

How to Register on the TRF website

The national TRF website forum contains ride-reports, advice, RoW information, banter, debate and the chance to hook up with like minded folk for a guided tour of trails you might never find on your own. This article tells you how to register and get a piece of the action. We'll cover registration, verification, logging on & looking around

Note this isn't about joining or renewing your membership online.

Good things come in threes

If you're **not** a member, skip this bit and jump to "Call me Reg" below.

If you're a member there are 3 things you need to remember before you even begin:

1. The email you register with must match the email address the TRF holds for you on the membership database.
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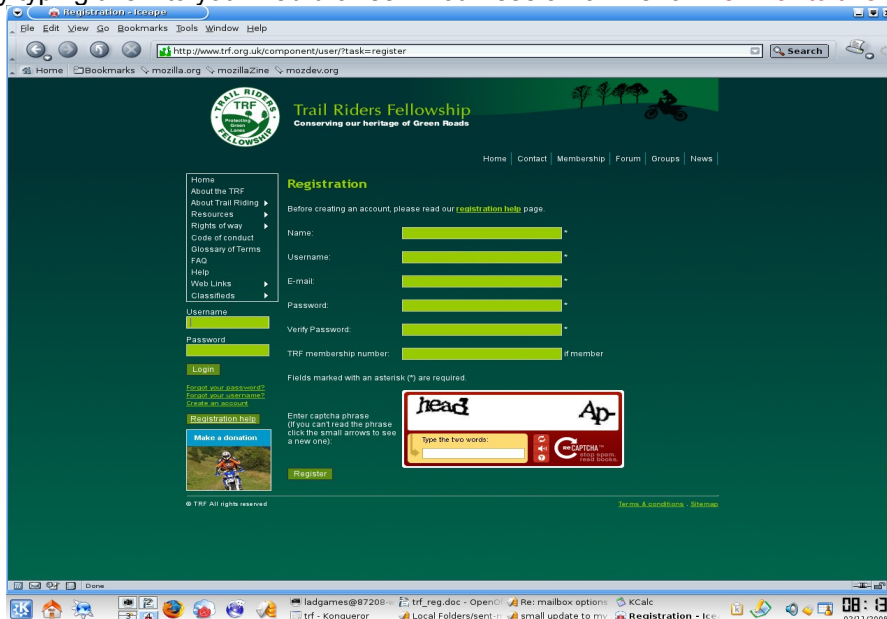
If you're not sure which email the TRF already has for you, drop Debbie a line at membsec@trf.org.uk.

Call Me Reg

Right, now thats sorted, lets get you registered, start here:

<http://www.trf.org.uk/component/user/?task=register>

by typing this into your web browser. You'll see an online form **similar to this one**

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the registration page for the Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF). The page has a green header with the TRF logo and the text "Trail Riders Fellowship Conserving our heritage of Green Roads". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Contact, Membership, Forum, Groups, and News. The main content area is titled "Registration" and contains a form with the following fields: Name, Username, E-mail, Password, Verify Password, and TRF membership number (with a note "if member"). There are asterisks next to the Name, Username, E-mail, Password, and Verify Password fields, indicating they are required. Below the form is a CAPTCHA section with the words "head" and "Ap" in wavy writing, and a box to "Type the two words". A "Register" button is located at the bottom of the form. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.trf.org.uk/component/user/?task=register". The taskbar at the bottom of the screen shows several open applications, including a terminal window, a file explorer, and a mail client.

where you have to enter:

Name, Username, Email address (did I mention that **the email you register with must match ...** OK, OK, I did), **membership number** and a password of your choosing.

Go ahead and type that in.

Just underneath that form you'll see 2 words in wavy writing. This is to stop Russian porn links being posted, I'll spare you the details but it gives the phrase "TRF Horse events" a whole new meaning ;-)

Enter the 2 words in the box provided then click the Register button.

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Verification

Believe it or not there are people on the internet who have nothing better to do than subscribe you to some random service on the web. So, to make sure it really is you that wants to join, the website emails you a verification link. This email goes to the email address you entered above, so make sure you enter this correctly, especially if you're one of those typists that use the "circling eagle technique".

Once this email drops into your inbox, just click on the link. If it doesn't please check your spam folder, the email should arrive within the hour. If all has gone well you should now be able to login with your username and password. If you've logged into the website OK you'll see a new menu option appear on the left called "Members Area".



If this doesn't appear when you're on the website homepage (note, not the forum), then something has gone wrong. See "Getting help" below. You'll get this new menu item whether you're a member or not so

Drum roll please

Once logged in, you can get to the national forum using the Forum link in the top menu of the website or directly here
www.trf.org.uk/forum

Say Hello

The forum is divided into parts, the Public Forum for everyman and woman & his or her, er, horse and the TRF Members Area. If you can't see the TRF Members Area something has gone wrong, see Getting help. A good place to start is The Bar inside the public forum, drop in and say Hi, there's usually a warm welcome waiting. If you're after route info or want to discuss something that could be used by the Antis then the members area is for you, try starting with The Lounge.

Getting help

If things don't work out there are 2 ways of getting help:

1. Send an aggressive, snotty email to the volunteer@trf.org.uk pointing out what a pile of sh!te the site is and ignoring the fact that thousands of people have successfully registered before you.
2. Send a polite email to it@trf.org.uk asking for help, confirming your membership number.

If you go for option 1 do not be surprised when we eventually point out that the email address you registered with does not match the email address the TRF holds for you on the membership database.

Conclusion

Whether you just lurk or actively post the TRF forum is a friendly place that provides something for everyone with an interest in trail riding. Give it a go and join us for a natter.