

CHRISTMAS RIDE

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY 2012

Your ride number is:

Enclosed is a map of this year's course. There are a few changes from previous years and a lovely new track brings all riders home to the venue from a different direction, so it is now a circuitous route with no repeat or two-ways sections! The sometimes slippery section of tarmac road has been avoided this year.

Following problems with the Forestry Commission, the Symonds Yat loop has been deleted from the route and there is now only one course of about 18.5 km (11.5 miles). Those wanting to do a longer ride can do the route twice, but please start early so that our helpers don't have to hang about in the cold for too long.

The route will be marked by shavings.

*****IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL RIDERS: the track beside the river is a Sustrans cycle track and is also used by disabled people and young children so the Forestry Commission have asked that ALL RIDERS keep to the side of the track at all times. The track will be inspected by the Commission after the ride and if they feel we have not adhered to this request we will not be allowed to ride there again*****

The venue is on the forest off the A4136 near Staunton – map ref: 162/542125 and will be marked by EGB signs.

PLEASE NOTE: LARGE LORRIES WILL HAVE TO PARK IN THE LAY-BY ON THE MAIN ROAD ON THE MONMOUTH SIDE OF THE VENUE.

SMALL LORRIES will be able to park just off the road inside the barrier – please park considerately as other users of the forest may also be parking here.

TRAILERS need to drive in to the forest and park where directed, in single file alongside one of the forest tracks.

When you collect your number bib please check the notice board for any last minute route changes.

Should the ride follow a period of very wet weather, there will be a hard track alternative towards the end of the ride shown if the proposed route is very muddy. This route is shown on the map by a broken purple line. If this is to be used it will be posted on the notice board.

First horses can start at 9.30 am. Last horses must start by 11.30 am, but if you intend to ride the long route please start early, by 10.30 am.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served to all riders at the finish, and all horses get a lovely special Christmas rosette.

ENJOY YOUR RIDE!

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