

## 2019 Brecon Beacons Devil - Sunday 18th August

### Pre-Event Information

Thank you for entering the Drover Cycles Brecon Beacons Devil Sportive. Please take a few minutes to read this briefing, which we have prepared to help ensure a safe, enjoyable day for all on Sunday. The event is non-competitive, it is NOT a race. It is run under standard highway conditions so all riders must abide by the rules of the road at all times.

#### Route

Please **use the gpx files supplied with this briefing** as these supersede any previously supplied routes. The gpx files can also be found at <http://www.drovercycles.co.uk/events/brecon-beacons-devil/>.

The route will be clearly marked with pink arrows on a black background (all routes). An example of the arrows we use will be at the registration point. Route splits will be clearly marked with signs before the split, at the split and confirmation of which route you are on after the split. Feed stations will be clearly signed and warning triangles will be in place to make you aware of any particular hazards

We recommend that you also carry the route with you either electronically or in paper map format. A4 paper maps showing an overview of the route will be available at registration.

A 1:50k scale OS route map will be on display at the start and at each of the feed stations.

#### Event HQ & Parking

The start/finish point for the sportive is:

**Drover Cycles**

**Forest Road**

**Hay on Wye**

**HR3 5EH**

Drover Cycles has a free car park with space for c.50 vehicles. Overflow parking is available on Forest Road or in the Oxford Road car park (2 mins from venue, see map) which costs £4.00 for the day. Please park sensibly and follow instructions from marshals.

There are toilets and changing facilities on site.



## Pre Ride

Please ensure that your bike is in good working order before embarking on the ride. Track pumps, lube and basic tools will also be available at Event HQ for any last-minute adjustments.

Please wear appropriate clothing for the time of year and the conditions on the day. Bear in mind that you might quickly get cold on the more exposed sections of the ride if the weather is inclement.

Wearing a cycle helmet is mandatory for all riders. Lights, particularly a rear red light, are strongly recommended.

Plentiful food and drink will be on offer at feed stations (see below) but it's essential that you carry enough fluid and fuel to keep you going between stops. We recommend carrying cash / card for emergencies.

## Registration

Once you have parked, please make your way to registration. **Please do not arrive before 7.00am as the registration desk will not be open.** On arrival you are welcome to tuck in to complimentary hot and cold drinks and breakfast goodies. Our café will also be open if you need a barista coffee or something more substantial to kick-start your day!

At registration you will be given a rider number. Please attach this to your bike so that it can be seen from directly in front of the bike. Reusable zip ties will be supplied – these have a mechanism allowing them to be easily released. We'd really appreciate it if you would return them at the end of the sportive so we can reuse them. It's a small effort to reduce the amount of plastic waste we produce!

Registration and departure times will be strictly adhered to and these are as follows:

- **LONG ROUTE - registration opens at 7.00am and you may depart from 7.30am - 8.00am.**
- **MEDIUM & SHORT ROUTES - registration opens at 7.30am and you may depart from 8.00am - 9.00am.**

## Feed Stations

	Distance from start point		
	SHORT	MEDIUM	LONG
<b>Llangynidr Village Hall</b> Cwmcraon Rd, Llangynidr, NP8 1LS	44km	44km	73km
<b>Llangadog Community Centre</b> A4069, Llangadog, SA19 9BR	N/A	N/A	136km
<b>Aberedw Village Hall</b> Aberedw, LD2 3UN	N/A	90km	190km

All feed stations will have a selection of sweet and savoury food and energy products. Track pumps, lube and basic tools will also be available at the feed stations.

Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options will be available but please let us know **in advance** if you have special dietary requirements so that we can make sure food is put aside for you.

## Medical Support/ Cover

Qualified first aiders will be available during the event to attend to any riders in need of first aid and to call for emergency medical support if required. If you are feeling unwell or injure yourself, or if you are concerned about another rider, please call 01497 822419. In the event of a medical emergency, call 999. If you decide not to finish the ride / not to return to HQ please call 01497 822419 or text 07501 495868 to let us know.

## Route signage

- The route is clearly signposted with pink arrows on a black background (all routes).
- Route splits will be clearly marked with signs before the split, at the split and confirmation of which route you are on after the split.
- Feed stations will be clearly signed and warning triangles will be in place to make you aware of any particular hazards
- If you have not seen a route arrow for more than 1km and / or if you pass an unsigned turning it is likely that you are off-course. Please stop, look at the map and/or phone for assistance before you go too far!
- Sadly vandalism does sometimes happen. We would appreciate your help in reporting locations where signs have been removed or tampered with. You will find a number on the back of each sign.

## Mechanical Support

It is important that you check your bike is in good working order before embarking on the ride and that you carry an adequate supply of spares / a repair kit. However, should you need assistance please call 01497 822419 or text 07501 495868 and we will get to you as soon as possible. We will have a broom wagon sweeping the course throughout the day.

## During the Ride

### Safety

- You are riding on open roads, be alert to the vehicles you share the road with and always follow the Highway Code.
- Please ride responsibly and don't take unnecessary risks – your actions could have serious consequences. Think about your position on the road, other road users and local residents.
- You are responsible for your own actions. Do not assume it is safe to cross a junction or continue when you see a marshal, always check it is safe to continue yourself.
- Always ride on the correct side of the road. Ride no more than two abreast and single out on narrow roads or any sections where visibility is limited. If you approach a horse and rider from behind, remember to SLOW down, shout out and give plenty of space when passing.
- Be prepared to encounter potential hazards on the route. In particular, we would draw your attention to:
  - Potholes and uneven / loose road surfaces including gravel and mud;
  - Cattle grids and livestock, especially on the Hay-Gospel Pass road and The Tumble;
  - Other road users, particularly at junctions and where the route joins or crosses more major roads;
  - Green Man Festival at Glanusk Estate may mean extra traffic / marshalls on B4558 after Crickhowell;
  - Roadworks. There are no road closures but some temporary traffic lights are in operation.

## Respect

Please respect the environment and ALL other road users. Do not litter – take your rubbish with you or discard it at feed stations. We all have a part to play; rider behaviour is crucial in protecting the future of cycling events on the public highway.

## Post Ride

We've got a post-ride line up which we hope will keep you motivated!

- Complimentary hot and cold food and drink;
- Professional massage from Marissa Bartle, who will be offering sports and soft tissue therapy post-event, either for general sore legs or any other niggles. Suggested donation £5.00.
- £10 voucher to spend at Drover Cycles.

## Competition

All Brecon Beacons Devil entrants will be entered into TWO prize draws!

1. Win a HALF PRICE stay in a Brecon Beacons Holiday Cottage.
2. Win a pair of Continental GP5000 tyres

Please ensure you collect all personal belongings from Event HQ before heading home.

Feedback questionnaires will be sent out after the event and we welcome all your feedback!



### Sponsors / Event Partners

Many thanks to the following brands for supporting the Drover Cycles Sportive Series this year.



We have a superb prize to give away from our friends at Continental! All Brecon Beacons Devil entrants will be entered into the draw to win a pair of Grand Prix 5000 tyres worth £120. Find out more about these award-winning, game-changing all-rounders by visiting [www.continental-tires.com](http://www.continental-tires.com)

## Contact details

Main point of contact: 01497 822419

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