



Horse riding is permitted

- on all unsealed roads (fire trails) throughout the Arboretum
- on the wide, cleared allées between each forest
- along the Bicentennial National Trail (BNT).

Horse riding is NOT permitted

- on the public roads throughout the Arboretum, (this includes Forest Drive, Cork Oad Road and Himalayan Cedar Road) except to cross the road at the crossing points when necessary
- on other trails, pathways or lawns, including the Events Terrace, Amphitheatre and the Central Valley Path (known as the zig zag path)
- within any of the forests or gardens (except forests along the BNT).



Horse holding yard

A purpose-built horse holding yard, water trough and mounting block are located in Forest 14, close to the Village Centre. The large holding yard ensures that the horses are kept separate from passing visitors. This means riders can take a break, relax and enjoy the great surroundings of the Arboretum.

A responsible adult must stay with the horse(s) at all times, but the yard enables riders visiting the Arboretum to secure their horses while a fellow rider collects refreshments from the Café or visits the Village Centre.

Signage at the yard informs riders and pedestrians about horse etiquette, safety and rider obligations.

Drinking water for horses is available at

- the water trough in the horse yard in Forest 14, close to the Village Centre
- the Ginkgo Dam near the main entrance to the Arboretum, Forest 27
- the 'farm dam' in Forest 2 near the northern entrance to the Arboretum
- the 'western dam' in forest 36 (sides are steep)

NOTE: The 'southern dam' in Forest 91, **IS NOT recommended** for horses because of the rocky sides. Please see the map for the location of recommended drinking water for horses. 🚰

Horse tethering

- Horses may be tethered to, or within, the horse yard in Forest 14.
- Horses may NOT be tethered to trees.

Horse floats

Horse floats may NOT be unloaded within the Arboretum grounds unless as part of an approved event or function.



NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA

Equestrians & Horses

The Arboretum welcomes recreational horse riding and provides a purpose-built horse yard, water trough and mounting block in Forest 14, close to the Village Centre.

The National Arboretum Canberra is a living collection of rare, endangered and symbolic trees from Australia and around the world. The Arboretum is a place of conservation, education, award winning architecture, iconic sculptures and a network of multi-use trails.



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Opening Hours

- The Village Centre, National Bonsai and Penjing Collection, Café and The Curatoreum gift shop are open from 9am to 4pm daily. Closed 25 December.
- The grounds and POD Playground are open:
7am - 5.30pm (Eastern Standard Time)
6am - 8.30pm (Daylight Saving Time)

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