

Advice for participants in BDS Spider Drives

- All drivers must be BDS members (which provides insurance cover).
- You should have your New Forest driving permit and forest key with you.
- You should be carrying a suitable spares and first aid kit on your vehicle.

- You should book in beforehand with the host/organiser
- Please let them know if you decide not to come or if you have a problem on the way and will not make it.

- You should check on the FC website (<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest-closures>) before setting out to see if there are any closures that might affect your route.
- If you have any problems on a Forest Track, such as trees/branches down or blocked gates, do tell the organiser so they can inform the FC.

- Arrive at the venue in a calm way and unharness and tie up in accordance with BDS rules and with consideration for others around you.
- Ditto when leaving, and if you are leaving before others, make sure they are aware that you are moving off and are happy with it.

- Do ask for help if you need it as people are always happy to help and advise.
- On a spider drive you are responsible for your own safety and that of your horse as well as others around you.

- Enjoy your drive!