

Newmarket Heath Ride

with the kind permission of The Jockey Club Estates and The National Stud

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026

Schedule

Racing Welfare and the Thurlow Hunt are very pleased to be holding this year's
Newmarket Heath Ride

Distances

- 20-mile course (start times approximately between 10am – 11.30am)
- 15-mile course (start times approximately between 11.30am – 12.30pm)
- 8-mile course (start times approximately between 12.30pm – 1pm)

Please note, whilst it is possible to do a shorter route on the day, you will not be permitted to ride for longer than you have elected to when making your entry. Stewards will be checking rider numbers as they pass.

Entries

Fee 20 and 15 mile routes are £45 per horse & rider combination
8 mile route is £25 per horse and rider combination
Entry fees are payable in advance.

Entries Open: 1st May 2026

Please enter via the following link: www.horse-events.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 21st August 2026 or earlier if all spaces are filled

Late entries will not be accepted unless space becomes available.

You will be allocated a start time in advance of the event. You will not be permitted to start before your allocated time. Requests for start times cannot be guaranteed, however we will try to accommodate you the best we can.

Refreshments

A catering van will be onsite for refreshments.

Rules and Conditions

By entering you accept and agree to abide by the following:

1. The Entry Fee is non-refundable.
2. You are a competent rider and your horse is fit and well.
3. The Organisers do not accept liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, ground, spectators or any other person or property.
4. Appropriate footwear & hard hats with fastened chinstraps that comply with BS PAS 015, BS EN 1384 or ASTM F116395 (as per British Horse Society guidelines) must be worn at all times whilst mounted.
5. The Organisers recommend that Body Protectors be worn by all riders.
6. All riders are advised to take out accident insurance for themselves and their horse.
7. The Organisers reserve the right to retire any horse or pony that appears to be in any way distressed or unfit.
8. Riders under 14 must always be accompanied by a paying adult.
9. No horses or ponies under 4 years old.
10. Flu-vaccinations should be up to date in line with current BEF guidelines. These should be available for presentation on the day. For clarity, the requirements are as follows:
 - a. A complete course of primary vaccinations, the second to be given between 21-60 days of the first and not within 7 days of the event.
 - b. Boosters should be up to date and within the last 12 months.
11. All horses must have a valid passport which should be available for presentation on the day.
12. All riders **must** keep on the marked route of the ride and always show respect to other riders on the course. When overtaking, please ask other riders before doing so if possible, and slow down to an appropriate pace when passing, again, if possible. Riders choosing to walk must keep to the left to allow others to pass. Slower riders must expect to be overtaken especially in areas which invite a faster pace.
13. Any St. John's Ambulance, Blacksmith or Veterinary Fee will be the responsibility of the rider or horse owner.
- 14. It is forbidden for any rider to walk on the Al Bahathri gallop – please use the grass at the side if you do not wish to gallop. (20-mile ride only) Slower riders must expect to be passed at speed.**
15. It is forbidden to ride on any gallop other than the Al Bahathri.
16. If you bring your mobile, please make sure that you have a safe way of carrying it whilst riding; we cannot help you if you lose it on the Heath.
17. There is one compulsory walking area on the course which must be adhered to - this is clearly signposted.
- 18. All riders must be off the course by 4pm and all lorries/trailers must be out of the carpark by 5pm at the very latest.**

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