry car parks. **Please do not inconvenience other forestry users.**

Newark community First Aiders will be present at this event and there is a first aid kit available at the ride secretary.

Emergency contact telephone numbers on day of ride **07809292679** or **07950274226**.

A photographer will be present on route. You can view/buy the photos online at www.indiepics.co.uk.

If you have any problems or queries prior to the ride please contact me on **07816556511**, or elainemonk@btopenworld.com

Please be courteous to the stewards/helpers who have given their time to help at this ride.

Hope you enjoy the ride,

Elaine and Team P and F