

Hi Chris

I've copied the email below and attached the pdf of the map. Hope it comes through ok. If not, you can also find it on PDRC home page under the news section <http://groupspaces.com/PDRC>

If you wish any further information, I would contact Duncan as he is usually very helpful. I have emailed Duncan to suggest that maybe something should be put up in the horsebox car park about permits and the horse riding routes. I suspect that there are a lot of folks who use the beach that don't have permits so they may be more likely to stray off route.

Cheers
Helen

Dear riders,

Apologies for the blanket email but I really need to get a message out to all riders – both on the permit scheme and those who may not be – about the continuing damage that is taking place at the salt marsh in John Muir Country Park.

The majority of you are being really helpful and responsible, following the preferred routes for riders ([see attached map](#)). Unfortunately it only takes a couple of riders who don't know the way, to wander onto the salt marsh and cause an awful lot of damage to this most delicate of natural habitats.

We have organised two sessions for volunteers to come and replace the turfs that get ripped out by hoof damage, but unfortunately tracks remain and serve to suggest that it is ok for riders to venture onto the salt marsh, which it is not.

So could you please chat to any fellow rider you know who use the site and in from them of the problem? Thanks. New riders are also welcome to join the permit scheme, they just need to get in touch with me.

If the damage to the salt marsh doesn't improve we, as a land manager may find ourselves in trouble with the national conservation agency – Scottish Natural Heritage – and in so doing, be forced to prevent any to this area – something that none of us want.

Thanks again for your continuing support in this,

Regards

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