

## **NEW HORSE RIDING BYE-LAWS EFFECTIVE FROM OCTOBER**

A new bye-law stipulating that all horse-riders in Epping Forest must be registered with the Forest Conservators comes into effect on the 1 October 2003.

The bye-law has been introduced to address the behaviour of a minority of horse riders who cause problems by riding in a reckless manner or using tracks that are not designed for horse riding.

On payment of the appropriate fee, applicants for horse-riding licences will be registered and issued with a uniquely numbered identity disc. This disc must then be displayed on the horse's bridle at all times when riding through the Forest.

There are three different categories of licence available:

- Individual licence - this entitles the registered individual to ride in Epping Forest throughout the year/week.
- Joint licence - this allows up to three individuals to apply for one joint permit to be shared amongst them.
- Riding school licence – riding schools can apply for a yearly school registration and will receive one disc per horse they intend to use in the Forest.

Licences can be obtained on a weekly or yearly basis. A weekly registration costs £5 for adults (£2.50 for those under 16) and £40 for a yearly licence (£20 for children). A riding school licence will cost £50 per horse. The registration year operates from 1 April to 31 March the following year.

All yearly licences are valid until the 31 March, regardless of when they are issued. The price of registration is adjusted accordingly to reflect the amount of time it is valid for (i.e. licences issued between 1 October and 31 December will cost £23).

Further details of the horse-riding licence scheme are available from the Epping Forest Information Centre at High Beach, Loughton,  
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