



Association of British Riding Schools

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COUNTRY LORE DO'S AND DON'TS

- ✓ **DO** ask permission from the Landowner before riding over private land that is not a designated 'right of way'.
- ✓ **DO** keep to the Bridleway or track/path allocated to you.
- ✓ **DO** be careful not to spoil the enjoyment of other users of the countryside by thoughtless and careless riding.
- ✓ **DO** leave gates as you find them. If a gate is closed, then be sure to fasten it securely behind you.
- ✓ **DO** ride quietly through grazing stock.
- ✓ **DO** show good manners and friendliness to Landowners and their staff; remember you are a guest on their land.
- ✓ **DO** ask permission of other groups of riders before overtaking them, as an overtaking horse may upset theirs.
- ✓ **DO** thank walkers who step off the track for you, or put their dogs on leads or show any other courtesy towards you, so much good will towards riders is lost because of the bad manners of a few.

- ✗ **DO NOT** ride on paths, tracks or pasture land when conditions are very wet as the land becomes poached and plant and grass roots can be destroyed.
- ✗ **DO NOT** ride over seeds or growing crops.
- ✗ **DO NOT** damage gates, banks, walls or hedges.
- ✗ **DO NOT** trespass over private land.
- ✗ **DO NOT** splatter walkers with mud by trotting, or even worse, cantering past them.
- ✗ **DO NOT** make jumps across paths.
- ✗ **DO NOT** leave litter.