

A group of riders on horseback is seen from behind, riding a dirt path through a dense, sun-dappled forest. The trees are tall and leafy, creating a canopy overhead. The ground is covered in green grass and ferns. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

THE EXMOOR RIDE  
EMMETTS  
2025

Three days riding over one of England's finest landscapes. Vast open moorland, spectacular coastal views, deep wooded valleys and fast flowing streams all combine to form a magical backdrop for a wonderful adventure by horse. Bring your own - or hire one locally - and stay at one of Exmoor's most iconic farms, Emmetts Grange, in the heart of the moor





## ROSE CAMERON RIDES

There is always something special about travelling by horse. A sense of belonging to the country around you; the rhythm, pace and camaraderie of your horse and the feeling that you are stepping back from the modern day world - particularly when you share it with friends.

Riding holidays have always been a large part of my life and in 2019 I launched my own company with the aim of recreating some of the unique adventures I have enjoyed thanks to my father, who has organised rides all over the world. When Covid struck all plans were off and so I looked to my own doorstep for inspiration. I realised that one does not have to cross an ocean for a great adventure and that England has so many lovely routes to offer. With the help of Ordnance Survey maps, I have researched, walked and ridden some wonderful riding routes that show off the English countryside at its best. Our portfolio of rides has slowly grown and I was so delighted to introduce the Exmoor ride in 2024. It has been great fun planning the ride and I have particularly loved teaming up with Victoria Irvine who lives and works on Exmoor and has a wealth of experience of riding and hunting there. Having holidayed there for more than ten years, she moved there with her family two years ago. Her husband George is an artist who, amongst other things, runs art courses on Exmoor.

Our first rides on Exmoor in summer 2024 were a great success and we are so pleased that we now have two accommodation options - Duredon (5\*, think House & Garden interiors) and Emmetts (4\*, think Highland lodge and full of character) - to offer as two different bases for the rides. Exmoor is a wonderful and dramatic place to ride but also not for the faint hearted (open moorland, stony steep paths and there can be high river crossings and pouring rain) but both options provide the ideal bases for 3 days of fun. Add good food, wine and all that Exmoor has to offer and this will be a very memorable few days. I very much hope that you will be tempted to join us.

*Rose Cameron*

## THE RIDE

This itinerary is based on a three night stay at Emmetts with two full days riding and a half day ride on the final day. You will arrive from 4 pm on the first day and after settling horses in their fields, find your room and have tea in the house. We will meet for drinks with an introduction to the ride with maps before supper. Two full days riding will follow with approximately five hours in the saddle (three in the morning and two in the afternoon) and a leisurely lunch on the way. On the last day, there will be a ride in the morning, finishing with a final lunch before departure. All three rides cover a different area (and terrain), therefore it may be necessary to box up horses on one morning and/or afternoon and drive a short distance to the starting point and back. This will be confirmed in the final details of the ride.

## FLEXIBLE ITINERARY & PRIVATE GROUPS

The itinerary described is a guide and is entirely flexible should a private group like to alter it. You may prefer to ride for another afternoon or spend an extra day or night at Emmetts or The Exmoor Forest Inn, a stylish country pub with excellent food just down the road. You might like to box up horses and ride along the beach. We can tailor the itinerary and dates to suit your own group. If you would prefer to come alone, we will do our best to join you up with another group.

## NON RIDERS

Exmoor has much to offer beyond good riding, so non-riders are encouraged to join too. There are many wonderful walks and cycle rides; good beaches including Porlock Bay, with a drive along the Doone valley. There is the historic Castle Hill house and gardens nearby as well as the lovely town of South Molton with a market on Thursdays and Saturdays. It is always possible for non riders to join the group at the lunches and the house is a lovely place to just relax. Private yoga classes can be arranged as well as massages at the end of a day's riding. Art classes with George Irvine may also be possible and for any guests staying during the stag hunting season, a day's hunting can also be arranged.



## EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK

Straddling the boundary between Devon and Somerset is a high plateau taking its name from the River Exe, which rises there. Along the coasts are England's highest sea cliffs, revealing views of Welsh mountains. From the plateau run streams etching the landscape with steep little combs. These separate the rounded hillsides and heath-topped ridges and in them nestle ancient woodlands and equally ancient farmsteads. Sheep farming has been the mainstay of the area's economy from early medieval times and has largely been responsible for Exmoor's landscape as we know it today. Many of today's bridleways developed, along with tiny stone bridges, as routes for the packhorses carrying wool and cloth, although several have been in use since prehistoric times.

Exmoor has been described as 'the riding playground of England.' It is superb riding country with over 400 miles of bridleways, coupled with open moorland and coastal paths. It is for beauty, peace and being at one with nature, and for exploring - a place with many secrets. And there is no better way to explore it than by horse.



## THE HISTORY OF EXMOOR FOREST & EMMETTS GRANGE

Until 1818, the large area of wild land surrounding Simonsbath, known as the Exmoor Forest, had been the property of the Crown for use as a hunting chase. There were very few trees; the name forest refers to an area where forest law applied. This meant that the deer were the property of the Crown and could only be hunted with Royal permission.

The Exmoor Forest was sold by the Crown in 1818 and purchased by John Knight, a Worcestershire speculator, who set about trying to farm the moorland and mine for metals. The main residence of Emmetts, which sits within the curtilage of Simonsbath, and the traditional farm buildings and courtyards were built in the 1840's by Knight. Emmetts is generally considered to be the best example of a Knight House and the estate boasts a plethora of features dating back to the time referred to as the reclamation of Exmoor including a large section of the old road to Simonsbath, a waterfall created by the Knights, extensive beech banks and a vast field gutter system.

# EMMETTS GRANGE



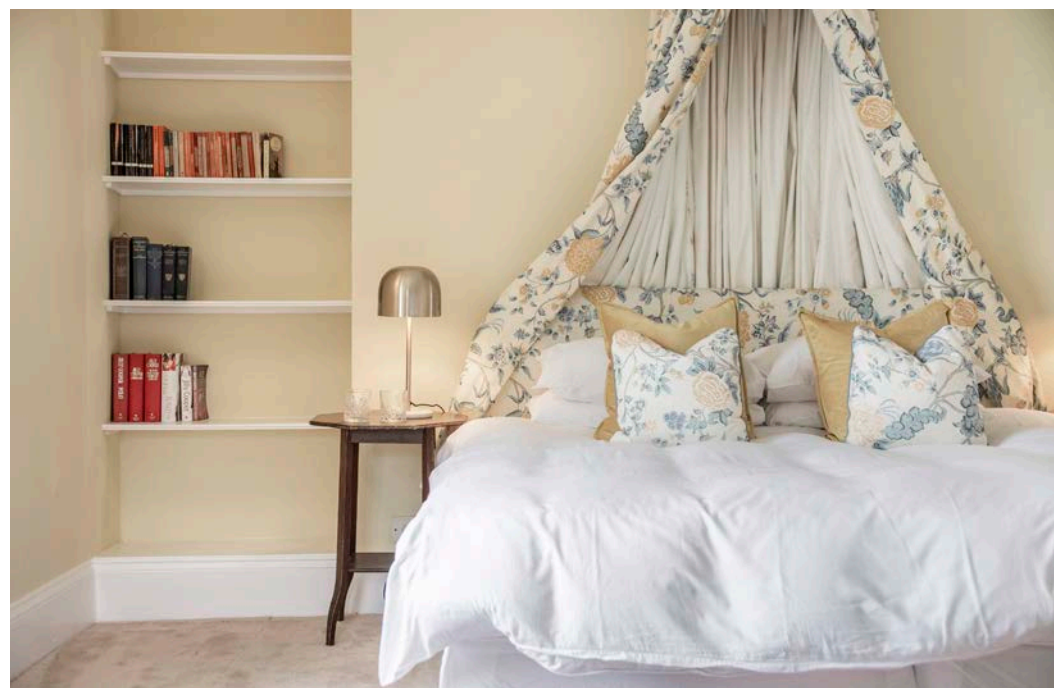


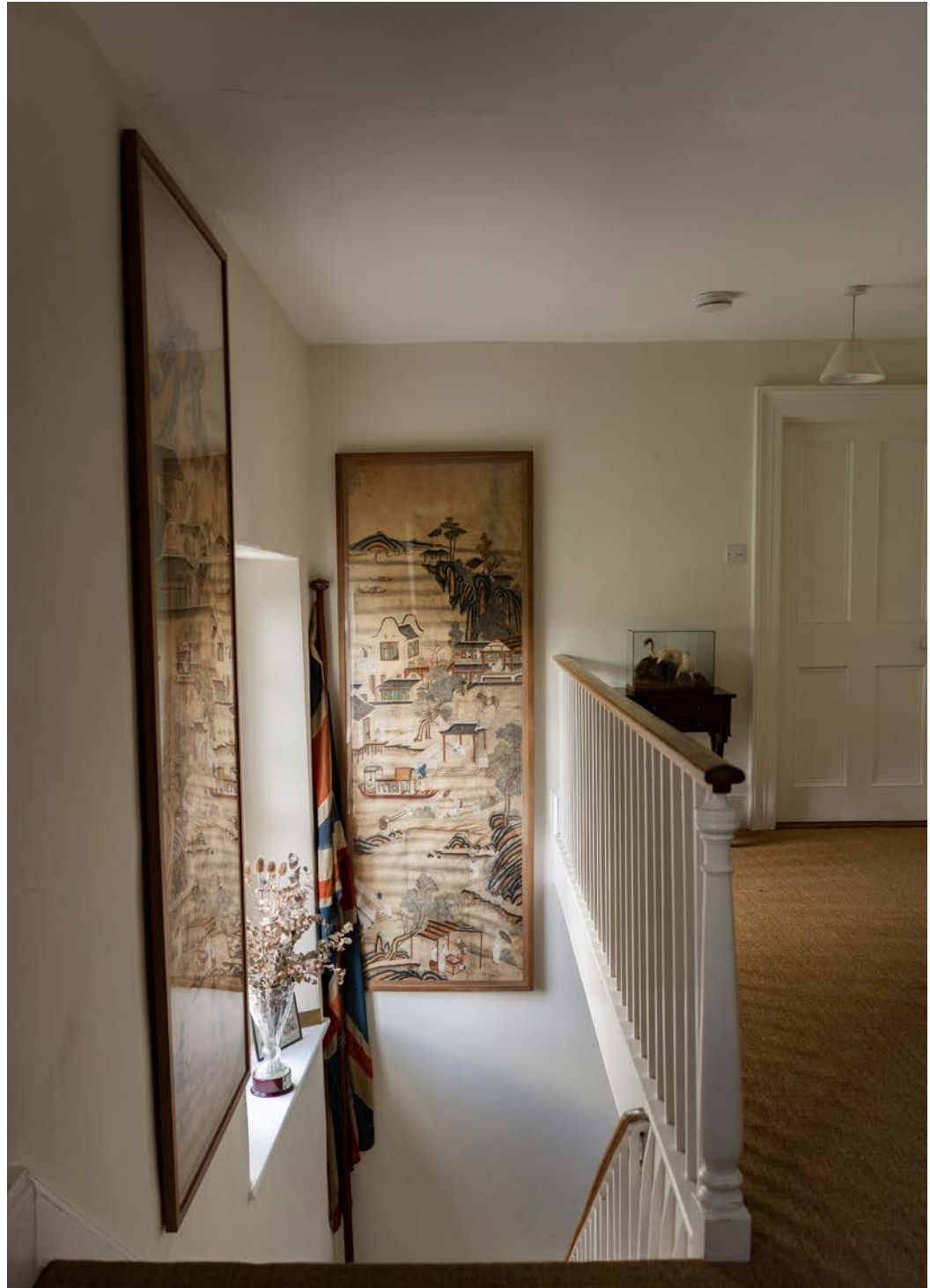
## EMMETTS GRANGE

Emmetts is a private agricultural and moorland estate and at 1250 feet, it is the highest farm on the moor. The farm has been diversified in recent times and welcomes guests to a selection of accommodation throughout the year. With no shortage of equine facilities and being in the very heart of the moor, it is the perfect base for three days of riding across Exmoor.

We will base ourselves in the main house, which offers five guest bedrooms, some with en-suite and some without. There is masses of space downstairs with wonderful views across the front lawn to the moor. We will also have the option of using the holiday cottage, a very close walk to the house, which also has two guest bedrooms (shared bathroom), and an annexe with an en-suite double, first come, first served. Emmetts has an unchanged and old world feel - it is full of charm and character and always a fun place to stay.

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# ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Arrive at Emmetts from 4 pm, unbox and put horses in their paddocks before settling into your rooms. Tea and cake in the house.

Drinks with an introduction to the ride before supper in the house.

Help will be on hand to check the horses throughout the evening

## DAY 2

Horses can be fed on request.

Breakfast from 8 am before bringing horses in and tacking up. We will either drive to our starting point or be picked up at the end of the day.

Depart on horses by 10 am and ride towards the coast along the Doone Valley - we will ride for approx. 3 hours before lunch.

At lunch, horses will be tied up with water & hay nets.

After lunch we will ride for 2 hours before returning to Emmetts. Wash off horses etc before tea in the house.

Relax, massages for those on request

Drinks before dinner.

**Approx. 15 miles  
(5 hrs riding)**



## DAY 3

Horses will be fed on request

Breakfast from 08:00

Help will be on hand to assist with getting horses ready.

Depart on horses at 09:30 am heading east along the river Barle towards Withypool where we will stop for lunch.

After lunch we will continue on along the river, crossing it a few times before we reach the iconic Tarr Steps, Exmoor's ancient clapper bridge.

We will finish the ride a mile up the road from Tarr Steps where we will meet lorries and trailers and drive back to Emmetts.

Once back we will wash horses off, put away before tea in the house. Relax, massage etc.

Drinks and dinner

**Approx. 15 miles  
(5 hrs riding)**

## DAY 4

Breakfast from 08:00

Depart on horses at 09:30 for a circular ride from Emmetts along the River Barle to the iron age hillfort of Cow Castle.

The ride will bring us back to Simonsbath and Duredon for the final lunch before loading up and departing

**Approx. 8 miles  
(2.5 hrs riding)**

THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE AND ROUTES ON THE FINAL ITINERARY MAY ALTER FROM THE ABOVE. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT FOR AT LEAST ONE RIDE WE WILL NEED TO BOX UP AND TRANSPORT HORSES SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR VEHICLE IS NOT INSURED FOR OTHERS TO DRIVE

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## HORSES

You are expected to bring your own horse, however hirelings may be available for experienced riders only. Horses must be fit enough to cover some 40 miles over the three days, over varied terrain. In parts there is good level going which allows us to go at a good pace as well as being interspersed with steep valleys and rocky, sometimes narrow paths, where horses must think for themselves. The general pace will be at a walk and trot with some long canters where the going allows. There are many gates on Exmoor which also contribute to the pace of the ride. Horses should have been recently shod, wormed and be up-to-date with vaccinations. They should also be good with other horses and happy to be tied up in a yard or to post and rails at the lunch spots.

## STABLING, GRAZING & HORSE MANAGEMENT

Grazing is provided at Emmetts and there is stabling (with bedding at additional cost) for those who would prefer to have a stable. Stables will be in the old yard, close to the main house. Please give us plenty of warning if you would like a stable. Paddocks will be partitioned for individual horses and there are tying up places for each horse. There will be a knowledgeable person on hand to help with horses every day. Lunch spots are carefully planned with appropriate places to tie up the horses and a support team will transport hay nets, water buckets and headcollars. Hay is provided and haylage can be arranged if required (at cost).

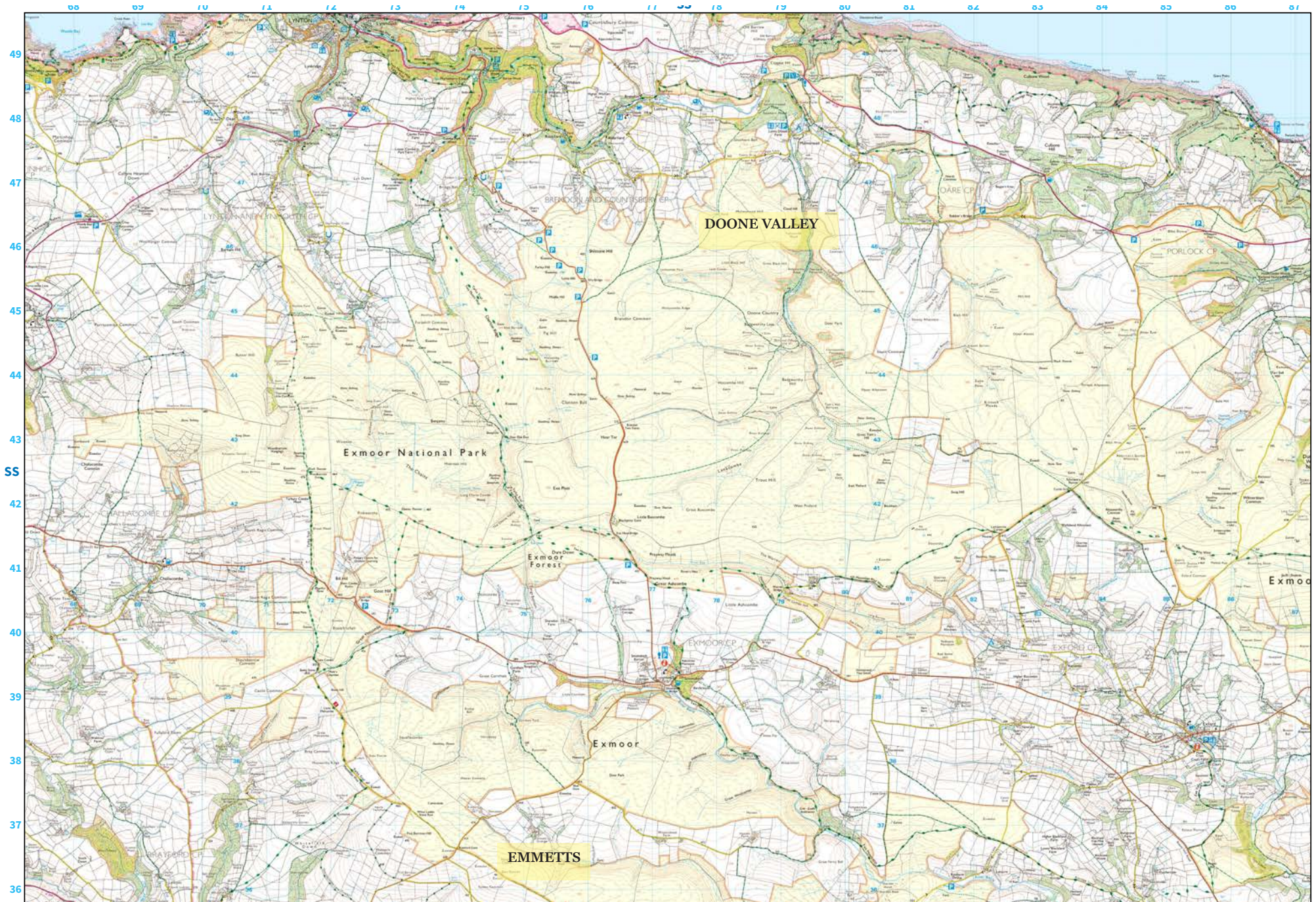
## GROUP SIZES

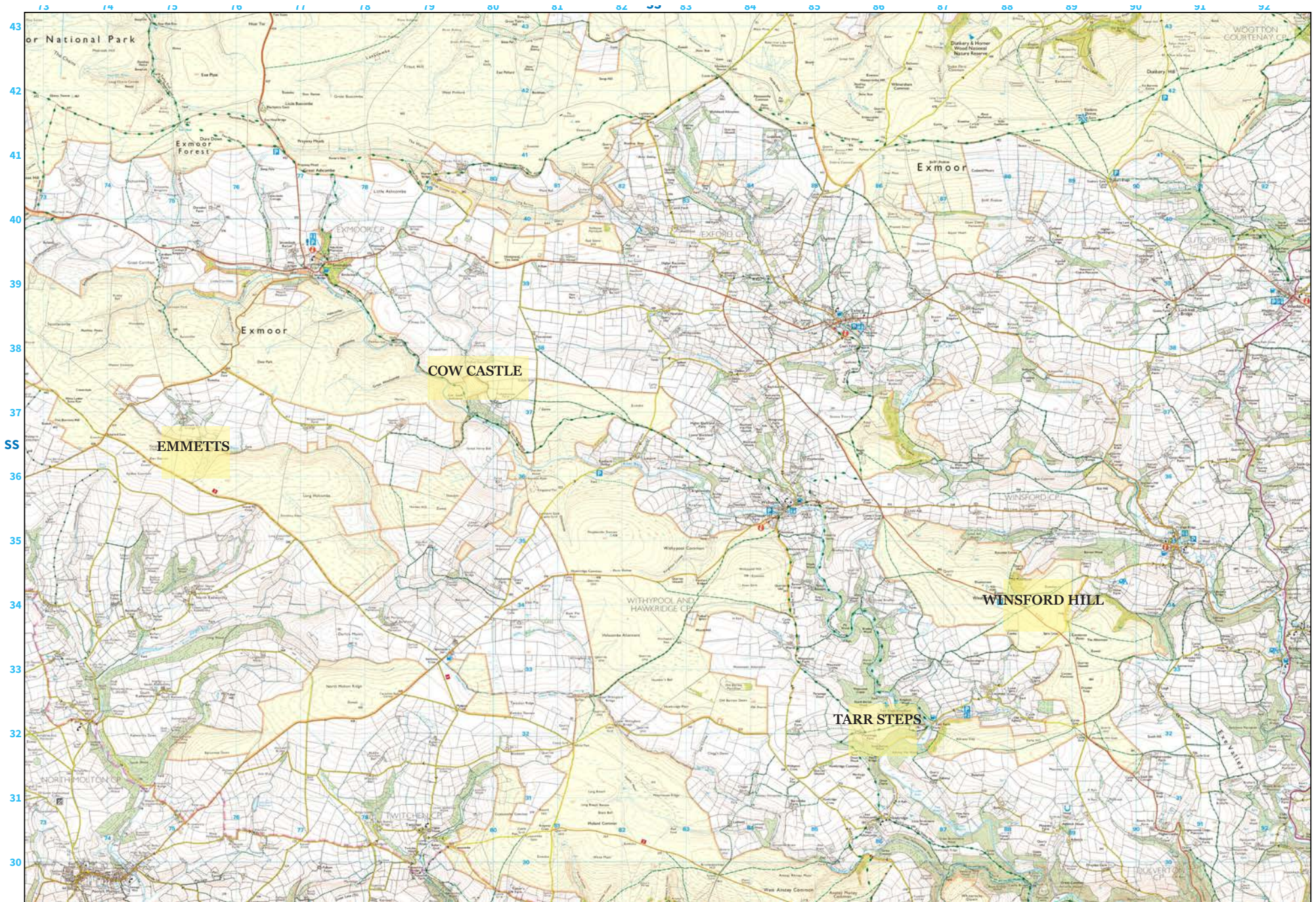
We believe that the optimum number is around 8-10 horses and riders. Smaller or larger groups may be possible so get in touch to discuss your own ideas. We encourage non-riders to join too as Emmetts is a great place to stay and Exmoor has so much to offer beyond riding. There is endless walking, swimming, houses and gardens to visit and it is always possible to meet up with the riding group at the lunch spots.

## FOOD & DRINK

The food and drink are key components of the ride and a lot of thought goes into each meal to ensure that they are all delicious and, where possible, locally sourced. We have a brilliant cook who looks after us throughout the ride. The first evening is more kitchen supper vibe, with more sophisticated three course menus on the other two nights. Lunches include classic summer alfresco food and breakfasts include yoghurt, muesli and fruit with bacon and eggs for those who wish. Wine, beer and other drinks are served with lunches and dinners.







“I’ve had the most amazing few days with an utterly brilliant group. I felt not only was the holiday wonderful but I walked away with new true friends”

MARINA F

“What a FABULOUS trip! A million thank you’s to our brilliant hosts, Rose and Victoria. I am returning home with so many hilarious stories and very happy memories”

KATE M







# PRICES & BOOKING

**£1220 PER RIDING GUEST** based on 2 sharing (limited)

**£1430 PER RIDING GUEST** single occupancy

**£750 PER NON RIDING GUEST** sharing with a riding guest

BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 8 RIDING GUESTS. FOR A LESSER NUMBER WE WILL HAVE TO CHARGE MORE PRO RATA

## INCLUDED

- accommodation for three nights
- all meals and drinks including afternoon teas
- grazing for your horse (stabling at an additional cost)
- help on hand all days with your horse

## INSURANCE

It is your own responsibility to ensure that you and your horse are appropriately covered. We strongly recommend that you wear a BS approved riding hat for the duration of the ride. You will be asked to sign a disclaimer in any event.

## HOW TO BOOK / ENQUIRE

If you would like to book or discuss an alternative itinerary or have any questions, please get in touch. We require a 30% deposit at the time of booking and the balance will be due 4 weeks before the start date.







## 2025 DATES

28th APRIL - 1st MAY

5th - 8th MAY - **FULL**

12th - 15th MAY - **FULL**

19th - 22nd MAY

9th - 12th JUNE - **FULL**

23rd - 26th JUNE (DUREDON ONLY)

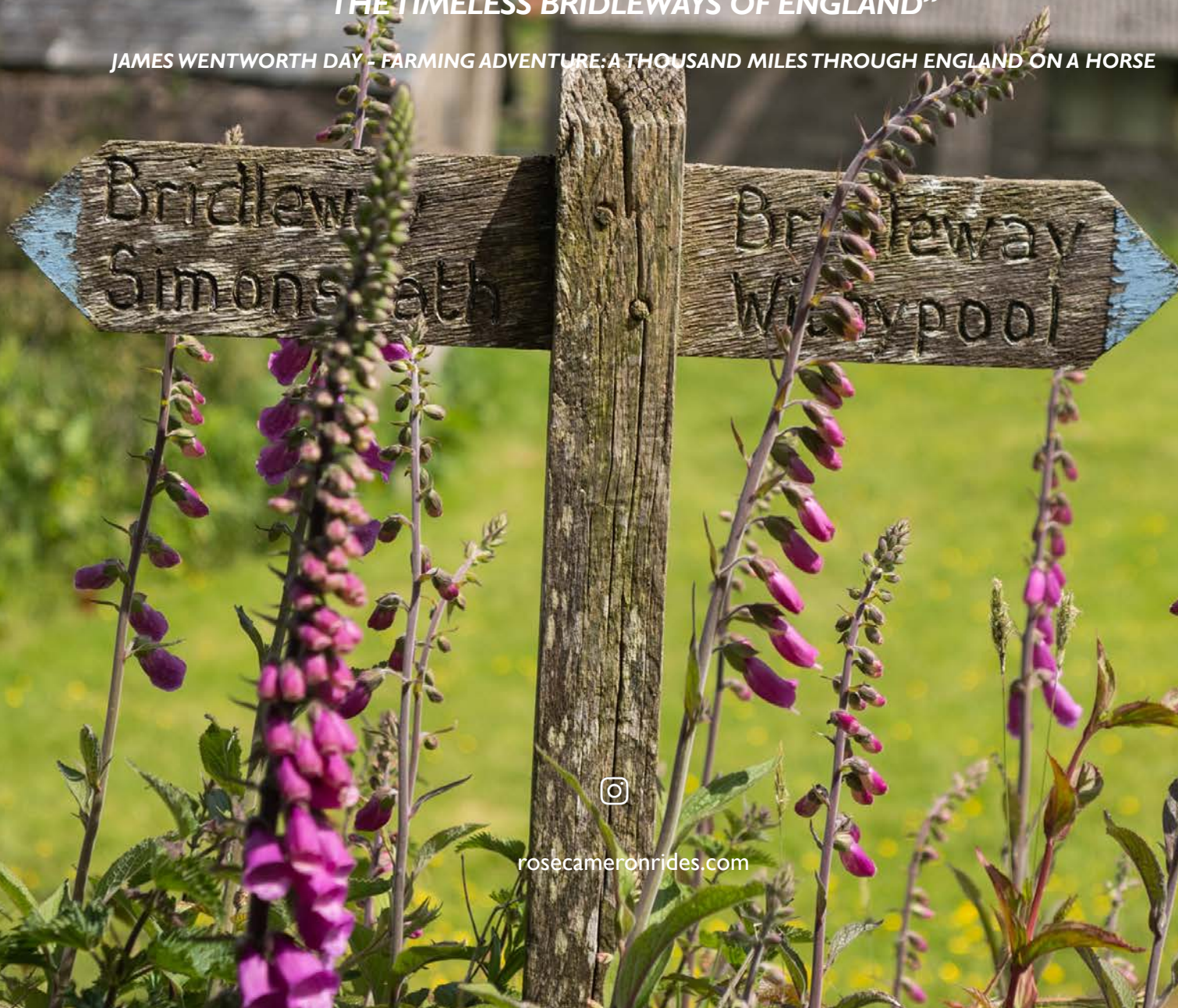
8th - 11th SEPTEMBER (EMMETTS ONLY)

15th - 18th SEPTEMBER (EMMETTS ONLY)

UNLESS STATED THESE DATES ARE OPEN TO EITHER EXMOOR RIDES AND  
WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE FIRST GROUP ON PAYMENT OF THE DEPOSIT

**“ON ANOTHER DAY, I SHALL PUT MY FOOT IN THE IRON, HEAR THE SADDLE CREAK, AND GO FORTH AGAIN ON THE TIMELESS BRIDLEWAYS OF ENGLAND”**

**JAMES WENTWORTH DAY - FARMING ADVENTURE: A THOUSAND MILES THROUGH ENGLAND ON A HORSE**



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