Horse riding in the Pentland Hills Regional Park

www.pentlandhills.org
Horse riders have the right to access most land in Scotland, including the Pentland Hills Regional Park, as long as they act responsibly.

The Pentland Hills has a long tradition of people accessing the hills for a range of recreational activities. With over 100 kilometres (60 miles) of paths in the Regional Park, there are many paths suitable for horse riders, cyclists and walkers. Whether you are looking for a short or a more challenging ride, there are routes for all levels and abilities.

Please ride responsibly and help us keep the Pentlands a great place for everyone to enjoy!

**Take responsibility for yourself**

- Be aware of the weather forecast before you set out.
- Make sure you are suitably equipped for the hills, including high visibility clothing. Mobile phones are useful in an emergency but be aware that some areas have no reception.
- Plan your route. Avoid livestock, boggy or soft ground and look out for other hill users.
- Make sure your horse is fit to do the planned route.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
Respect the interests of others and take care of the environment

• Take care not to alarm farm animals or wildlife. Take extra care during lambing season (April to June), bird nesting season (April to July) and tupping (November to December).

• If you have a dog, always keep it under proper control and remove your dog’s faeces.

• Take care to avoid going onto wet, boggy or soft ground and churning up the surface.

• Do not go into fields where there are grazing horses or animals that might be a danger.

• Keep in single file and close to the edge of field margins when accessing fields growing crops.

• Follow any reasonable advice land management signs.

Know the code

Enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly!

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you’re in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

• take responsibility for your own actions
• respect the interests of other people
• care for the environment.

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You can find out more by visiting: www.outdooraccess-scotland.com or you can contact your local Scottish Natural Heritage office on telephone: 0131 316 2600 or email: pubs@snh.gov.uk for a free copy of the full code.
Path Information
- Roads, mostly private, expect to meet cars
- Surfaced paths or tracks
- Unsurfaced paths or tracks. These paths may be steep, rough or uneven. Beware of boggy sections in wet weather
- Park boundary
- Defence training area
- Lothian buses
- Stagecoach buses
- Parking
- Toilets

Opening Hours
- Monday to Friday 11am – 3.30pm
- Saturday and Sunday 11.30am – 3pm

Map of paths and areas:
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