

HATBAND DAY HIRE

Please read the Rules and Conditions overleaf and fill in the following details:

DAY HATBAND NUMBER:

HATBAND DEPOSIT (£10 each):

Please note that if the hatband is not returned when specified £2 per day will be deducted.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COUNTY:

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE:

INSURANCE (company & policy number)

£5 DAY FEE PAID:

DATE OF HIRE:

Please sign below saying that you agree to abide by the rules and conditions of TROT membership.

Signed: **Dated:**

Please return to: TROT, Coldblow Farm, Coldblow Lane, Thurnham, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3LR

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

This agreement is without prejudice to any public rights of way which may have come into existence before the date of this agreement and nothing in this agreement is to be taken as preventing the submission of an application for an order under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in respect of the use of the way by the public before the date of this agreement.

I hereby apply for a licence to ride a horse/pony on Toll Routes and/or in the Forest managed by the Forestry Commission (FC) in Surrey, Sussex and Kent which have been designated by FC as suitable for riding (the Forests). I accept and agree that this licence will be personal to me (or the child for whom I am applying) and will not be transferable, and undertake not to give or lend the TROT hatband to any other person. I will return the hatband immediately if I wish to discontinue my riding licence. I will remain liable for payments on any hatband held in my possession if not returned to TROT on termination of my licence. The child or I will comply with the Riding Regulations as set out below.

I am aware and accept that: Toll Routes are not owned by TROT; Toll Routes and Forest riding facilities will only be open during daylight hours; FC and landowners of Toll Routes reserve the right to close or restrict horse-riding routes for the purposes of Forestry, farm or land management, or other purposes; Toll Routes and Forestry riding facilities may be closed during wet weather.

I agree that neither TROT or FC is responsible for the safety or condition of any Toll Route or Forest and that the child or I will ride entirely at our own risk and will rely only on my inspection of the terrain.

I agree that by riding on a private Toll Route or in a Forest the child or I will not claim any legal Right of Way over the land on which we will be riding and will only ride as licence holders of FC or the landowner.

The child and/or I will accept the decision of TROT if any complaint is made about our use of the Toll Route or of the riding facilities in any Forest. I accept that TROT is entitled to withdraw the licence and hatband at any time upon giving me notice thereof in writing. Upon return of the hatband and keys, if applicable, TROT shall return to me the deposits which I shall have paid for them.

RIDING REGULATIONS

1. Not to abuse any Toll Route or Forest
2. To wear the coloured and numbered hatband issued to the licence-holder at all times when riding on a Toll Route or in a Forest.
3. To wear a properly fitted British Standard Approved riding hat at all times, and to ensure that the horse/pony being ridden is appropriately tacked up for riding with sound tack.
4. To stay strictly on the Toll Routes indicated on the maps issued to me and by TROT waymarkers, and/or within the FC permitted riding areas in the Forests. Not to ride on crops or ride irresponsibly if the going is soft. To close any gates which the rider has left open. Not to disturb livestock or wildlife. Not to take any dogs on the Toll Routes. To keep any dogs taken into the Forests under control.
5. To check the route maps and newsletters issued to licence-holders and the signs at the end of each route for the exact details.
6. Not to use cross-country jumps on Toll Routes unless accompanied by a responsible adult. Not to erect or use any jump in any Forest.
7. While riding in the Forests:
 - a. Observe FC bylaws
 - b. Enter and leave all Forests only at authorised points and close/lock all gates after passage.
 - c. Show courtesy and consideration to all other users of the Forests
 - d. Comply with any direction given by a Forest Enterprise Officer or his authorised representative.
 - e. Avoid any area in which there are FC felling operations
 - f. Not ride in any part of the Forest in which "No Riding" signs have been erected.