

MAP CASES

Always carry a map backup



For every endurance ride you're given a map. Whether you know the route or not – and whether you use GPS or not – you should always carry a paper map as a backup at the very least.

WATERPROOF IS KEY

Map cases come in all shapes and sizes, but the most important feature is that they're waterproof.

Even if it's not raining, if you slosh your horse at a check point it's very easy to catch your map case too – and suddenly your carefully highlighted route is running down the page or the paper turns soggy.

THINK ABOUT POSITION

Where do you carry yours?

- Attached to your bumbag?
- Worn across your shoulder?
- Secured to your saddle?

If it's windy, straps can twist and rub your neck. Think about:

- The material of the strap
- How it sits against your clothing
- Whether something like a polo neck could help prevent friction