

## **COLERIDGE BRIDLE WAY**

**A horse riding route from the Quantock Hills to Exmoor,  
33 miles from Nether Stowey to Exford**

**We want you to have a wonderful experience riding through this varied and stunningly scenic area. Below are a few dos and don'ts to ensure that everyone has a good time and that local people, including landowners, are keen to welcome future horse riders to the area.**

### **ADVICE FOR RIDERS**

#### **Ability**

- Be aware that this route is challenging in parts with a number of steep ascents and descents. You may prefer to dismount and lead your horse on occasions.
- Both you and your horse need to be fit.

#### **Care for the land**

- Keep to the line of the path including when you are crossing open ground.
- Do not damage timber, walls or hedgerows by jumping
- When ground conditions are exceptionally wet please do not ride the route – remember that horses' hooves can damage surfaces in bad weather. Some sections of the route are permitted and bad damage may result in the route being closed.

#### **Consideration to the land owner**

- Leave gates as you find them – landowners sometimes prop them open.
- Do not gallop on this route
- Keep dogs under close control and regularly wormed.

#### **Courtesy to other users**

- Please be aware that walkers, cyclists and other riders may be using the same paths as you, so exercise appropriate care and consideration.

#### **Care on roads**

- Please exercise extreme care when riding on roads or crossing roads.
- Always make sure you can be seen by wearing appropriate reflective/fluorescent aids

#### **Riding in groups**

- Groups should contain reasonable numbers and should not exceed 5 horses. If there are more of you why not split into 2 groups..
- Organised events should not be held along the route. Please contact the National Park Authority if in doubt.

#### **Safety**

- Tell someone which way you are going each day
- Be aware that on some parts of the route there is no mobile phone reception
- Take the relevant OS maps with you and follow the route carefully
- The weather can change rapidly and can vary considerably along the route. Please take appropriate clothing with you at all times.