

BALNARRING FORESHORE RESERVE - HORSE PERMIT CONDITIONS 2023-2024

(Valid 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024)

THE PERMIT ALLOWS A PERMIT-HOLDER TO EXERCISE HORSE(S) IN THE BALNARRING FORESHORE RESERVE, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF PERMIT HOLDERS AND CONDITIONS OF NOMINATED RIDERS:

Permit Holders Conditions

1. The permit fees are outlined in the Horse Permit Application. Payment of the prescribed fee constitutes the Permit Holders agreement to abide by these Horse Permit Conditions.
2. Any Horse Permits whose fees are not paid for by the 31st July 2023 shall be revoked and reissued to applicants from the waiting list.
3. A Horse Permit allows one Nominated Rider to access and use the Horse Permit Area.
4. Commercial or Standard Horse permits may be used a maximum of two times on any day from Monday to Saturday. Commercial or Standard Horse permits may not be used on Sundays.
5. Local Recreational or Family Horse permits may be used a maximum of one time on any day of the week, but only once in any given week.
6. A Permit Holder can nominate up to six (6) people (Nominated Riders) to use the Horse Permit. The Permit Holder is responsible to ensure all Nominated Riders are aware of and comply with the Horse Permit Conditions.
7. It is the Permit Holder's responsibility to notify the Balnarring Foreshore and Parks Reserve ('The Committee') in writing (incl. email) of any change to Nominated Riders. The Permit Holder will be issued an amended Horse Permit with the new Nominated Riders. A person may not Ride until the Permit Holder has received the amended Horse Permit.
8. A Permit Holder must carry a public liability insurance policy as specified in the indemnity document accompanying this document and must be able to produce evidence of the policy's currency. A current VRC trainer's licence or membership of Equine Australia is acceptable verification of the required public liability insurance. A permit will not be issued unless this condition is satisfied, and the Permit Holder agrees to indemnify Balnarring Foreshore and Parks Reserve Committee of Management Inc. against liability as specified in the attached document.
9. A current Horse Permit Vest must be worn at all times by the Nominated Rider. Lost vests will be replaced within four weeks at the cost of the Permit Holder.
10. Any Horse Permit whose Horse Permit Vest remains uncollected from the office by the 30th September 2023 may be revoked and issued to applicants from the waiting list.
11. Permit Holders and Nominated Riders who breach any Conditions of Permit Holders shall be given a written warning on the first and second occasion and have their permit suspended for 12 months on a third occasion. The suspension is from the date of the third offence. Warnings under these Conditions of Permit Holders EXPIRE AFTER 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST WRITTEN WARNING. Stewards at Racing Victoria will be notified of any breaches of these Horse Permit Conditions.
12. Permit holders may only hold a maximum of 3 Horse Permits each. Permits are strictly non-transferable.

Nominated Riders Conditions

1. All Riders must be listed as a Nominated Rider on a current Horse Permit. Any Rider on the Balnarring Foreshore Reserve not listed as a Nominated Rider on a current Horse Permit shall be deemed ineligible to either hold a Horse Permit or to be a Nominated Rider for 12 months.
2. The Rider must wear a current Horse Permit Vest while on the Reserve.
3. VRC rules always apply including horses wearing bits and riders wearing approved hard-hats and footwear. Riders must wear lights when riding prior to sunrise.
4. The Rider is only permitted on the Reserve between 6.00am and 9.00am daily except during summer school holidays when horses are permitted between 5.00am to 9.00am daily.
5. A Rider is only permitted to take a horse on the areas identified in the Horse Permit Area map (see attached). Riders must remain on hard sand within 10m from water edge and no closer than 10m to the vegetation on the foredune, except when entering or leaving the beach from the car park.
6. Riding on the beach is not allowed when the tide is higher than 2.8m during permitted times. On these days, horses may be exercised in the water. Permit holders will be notified of the "in water only" conditions by email. The tide times will be based on the BOM's Stony Point Tide Chart.
7. A Rider may lead a horse by tether or a second horse by tether while riding.
8. A Rider must always have their horse under Effective Control.
9. A Rider must keep at least 5m from other beach users and give way to pedestrians at all times.
10. The Rider is responsible for the removal of manure from the car park, access track and beach. Dumping manure anywhere within the Reserve is prohibited.
11. A Rider contravening any of the Conditions of Nominated Riders shall be given a written warning on the first occasion and deemed ineligible to hold a Horse Permit (or being a nominee) for 12 months on a second occasion.
12. A Rider breaching any Conditions of Permit shall be given a written warning on the first occasion and on the second occasion be suspended from being a Nominated Rider for 12 months. Warning under these Conditions expire after 3 years.

Definitions

Effective Control: To be riding or leading a horse by tether while maintaining control over the horse.

Hard Sand: Sand which has been inundated by the sea within the last 7 days.

Horse Permit: A permit issued by the Balnarring Foreshore and Parks Reserve Committee ('the Committee') to have a horse within the Horse Permit Area at the specified times.

Horse Permit Application: A formal application on the prescribed form.

Horse Permit Area: The area approved for use by horses as outlined in the Horse Permit Area Map (see attached).

Horse Permit Vest: The vest issued by the Committee to the Permit Holder.

Ride/Rider/Riding: Relates to any person who takes a horse onto the Balnarring Foreshore Reserve.

Nominated Rider: A person who is nominated on the Horse Permit to ride a horse.

Permit Holder: A person or company who has been issued a Horse Permit by the Committee.

These Horse Permit Conditions are made under the Balnarring Beach Foreshore Regulations as published in the Victorian Government Gazette on 28th June 1989.