

Do you enjoy riding in beautiful countryside?

Pleasure Rides

Organised by Offa's Dyke Group of Endurance GB

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Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy our rides. You don't need an Arab horse or complicated equipment. Just follow a well marked route across lovely countryside and complete within 8km per hour (5 mph) to get a rosette. This is just a good hacking speed achievable by any sort of horse. These rides don't have vet or farrier checks. Endurance is a friendly sport and we welcome non-members to all our rides.

Below are our group pleasure rides for 2010. Entry fees- £15 for non-members (£10 members). Entry forms must be sent to the ride secretary in advance. Entry forms and details of how to enter are on our website. Or send a SAE to Carolyn Edwards, Duart House, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos, GL3 2PF

Sunday 21 March – Govilon, near Abergavenny

16km & 25km routes (10 & 16 Miles). A lovely ride in the Welsh hills. Some steep climbs over the Blorenge with beautiful views. This won't be a fast ride, but some tracks are suitable for long canters.

Saturday 24th April - Forest of Dean Bluebell Ride - Coleford, Forest of Dean

26km (16 miles). Undulating forestry tracks, with some roadwork.

Sunday 4 July – Blaenavon- Whistle Inn, Waunafon, near Abergavenny

16km & 26km routes (10 & 16 Miles). Plenty of cantering over open hills with fantastic views. Incorporates part of the National Cycle Network. Pub open all day. Non riders can visit Big Pit National Coal Museum within walking distance of the venue.

Sunday 25 July – Black Mountains, near Abergavenny

18km & 25km routes (11 & 16 Miles). Route takes in a good mix of quiet country lanes, forest tracks and a spectacular open mountain with great views on a clear day. Good fittening ride with a steep climb near the start. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Abergavenny Riding for the Disabled Group.

Sunday 29 August – Under Hay Bluff (near Hay on Wye, Herefordshire)

16km & 26km routes (10 & 16 Miles). The ride will mainly be over open common land and through old forestry, the tracks hardly used so the going is generally good. Enjoy spectacular views (Ludlow and Malvern can be seen on a clear day) of both England and Wales. There will be some gates but we hope these will be stewarded for you. Some quiet road work. The venue has good access for all sizes of horse transportation and a separate entrance/exit for riders.

Sunday 26 September – Drybrook – Plump Hill, Forest of Dean

16km & 25km routes (10 & 16 Miles). Over undulating forestry tracks in the northern Forest of Dean. Includes a couple of steeper climbs and good views of the river Severn.

As well as these Group Pleasure Rides, we also run several National Rides with classes available for non members, from pleasure rides up to 40km (25mile) competitive classes. For more information all our rides and events, along with useful hints and tips on what to do at a ride, visit our website.

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