

WINCHCOMBE CYCLING CLUB
in association with
CHELTENHAM AND COUNTY CYCLING CLUB
promote the
NINETEENTH 'HELL OF THE NORTH
COTSWOLDS'
50 Km Reliability Trial SUNDAY, 13 April 2003

The route is a variation from previous years and includes about 20Kmf of off road riding including new tracks around Cleeve Common.
FOLLOW THE ROUTE CARD - not the rider in front!

- To emphasise that this is a Reliability Ride and NOT a race, there are a number of controls where your card must be stamped.
- Controls will open based on a 25 Kph average and close based on a 12.5 Kph average. This is equivalent to riding the complete 50K route in not less than two hours and not more than four hours.
- Bun and drinks are provided at the rest stop at Guiting, but we recommend that you carry additional food and drink to supplement this along the way.
- The locations of the controls are 'secret' but if your average speed falls below 12.5kph you are outside the time limit. You may continue but we cannot guarantee that your card will be stamped. If you are behind the maximum time at Guiting we suggest you follow the short route to the finish.
- Riders will be asked at the start if they wish to ride the **Short Course** and given the appropriate route sheet and a map which covers both routes
- Some road junctions are marshalled. Marshals are there to warn you that you are approaching a junction which requires extra care. Marshals will not stop traffic, nor advise that the junction is clear.
- Normal rules of the road (and off-road) apply at all times. Please show consideration to all and, in particular, please give consideration to walkers and horse riders.
- There will be some closed gates on the route. It is your responsibility to ensure that these gates are left closed even if there is another rider behind you.
- Remember, you ride here once a year, we live here and have to face the consequences of any bad conduct!

Successful riders will receive a special *Certificate*

Snacks will be available at the HQ before and after the event

You are responsible for your own safety at all times.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT THE NEAREST MARSHALL or THE EVENT HQ on 07979 497774

Key: **TL**=Turn Left, **TR**=Turn Right, **SO**=Straight On, **TG**=Through Gate, **BW**=Bridle Way, **SP**=Sign Post, **X**=Cross Roads, **T**=T Junction, **JN**=Junction, **GW**=Give Way to traffic, **EFA**=Except for access, **UFM**=Unsuitable for motors.

50 Km Route

Dist.	Total	Route Instruction
0.0	0.0	Start at Winchcombe School GW TL out of gate
0.9	0.9	GW TL SP 'Town Centre'
0.3	1.2	GW TL on Main Road B4362
3.4	4.6	TR SP 'Hailes Abbey, Little Farmcote'
0.9	5.5	TL SP 'Hailes Abbey'
0.6	6.1	Fork L on to BW before Hailes Fruit Farm. Climb!
1.2	7.3	SO to tarmac road thro' gate
1.3	8.6	GW TR at T onto road SP 'Winchcombe, Andoversford'
0.4	9.0	TL at JN SP 'UFM'
2.3	11.3	Bear L no SP climb
0.3	11.6	TL at X on road no SP (Note: Stone frog on R)
1.3	12.9	GW TL on road no SP after 100m TR on road opposite school SP 'Temple Guiting, Stow'
0.6	13.5	Bear L on road then after 60m TR on BW SP 'Public Bridleway' 'Slow please children' Descend then climb out of woods go to R of cattle barn.
1.6	15.1	GW TR onto road. CARE. No SP. (Long Route will go Left here) After 0.87Km SO at JN
2.6	17.7	TR at X SP 'Guiting Power, Kineton' (Long route joins from L here)
0.4	18.1	TR onto track, no SP , continue into woods and descend
1.7	19.8	At end of woods TR at T continuing descent on track, then TL at T and descend to gate onto tarmac road where
0.1	19.9	GW TR over bridge and after 70m TL SP 'Unsuitable for heavy goods'
1.1	21.0	TL TG SP 'Public Path' (NOT over style)
0.3	21.3	SOTGs into woods descend to foot bridge then TL no SP
0.4	21.7	SOTG onto tarmac
0.4	22.1	GW TL at T junction onto road. No SP . After 100m TR SP 'P' & 'School'
0.1	22.2	SO into Guiting Power Village Hall for Rest Halt

	22.2	TL from Rest Halt & after 70m GW TL on road to Hawling' (Long route will go SO here). After 1.1Km SO at JN no SP
3.9	26.1	GW TL at T SP 'Andoversford, Stow'
1.2	27.3	TR at X SP 'Brockhampton, Winchcombe'
1.3	28.6	GW SO over road SP 'Brockhampton, Sevenhampton'
0.7	29.3	GW TR onto road SP 'Brockhampton, Sevenhampton' (Long route rejoins from L here)
0.6	29.9	TL onto track at X SP 'Public Path' descend on track SOTGs
2.6	32.5	GW TR onto road SP 'Brockhampton, Charlton Abbots, Sevenhampton' descend & after 300m FL at JN , climb

0.8	33.3	TR onto road SP 'Whitehall'
1.9	35.2	SO SP 'Cleeve Hill Common'
1.7	36.9	SO TG onto Common SP 'Public Path'
0.1	37.0	TL TG (Behind Steel Posts) Bear R and follow wall & fence on L under pylons. This is not a Right of way and we have special permissive use for this event only.
1.2	38.2	SO TG on L and head for Aerials still following wall and fence
0.8	39.0	TL TG just before Aerials and descend on road
0.6	39.6	TR onto BW SP 'Butterfly Conservation Area' opposite track signed to Upper Hill Farm. Descend 70m and bear right. Follow Blue/White 'Shimano' tape markers
0.2	39.8	Bear L and descend, past "Horseriders & Cyclists" sign.
0.2	40.0	Bear R at intersection of paths.
0.3	40.3	SOTG , past wood on right
0.1	40.4	Bear L and descend gully for just 100m CARE.
0.1	40.5	TR at end of wire fence.
0.1	40.6	SOTG and follow track (trees on L).
0.2	40.8	SO at end of trees and climb
0.3	41.1	Thro' gate FL alongside trees on left.
0.2	41.3	FL past boulder in track and descend CARE
0.2	41.5	At bottom of descent take main centre track
0.1	41.6	Follow main track R , climb then L , past large boulders
0.1	41.7	Follow stone track, houses on L side
0.2	41.9	TR onto tarmac track & stay on it (woodland on L , cliffs on R)
1.1	43.0	SO onto stone track, at JN with gated road on L
0.4	43.4	Climb to R of House & stables
0.5	43.9	At Club House SO follow edge of common SP 'Public Path'
0.6	44.5	SOTG between bushes
0.4	44.9	TG then TL after 80m SOTG leave common & descend with CARE walkers and horses.
0.9	45.8	TL onto tarmac then immediately GW TR onto B4362 CARE
1.7	47.5	TL at Telephone Box and Post Box after 60m follow road R
0.7	48.2	GW SO at X SP 'Greet, Evesham'
0.9	49.1	TR into Winchcombe School and FINISH.

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