



Riding Regulations for Knepp Exmoor Project (KEP) Supporters

To ride on our permissive routes, you have to become a “KEP Supporter”. Applicants must complete a simple licence agreement available from the office and show proof of Public Liability and Personal Accident rider insurance. The basic rules are:

- Be mindful that free roaming Exmoor ponies including stallions are loose on the estate. It is advised not to ride a mare that is in season or a stallion on the estate.
- Avoid riding through the herd, there is usually a way round, so if they are spread across the routes please go round them where possible. If a stallion approaches, just keep riding calmly away from him and the herd.
- Do not allow your horse to get close to any of the ponies including mares, stallion or foals not only does this prevent injuries to or from your horse but it will also help prevent the spread of any diseases. If you do feel threatened by any of the ponies they do respond to being shouted at and are likely to run away from you.
- Stick to the designated riding routes (with exception of diverting away from livestock and ponies) – these are routes that have been permitted access for horse riders in addition to public bridleways that run through the estate.
- Do not ride anywhere else on the estate including footpaths and other tracks and roads. It is particularly important that you keep to designated riding routes and are aware that tracks used by our safari and service vehicles, and well-worn paths created by the animals, are not public access
- Do not bring your horse on to the estate for at least 72 hours after using ivermectin based wormers (Knepp has a staggering variety of invertebrates and we do not want to poison them).
- Note that the tracks can include rough terrain, holes and uneven ground. Some routes are prone to flooding and it is advised to check weather conditions and ground prior to planning your route.

- Note that some routes will be made unavailable from time to time. Notice of this will be given by the estate office.
- Shut all gates behind you. We have large herds of free roaming animals inside the Wildland Project and we would like them to stay on the right side of the fence, away from the roads.
- Respect wildlife and be considerate of our free roaming animals; never approach or feed the animals. We need them to keep a flight distance that is safe for them and for us.
- Give constructive (& relevant) feedback from your experiences (e.g. on animal behaviour) via the Facebook page or WhatsApp Group
- Help to police the routes, ensuring that only our supporters and members are using them
- Enjoy quiet recreation in sympathy with our nature conservation objectives, give way to estate staff and safaris and be considerate & courteous to walkers and other estate users.
- Note that riding with dogs is not permitted at any time.
- Display of permit - Permits must be presented when requested. Any rider found not to be holding a permit will be asked to leave permitted routes.
- Ensure you have signed up to emails/Facebook group to be kept updated of important news relevant to your safety and enjoyment of the estate.
- Be aware that all riders use the estate at their own risk.

Please report any injured or distressed animals, lost or out of control dogs or any other incident to one of the numbers below:

Estate Office	01403 741235
Amy Nightingale	07590 584468
Rina Quinlan	07595 452038