

Horse riders guide



Horse riders are welcome to ride through some areas of Moors Valley, although a number of restrictions are in place.

Bridleway

There is a bridleway that runs through Moors Valley. Normal access rules apply while on this public right of way.

For more information on Dorset public right of way, visit dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/countryside-coast-parks/rights-of-way

Permitted Paths

From May 2025 permits are no longer required from Forestry England to ride within Moors Valley. However, riders must only use bridleways and the permitted paths shown on the map. In all other areas, riders will be requested to move back to a permitted path or leave the site.

Other users

We encourage all users of the park to be respectful of other groups and where possible to give way to pedestrians.

Please be aware that Moors Valley parkrun follows much of the bridleway route, and therefore horse riders may encounter up to as many as 1,000 runners between 9am and 10am every Saturday and Sunday morning.

Marshals are positioned along the route to help all users navigate their way around safely.

Moors Valley Horse Riding Code

Give way to other path users

- make sure they hear you approach
- pass other path users carefully

Stay safe

- carry a snack and drink and take a mobile phone if you have one
- wearing a helmet will reduce the risk of head injury
- wear sensible clothing and footwear, especially in the winter or bad weather
- always follow warning signs

Key to map

- Toilets
- Dog Waste Bins
- Water Fountain
- Cycle Hire Centre
- Dog Wash
- Ice Cream Kiosk
- Picnic Areas
- Fishing
- Boardwalk
- Rope Bridge

Horse rider routes

- Bridleway
- Permitted Paths

0 1/2 mile



Please be aware: this area includes sports pitches and may be busy with teams and activities at certain times. Horse riders are advised to proceed with caution and be mindful of others.



Please be aware: a miniature steam railway operates in this area. You may hear train whistles at certain times—please be aware and ensure your horse is comfortable with unexpected sounds.



Please note: although there are permitted routes for horses through and within Moors Valley Country Park and Forest there is no parking available for horseboxes or trailers within the park. This includes gateways along the B3081 and our main visitor car park.

