

Advice for Foot-followers

Hints and tips about how to enjoy a day out on foot.

Some Guidelines

- 1 Park considerately at the Meet - leave room for horse-boxes and trailers and make sure that you do not damage tended verges.
- 2 At the meet, please find the person collecting the foot followers' cap and make your contribution and remember to greet the Masters with a hearty "Good morning Master" and thank the host.
- 3 Do not stop or park your car on a corner. This is likely to obstruct the free passage of a normal road user, and nothing is more infuriating for a busy motorist than to be held up by inconsiderate people following a Hunt.
- 4 Before being upset, the motorist probably didn't have strong feelings about hunting but afterwards . . .
- 5 Do not stop your car in a gateway, road junction, drive entrance, opposite another car or by a jump. Take care not to park on neatly mown verges outside homes.
- 6 Switch off your engine as soon as you stop. Road followers have to depend so much on hearing that a running car can be a great nuisance and, if hounds are nearby the exhaust can obscure the trail.
- 7 Please shut any gates which may have been left open.
- 8 Always leap, as fast as you can, to open a gate for the Huntsman and help by opening and closing gates for the mounted Field.
- 9 If stock - cattle or sheep - have escaped from their field please assist by putting them back in.
- 10 Pass the time of day with local residents.
- 11 If you leave the road you become a guest on someone's land. Please respect that privilege.
- 12 Do not assume that you can take a 4x4 off-road - check with one of the experienced followers.
- 13 Quad-bikes are by the permission of the Masters.
- 14 TRY TO SEE WITHOUT BEING SEEN AND TO HEAR WITHOUT BEING HEARD.

Some Helpful Tips

- 1 What to wear:
Country colours, please - we will all see more if we blend into the environment. Stout footwear - things can get muddy! It is regarded as good manners to dress neatly, especially at lawn meets as a mark of respect to our hosts.
- 2 What to bring
Binoculars are a good idea.
A camera. If you do then why not e-mail your best pictures to ekh@nickonslow.com - they may be selected for the website.
String and a penknife - you never know when something might need mending.
Some lunch and a drink.