

Mendips Lakes and Lumps Ride - Terms and Conditions of Entry

Entrants acknowledge and accept that this is a non-competitive event and NOT a race, and they will participate accordingly at all times. They agree to avoid unreasonable behaviour at all times, and no rider will be permitted to participate without satisfactorily submitting a completed 'Rider Details' form prior to setting off.

The event takes place on open public roads and riders must obey all Highway Code Rules. Riders participate entirely at their own risk, they must rely on their own ability in dealing with all hazards, and they must ride in a manner which is safe to themselves and to others at all times. All riders who are under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult during the Ride.

Riders are requested to ride in single file where appropriate and no more than two abreast at any time. Riders are reminded to be aware of, and considerate towards, other cyclists and other traffic (including horses), and to please indicate their intention to stop or change direction at all times. Riders agree that they will NOT drop any litter while participating in the event and all used wrappers and packaging from food and gels etc will be disposed of responsibly after the event.

Participants are responsible for the roadworthiness of their own cycle and are strongly advised to check this in advance of the Ride. Please note that the use of triathlon handlebars or other bar extensions is **NOT** permitted for safety reasons.

In accordance with current British Cycling guidelines, as a BC-registered event it is **COMPULSORY** for all participants to wear a safety-approved cycling helmet (conforming to CE Standards EN1078). Please note that this is mandatory for **ALL** riders and any rider who fails to wear a suitable helmet will not be allowed to participate in the event. Cycling shoes, shorts and jerseys are also recommended.

All riders are recommended to carry two drinks bottles if possible, energy bar(s) or similar snack(s), a spare inner tube (or two), a working pump, a multi-tool or similar, and suitable clothing according to prevailing and/or anticipated weather conditions. Riders are also advised to carry some form of identification, as well as a debit or credit card (or other form of payment).

Riders will be set off in small groups (the size of which to be decided by the Organiser) at pre-determined intervals on a 'first come first served' basis. Rider numbers, issued at signing-on, must be clearly displayed on the front of the bike for identification, and only riders displaying a valid rider number will be entitled to use the Ride support services.

There will be no timing facilities provided (nor list of riders by finishing times or finishing order) and riders are not required to maintain a 'minimum average speed' during the Ride, although they must use all reasonable endeavours to complete the Ride before the advertised finish time.

In the event that a rider (or group of riders) decides to abandon the route for whatever reason before the finish he/she/they must inform the Organiser of their decision via the contact number provided.

Participants must not use mobile phones while riding and must stop safely at the side of the road if they need to make or receive a call. The use of earphones (eg iPods, MP3 players, etc) when riding is also discouraged on the grounds of safety.

It is each participant's responsibility to follow the correct course, and riders are advised to pay attention to and follow the route signage at all times. Direction arrows will bear the Ride logo, which should be normally legible at all times (ie. horizontal, reading from left to right). If the logo is not in this position then the sign may have been tampered with and riders are advised to continue according to the direction indicated with the logo in the correct position.

Participants acknowledge that marshals do not have the authority to stop motorists or to manage traffic in any way. They are there for the riders' safety and for the safety of other road users. It is the responsibility of each participant at all times to determine if a movement is safe during the Ride.

No participant (other than those on tandems) may take food or drink from anyone whilst on the move. If riders need food or drink, they must stop to receive it. And mobile support vehicles in the form of cars or motorbikes are strictly forbidden. Riders may, however, receive outside support from a stationary vehicle. Any such vehicle must not interfere with the progress of the riders.

The Ride will take place regardless of bad weather and will only be cancelled, re-routed or stopped for reasons of safety. Entry fees, however, are not refundable under any circumstances. And the Organisers reserve the right at all times to terminate an individual's ride on health and safety grounds or where an individual is found to be in breach of these terms and conditions.

The entry fee paid by riders is intended to cover the cost of putting the event on, and fundraising for charity is separate and entirely optional. Anyone wishing to fundraise will be actively encouraged to support the Ride's official Charity Partner if at all possible, although riders are also welcome to support other charities if they so wish.

Participants will receive event information by email and/or by text message and/or by phone. By agreeing to these terms and conditions participants give their consent to receive this information. And any photographs taken on the day of the ride may be used for promotional purposes and participants agree to any such photographs being used in this way.