



WIRRAL RIDE 8th JUNE 2019



Rider: _____ **Rider No.** _____ **Class no:** _____

Vet Times: Classes 1 to 3: From 08.30 – 09.30
Classes 4 to 7: From 09.30 – 10.30
Classes 8 to 10: From 10.00 – 10.45

First horse out: 09.00. Last horse out: 11.00 (no later due to tide times).

Do NOT unload your horse until the Ride Secretary has seen the Passport/Log Book.

VENUE: Park Fields, Wood Lane, Parkgate, Neston CH64 6QZ. Map Ref: SJ287 782

Please note the following points:

- Please leave the field tidy by picking up any hay/straw/droppings etc. **NO HAYNETS TIED TO VEHICLES.**
- It is a public recreation area so please show consideration to other users.
- Stay at the Wood Lane end of the venue as directed – we have been asked to avoid riding on the football pitches further down the field.
- Please keep dogs on a SHORT lead at all times.
- **The Friends of Park Fields have given their consent on the strict proviso that we (and our horses) do not enter the adjoining flower meadow.**

Directions: All approaches to the venue will be via the A540. [See also diagram below.]

FROM THE SOUTHEAST (Chester, N. Wales, B5151 from M53, etc.): Please turn left at the traffic lights at the Hinderton Arms and proceed down the B5134 to the traffic lights at a T junction. Turn right here and then left onto the B5135 signed to Parkgate. Follow this road till you see Earle Drive on the right. Take this road and then left into Wood Lane.

FROM THE NORTHWEST (Hoylake, A552 or A5137 from M53, etc.): After the Glegg Arms look for a right turn onto the B5135 signed to Parkgate (opposite car showrooms). Stay on this road which turns left at The Boathouse along the river front at Parkgate. This part of the road has several very short single file sections but buses use it so just be patient if necessary. Stay on the B5135 as it turns left at The Old Quay and follow it to Earle Drive. Turn left into Earle Drive then left again into Wood Lane.

[You can access Wood Lane from the B5135 but that end of the road is full of deep pot holes - **not recommended.**]

Facilities at venue: Mobile caterer and toilets. NO water at the venue.

ROUTE: Mainly along the Wirral Way with a short stretch along the beach.

There is a short compulsory walk section just after CP3 and no cantering or galloping on the venue field.

GATES: There are 3 "horse friendly" gates between CP1 and CP4. The 64k route passes these 4 times making 12 gates and a Compulsory Gate Allowance of 7 minutes; 52k, 40k and 32k routes pass them twice giving a Compulsory Gate Allowance of 1 Minute.

CREWING: NO cars are allowed on the Wirral Way.

NO crewing at Thurstaston Visitor Centre, Hadlow Road Station or Broad Lane beyond CP2.

Crewing for vehicles larger than 4x4 only at: [Davenport Road, Heswall](#), [Station Road, Neston](#) and [Lees Lane car park, Neston](#) (which has a 7ft 2in height limit).

Please drive carefully between crewing points. The towns will be fairly congested with Saturday shopping traffic.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

RIDERS: Please take care to stay on the horse path on the Wirral Way. There is a fence between it and the walkers track most of the way. Riders will be going in both directions along the Wirral Way, so PLEASE be considerate when passing and also watch out for local riders. We have had complaints in the past of inconsiderate riding by some competitors. Cyclists and (walkers with dogs) could also be using the horse path!

Although the Wirral Way is well maintained there is always a possibility of roots appearing or branches drooping down unexpectedly so keep a look out to avoid tripping or falling.

There are three gates on the loop to Checkpoint 4 which are horse friendly but take care when going through them. Take care when arriving and leaving the venue and follow any directions.

There is an area of sunken concrete at the venue. It will be marked off but please still keep away from this area.

There may be kites or model aircraft flying in the distance near Thurstaston Visitor Centre so keep a look out.

The Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Notice will be on display at the venue.

PLEASE NOTE:

- i. "This ride is being run under Endurance GB Rules".
- ii. "Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the Endurance GB, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or any other way whatsoever".
- iii. "RESERVATION OF RIGHT" The Organiser reserves the right to:
Cancel the ride or any class; alter the advertised times; refuse any entry.
- iv. **RELY ON YOUR SATNAV TO THE VENUE AT YOUR OWN RISK – SOME FOLK HAVE HAD PROBLEMS DOING THIS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THE DIAGRAM BELOW SHOWS THE RECOMMENDED ROUTES.**

