## **Activities in the Area**

In addition to the activities on the Resort, some further pursuits can be arranged at locations near by. These include golf, pony trekking and cycling. If there is a particular sport that you would like to try, simply let us know and we will do our best to arrange it for you.

## Pony trekking and Stables

Explore the New Forest on horseback; ride along woodland tracks or across forest heaths. There are many Trekking Centres and Stables in the New Forest, most providing one or two-hour expeditions, giving you the opportunity to see the beautiful forest at close range. New Park Manor Riding Stables in Brockenhurst organise hacks through the New Forest and Pub Rides. These must be booked in advance on 01590 623919.

#### Golf

Warhampton Golf Course is immediately opposite the Resort. The nine-hole course overlooks the Solent and offers stimulating golf on an architect designed nine-hole course. A modest clubhouse provides basic requirements including club hire. Tel. 01590 689631 There are five other golf courses within a 30-minute drive of the Resort.

Barton- on- Sea	18 holes	01425 611210
New Forest (Lyndhurst)	18 holes	02380 282752
Bramshaw	18 holes	02380 813434
Dibden	18 holes	02380 845596
Burley	9 holes	01425 402431

Please check with the relevant club before departing as some have dress code and others require handicap certificates.

Alternatively there is the impressive Botley Park and Country Club just 45 minutes away - 01489 780888 - where a round will cost approximately £20.00

#### **Castles**

Whilst on the coast, visit one of Henry VIII's monuments that line the Solent.

Calshot Castle-depicts history from Tudor times to the Second World War (tel.023 8089 2023)

**Hurst Castle -** Splendid monument offering panoramic views of the Solent (tel. 01590 642344) Why not take the ferry from Keyhaven Quay? (tel.01590 642500)

#### Gardens

**Exbury** – World famous displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. New summer gardens that can be viewed by a miniature steam train. (tel. 023 809 1203)

Furzey - Tranquil beauty in these gardens near Minstead (tel.023 8081 2464

Braxton - Features a walled rose and herb garden (tel.01590 642008)

**Spinners Garden -** Discover the National Collection of Hellebores. (tel.01590 673347)

**Beaulieu –** Explore the herb cloisters and Victorian garden at the National Motor Museum.

#### Cycling

Cycling in the New Forest is very popular with miles of designated cycle routes. Bikes can be hired from New Forest Cycle Experience in Brockenhurst – 01590 624024 – where they cater for individuals, i.e. children's seats, cycle helmets. They also have suggested routes, which are traffic free.

## New Forest Cycle code.

- Keep to way marked gravel tracks only, when cycling in the forest.
- Always ride in single file when roads are narrow and never more than 2 abreast.
- Make sure you are visible by wearing bright colours.
- Always use your lights in the dark or in poor daytime visibility.
- Plan your route and be out of the forest by dusk.
- Think ahead and beware of animals, other cyclists, pedestrians and drivers whether on gravel tracks or roads.
- Keep your speed down, give way to walkers and be friendly to other forest users.
- Keep well away from any work going on in the forest.

Do not pass any vehicle loading timber until you have been told it is safe to do so.

Packed lunches can be ordered at reception for your day out. Please give us 24 hours notice in advance.

## **Touring**

Should you choose to travel out of the New Forest area during your stay, you will find an amazing variety of coastline and culture.

Stonehenge, the cathedral Cities of Salisbury and Winchester, Southampton and Portsmouth and the seaside town of Bournemouth are less than an hour away.

At both of the resort reception areas you will find numerous information leaflets on locations and attractions within the surrounding area.

### **Fishing**

Enjoy excellent sea or freshwater angling from rivers, streams, trout lakes and the Solent coast. There are a number of lakes in the area, most of which offer fishing for trout and/or coarse fishing.

# Course Fishing -

Beaulieu - Hatchet Pond - 023 8028 3141

Blackfield - Mopley Farm - 023 8089 1617

#### Trout Fishing -

Fordingbridge - Rockbourne Trout Fishery - 01725 518603

Lyndhurst - Leominstead Lakes - 023 8028 2610

The information file Elmers Court Capers, which is kept at the Leisure Club Reception will give you names and telephone numbers of most of the local fishing "hot spots".

Alternatively, at Janesmoor Pond & Roundhill Pond – 0230 8028 3141 Fishing is available for junior anglers, accompanied by an adult, free of charge. Contact the Forestry Commission on the above number for details.

# Markets and Car Boot Sales

**Lymington** Market is situated on the High Street and is open each Saturday, it is worth a visit to brows and to pick up those bargains. There are also a number of other Markets in the area that are well worth visiting.

<u>Christchurch</u> – Mon. <u>Hythe</u> – Tues. <u>Boscombe</u> – Sat. & Thurs. <u>Ringwood</u> – Weds. <u>Matchams</u> (nr. Ringwood) – Sun. <u>Salisbury</u> – Tues & Sat. <u>Wimborne</u> Fri. Sat. Sun.

#### **Car Boot Sales**

Ashley Heath - March - September, Sunday 7.30am (tel.01425 476692)

**Brockenhurst -** A337 Lymington March - September Sunday 7am to 1pm (tel.023 8081 3655)

**Matchams** - Nr Ringwood, Wed. Sun. & B.H. Mondays from 7.30am. (tel.01425 473305) **Water Sports** 

The Solent is probably one of the best-known sailing areas in the world; launching slips and visitors' moorings are available at Keyhaven, Lymington and Bucklers hard.

The Lymington regatta offers those who don't mind getting their feet wet the opportunity to watch some excellent boat racing from the shore. The Regatta takes place during August and September between the two main clubs in the area – The Royal Lymington Yacht Club and The Lymington Town Sailing Club.

Keyhaven Yacht Club and Hurst Castle Sailing Club also hold Regattas on a regular basis on the Keyhaven River.

#### New Forest Water Park.

Learn to water-ski. Jet-ski or sit back and experience an exiting aqua ride tel. 01425 656868