

East Devon Riding Academy

Pony Mornings



Welcome



Thank you for booking a place on a pony morning at East Devon Riding Academy. We hope you will find this information useful but if you have any further questions, please contact Natalie who will be happy to help.

Contact Us

If short notice or you need a quicker response, the best way to contact us is on the mobile:
07771 903220.

Or email: info@ridingacademy.co.uk

Our website is
www.ridingacademy.co.uk and we also
have a Facebook page

A pony morning runs from 10am to 1pm (unless otherwise stated). Children are left with us at the Riding Academy for a fun and educational morning with our friendly ponies.

Children will have a riding lesson in a small group (usually 2/3 riders) and the remaining time will be spent doing hands on activities and games to learn about riding and looking after ponies. There are a limited number of places on each morning, with a large number of staff members to ensure quality of tuition and sufficient attention for each participant. This also ensures that the mixed ages and abilities are all well supported to learn and enjoy themselves; we aim to keep them all actively involved, learning and having fun, regardless of their character or experience.

Every child will go home with a certificate and a rosette, with the bonus of happy memories and often new friends too!



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What to bring

Please can children bring a snack and a drink with them. It is a busy morning and although we don't stop for long, they usually need something part way through the morning.

During the sunnier months, please can children also bring sun cream.



What to wear

Although helpful, specialist riding clothes are not necessary. Jeans can rub, so we advise stretchy trousers such as leggings or jogging bottoms. Shorts, dresses or skirts are not suitable. You can see the sea from the yard and we can be colder than many places, so we recommend lots of layers and a coat. Hats, gloves and waterproofs are also advised- we would rather have them and not use them than the children be cold! On the other end of the spectrum, sun hats are recommended in the summer.

On their feet, a boot with minimal grip and a heel is ideal. If not available then wellies are acceptable but please no trainers or sandals.

For safety reasons we request that no ear rings or other jewellery is worn and long hair is tied back in a low pony tail or plait.

What happens in bad weather?

The pony morning will carry on whatever the weather and activities will be organised accordingly. If the weather is considered unsuitable for riding (e.g. heavy rain or high winds), then for safety reasons we reserve the right to cancel the riding session and replace it with a different activity. This has only ever happened once!

What is the cancellation policy?

Payment is due at the time of booking and is non refundable for any reason. Places are not transferable to a different date or person for any reason. If you are unable to attend the pony morning we would greatly appreciate it if you could let us know.



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Lots more information can
be found on our website:

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Or find us on Facebook



We have welcomed children from 4 to 15 years of age. Some have never sat on a pony before whilst others have their own ponies at home. If necessary, the group is split according to age and experience so everyone can learn at a level to suit them. Whilst some children come with friends or family, many attend on their own but we have seen many new friendships start on our pony mornings and everyone is closely supervised to encourage them to join in.

Please fill out the attached form for each child and bring it with you on the day.

Natalie, Sian, Millie, Vicky, Rosie, Larissa & the rest of the team at East Devon Riding Academy look forward to welcoming you to our stables. Our horses and ponies are much loved and we enjoy telling you all about them and sharing them with the children.



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RIDER REGISTRATION FORM CONFIDENTIAL – Please complete all Sections

First Name: Surname:

Address: Postcode:.....

Tel: (home): Tel: (mobile)

Email:

Date of Birth: Age: Weight: Height:

Has the person you are signing for ever suffered a serious injury or discomfort while riding or been advised not to ride? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Please detail ANY disability or medical conditions that may affect their ability to ride **OR** which the instructor should be aware of in case of emergency:

EMERGENCY CONTACT & DOCTORS DETAILS

Contact Name & Relationship: Tel:

Doctor's Name: Tel:

EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES/PONIES

I consider the person riding for who I am signing on behalf as a minor to :

Have no experience of being around horses Have limited experience of being around horses (once/twice)

Have some experience of being around horses (several times) Have experienced being around horses many times/regularly

RIDING ABILITY

I consider the person riding for who I am signing on behalf as a minor to be:

Never ridden before Beginner Novice Intermediate Advanced

How many times has the rider ridden in the last 12 months:

None under 12 12-40 40+

What do you believe their riding capabilities on a horse or pony to be? (Circle the most appropriate and all that apply)

Riding at a walk Trotting with Stirrups Trotting without Stirrups Cantering Hacking
Riding over jumps up to 0.5m (18") Over jumps 0.75m (30") Riding over cross country jumps

RIDERS UNDER 18 YRS OF AGE: I accept full responsibility for my child and confirm that the above pre-assessed abilities are correct. I accept my child rides and takes part in other activities on the pony morning at his/her own risk.

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998: Statement: I understand that the information I have given will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 but may also be made available to Insurers and other concerned parties in the event of any injury or accident.

I understand that my child must obey the instructions of the instructor and must comply with the Health & Safety requirements of the establishments. I reserve the right for my child not to ride a horse allocated to them and /or request a change of instructor.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge all the above details are correct. A parent or guardian of riders under the age of 18 must sign this form.

I acknowledge **THAT RIDING IS A RISK SPORT AND HOLDS A POTENTIAL DANGER, and that all horses may react unpredictably on occasions.**

If signing on behalf of rider please state relationship to rider.....

Signature **Print Name**

Date