



# Cannock Chase Challenge 2019 Ride

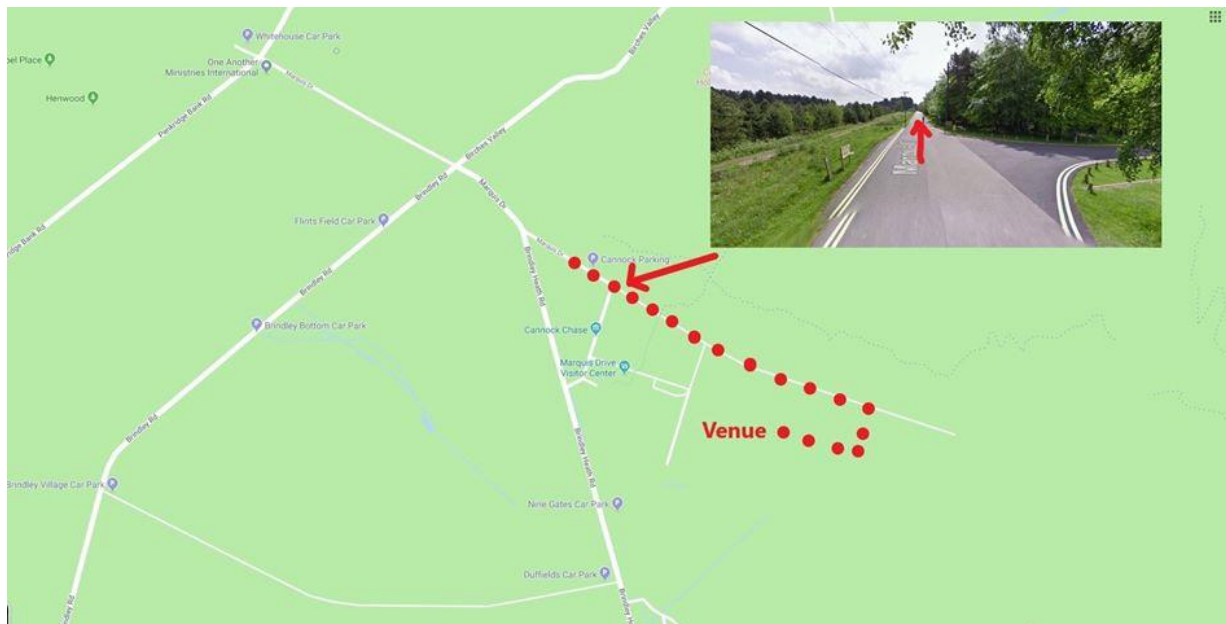
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**VENUE: Marquis Drive Events Area**

## Directions

We are using the venue by kind permission of Staffordshire County Council. The venue must be left in exactly the way it was found so please take all your rubbish home and clean up after your horse taking your droppings home with you. The Venue is just behind the Visitor Centre. (Cannock Chase Visitor Centre, Marquis Drive, Hednesford, Staffordshire, WS12 4PW) please look out for the Sport Endurance signs for the venue.

**The postcode will not bring you exactly to the venue!** Please do a bit of preparation the night before to make sure you're confident of where you're going. Cannock Chase is a big place which all looks the same and the ride organiser will not be able to guide you in via the telephone!



## Venue Arrival:

Riders can arrive at the venue from 8.30am. Once you have parked up and unloaded your horses please come to the self check-in at the secretary's tent, where you can collect your bib & emergency wrist bands.

Competitors Briefing – This will take place at the secretary's tent.

Competitors – Your vet times have been allocated on a separate document. Please note you risk elimination if you are late for the vetting. Please make sure you notify the vet writer upon arrival at the vetting.

The vetting will take approximately 3 minutes as your horses heart rate will be taken for a full minute..

Check the board upon arrival for last minute route changes and confirmed distances as times & points will be worked out from the official mileages displayed on the day.

**THE VENUE IS A COMPULSORY WALK ZONE.**

**Dogs must be kept on leads at all times**

### **Pleasure Riders.**

Please be aware that no pleasure riders will be allowed out on course until 10am this is to allow the competitors to get underway. Pleasure ride times are first horse away 10am, all 20 milers must be away for 10.30, last horse away at 12 noon.

All riders to be back at the venue for 3pm.

### **Route**

We have been kindly granted permission by Staffordshire County Council to use the land and routes. Please be courteous to all other Chase users. You may meet walkers, dogs, mountain bikers etc.

The course will be marked with coloured chalk arrows, although we do ask all riders to bring a printed map with them. The route also has various road crossings, some roads will be marshalled but please take care on all road crossings. All Marshalls and helpers have given up their day to ensure you have a pleasurable ride, please thank them when passing through.

Competitors please ensure you are checked off at every check point, it is the rider's responsibility!

**Pleasure ride distances: 10 or 20, Miles. (NO lead rein). Please print a map off before you come, but note any route changes and alerts/hazards on the secretaries' board.**

**PR entries on the day via the website only with a screenshot or printout of entry verification. NO CASH ENTRIES**

**Passports:** Please don't forget your passports as they will be checked for flu vaccinations, horses will be allowed on site if they have either had a booster within the last 12 months or have had the first 2 vaccinations of a new programme. However, please check your passports for historical discrepancies as you may need to start a new course if your own vet thinks it

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

**Photographer:** [Amelia Hart, https://www.somethingfromthehart.com](https://www.somethingfromthehart.com)

**Ride Organiser:** Julie Griffiths 07713 707512

### **Facilities:**

**Water:** There is no water at the venue so please bring enough for your horse.

**Catering:** There is a café a short walk from the venue at the visitor centre.

**Toilets:** There are toilets a short walk from the venue at the visitor centre

## **Dogs**

Dogs are welcome but please keep them on a lead at all times when in the venue area and make sure you clear up after them. There is plenty of space to allow your dog a good run close to the venue. It is a Staffordshire bylaw that you clean up after your dog wherever you are. Please do not bag dog waste and leave the bag behind

**NB. ALL LATE BOOKINGS NOT ON THE BIB NUMBERS LIST MUST BRING A PRINTED COPY OF THEIR BOOKING CONFIRMATION TO GIVE TO THE SECRETARY**

**No SPURS or Whips longer than 30” as per our rules.**

**Standing Martingale are also not permitted without written approval prior to the ride**

**Hats must be properly secured by a chin strap**

**Head Cameras may be used but are not recommended as may alter the safety of the hat.**

**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**

We hope you have an enjoyable ride