

Can I ride on this common?

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Find out whether it is a section 193 common or one of the other types of common land where equestrians can ride for recreation and not just on a bridleway

To do this go to the Government MAGIC website: <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

Press Get Started

1. Tick Access
2. Tick registered commons (green) and s15 commons (purple)
3. Put in 'county' or 'place name'
4. Click on dropdown name
5. Track in to find your common
6. Click on I (for information)
7. Then click on your common

If the table shows it as:

- A section 193 common
- A Metropolitan common
- A common under a private or local act
- A National Trust Common

You should be able to ride on it unless there are byelaws or any limitation that restrict what riding can take place on the common. If there are no signs on the common showing any restrictions, you should be safe to ride anywhere on the common. If there are any byelaws or limitations shown contact access@bhs.org.uk and we can advise you as to whether these are valid or not. Contact us if you are being advised by anyone that you are not allowed to ride on open space. Some byelaws exclude access to such areas as cricket squares or play areas or have limitations for summer and winter routes or are part of restoration programs.

There may be a right to ride on a registered Village Green. Some Village Greens are commons as well but were only registered as village greens under the 1965 Commons Registration Act. These will not show up unless you tick the village green box on MAGIC as well. These will show up only as green dots relating to the size of the Green.