

ROAD SAFETY LEAFLET
*“Grip Fast”***Welcome,**

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Castle Leslie Estate.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all our riders, horses, guests, and staff, we kindly ask that all visitors observe the estate’s road-use guidelines. Horses, riders, and pedestrians share these beautiful grounds every day, and your thoughtful cooperation plays a vital role in keeping things calm, safe, and free of any unplanned rodeos!

Key Safety Principles*Horses Have Right of Way*

Throughout the estate, horses and riders are always given priority. Please remember: our horses are the true lords and ladies of the manor—treat them accordingly, and you’ll get along splendidly.

Estate Speed Limit: 15 km/h

This speed limit applies across the estate. When approaching horses, please bring your vehicle to a complete stop—horses much prefer a polite pause to a dramatic entrance.

When Passing Horses (BHS-Aligned Guidance)

To safeguard both riders and horses, kindly follow the guidance below:

If you encounter horses on any estate road:

- Please slow down and pull in safely.
- Come to a complete stop.
- Switch off your engine to minimise noise and prevent startling the horses.
- Wait until ALL horses in the group have passed, including the instructor (groups typically consist of six riders plus the instructor—no horse left behind!).
- Proceed only when the rider or instructor gives you the royal wave to continue.
- Never overtake horses on any road, track, or lane within the estate. Trust us, you won’t win a race against them.
- Please refrain from using your horn or revving the engine—horses have very sensitive ears (and questionable taste in music).

Shared Roads & High-Risk Areas

We ask that you exercise particular care in the following areas:

Castle Lane toward the Old Stable Mews

This is a primary riding route, and riders may appear suddenly around bends. Keep your eyes peeled!

Approaches to the Green Gate

Small signs indicate right-of-way:

- Walkers and cars yield to horses
- Cars yield to both walkers and horses (it's a bit like traffic chess, but with more neighing)

Near the Equestrian Centre, fields, and woodland rides

Here, you may encounter slow-moving horses, beginners, and occasionally nervous or young horses.

General Estate Road Etiquette

- Dogs must be kept on leads at all times near riding routes (the horses thank you for your courtesy).
- Golf buggies (for staff use) must follow the same rules as cars: stop fully for horses and turn off engines if needed.
- Avoid sudden movements or loud noises when near horses.
- Please be patient, horses may require extra space or time.
- If walking or cycling, step safely to the side and remain visible.
- Observe estate speed limit signposts and right-of-way signage.

Parking Guidance

- Kindly park only in designated estate parking areas.
- Please avoid blocking gateways, ride-outs, forest paths, or stable access routes—our horses are not fans of impromptu obstacle courses.
- Refrain from parking on verges close to riding trails.

Thank You

Your cooperation is invaluable in helping Castle Leslie Estate remain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone—riders, horses, our team, and guests alike. We sincerely appreciate your care, attention, and good humour as you enjoy your time at the estate. May your only surprises here be the pleasant kind!

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