

MARCH 29TH 2015

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BATTLE OF BRADFIED

Loxley Common
Jaw Bone
 Green Moor
 Midhopstones
 Broomhead Moor
Canyards Wood
 Edge Mount
 Gibraltar Rocks
Bradfield
 Dungworth

63km | 39 miles 1700m of ascent

A challenging road biking route principally in open countryside and on the high moorland to the north west of Sheffield - an estimated 70% of the riding is on beautiful super-smooth tarmac as laid for Stage 2 of the 2014 Tour de France. The nice smooth surface definitely makes the riding all the more enjoyable but don't be deceived by the relatively steady first third of the 63km route and make sure you save plenty of energy as it really starts to pack a punch after about 20km and the climbs come thick and fast after that. On the shorter 33km route the key climb is at Bradfield after 25km – again it's a case of saving yourself in the early stages!

Key Event Information

📍 Start Location

Lomas Hall, Church St, Stannington, Sheffield,
S6 6DB



🚗 Parking

There is **limited parking** on-site (follow event signs), when that's full parking is "DIY/on-street"

☰ Registration

Registration opens at **7:30am**

Start time between **8:00am – 9:30am**

****We strongly advise all riders of the long route to start before 9:00am to ensure they reach the cut off time at the feed-station****

Finish closes at **1:30pm**

Registration process

At **registration** you will have to **sign on**, where you will be **provided** with a **SPORTident Si Card** 'dibber' and a detailed **route map**.

The detailed **route map** will include positions of the **feed-station/control-point**, **public toilets** and **route split points**. This is your own personal guide to the route, the route will be clearly marked but if you are ever unsure of where you are please refer to your map. **Please keep your map with you** for the duration of the event.

SPORTident timing

SPORTident timing is **ultra reliable**, **weather proof** and provides you the rider with an **instant post event time**. Consisting of a **SPORTident Si card** or “dibber“ (a small plastic tag about 2” long with a timing chip in it) and a **control box**. The dibber records the time when you “dib” into **control box**.



At **registration** your **dibber** will be attached to your wrist.

There are **4 different places** you need to “dib”

- 1. START**
- 2. FEED-STATION**
- 3. FINISH**
- 4. DOWNLOAD BOX**

At the **start dib** into the **START BOX** to begin your ride. **DO NOT START WITHOUT DIBBING** otherwise your time will not be recorded!

At the feed-station there will be a **FEED-STATION BOX**. It is **COMPULSORY** to **STOP** and **dib** even if you don't want any sustenance.

At the **finish dib** in the **FINISH BOX** to stop the clock on your ride.

Finally return to **event HQ** and **return the dibber and download your ride in the DOWNLOAD BOX**. Instantly you will be printed a ride time for you route.

****The key things to remember is dibbing is compulsory NO EXCUSES****

Course Signage

The **B.O.B** route will be signed with distinctive **Blue arrows** on a **Yellow background** attached to **lampposts/signposts/telegraph poles**.



The route will be **well signed** however on long sections of unbroken road where the **route is obviously straight on** then it **won't be signed just keep going straight!** At difficult junctions where navigation isn't easy we will put out **confirmation arrows** after the junctions.

All route splits will be clearly marked with **distinctive split arrow signs** - these will be followed by **route confirmation signs** designating which route you are now following.

If at any point you are unsure as to your location or think you may have gone off route please **refer to the map** provided. **Do not** continue on hoping

to re-find the route. The Peak District is very easy to get lost in!

Care signs will be placed at the side of the road before **dangerous junction/descents** please adhere to them, they are there for your safety! Some of the descents are steep please take care and remember it is not a race! **Respect other road users**.

Beat the Bonk Feed-Station

Improved for 2015, our feed-stations will keep you topped up with a range of different brands of **sports nutrition products** supplied by Sheffield based independent online retailer **Beat the Bonk**. In addition there will also be **water, biscuits, bananas** and **fruit squash**. **These are not to be relied on** and riders are advised to carry what they require from the beginning.

Event Photos

Chris Meads is in charge of event photography. Photos will be uploaded & available to **purchase here** a few days after the event.

chrismeadsphotography.zenfolio.com

Event Certificates

Every B.O.B finisher will receive either a **Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate** (see timing award below).

Abandoning your event

If for any reason you are **unable to continue** but still able to ride **please return** to the **HQ** using your map as navigation.

All riders who decide to abandon **MUST return** to **HQ** to return your ‘dibber’ and inform us your abandonment. **We don't** want to be out **searching for anyone** after the **event has finished!**

At the finish

At the **finish** make sure you ‘dib’ in the **last checkpoint** to **stop the clock** on your ride. Then make your way back to registration to return and download your time from the ‘dibber’ and receive your finishing certificate.

Post ride refreshments

Hot drinks, cake and **savoury snacks** will be made available to all riders at the **finish**.

Timing Awards

B.O.B Long 63km / 39miles

Award	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men	Sub 3hrs 20	Sub 3hr 45	3hr 45+
Women	Sub 3hr 40	Sub 4hr 05	4hr 05+

B.O.B Short 33km / 20miles

Award	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men	Sub 1hr 20	Sub 1hr 45	1hr 45+
Women	Sub 1hr 30	Sub 2hr	2hr+

Cut off Time

Route	Feed station
	Edge Mount
Long	11:00am
Short	11:00am

All riders **must** reach the **11:00am cut off time** at the feed station.

If you **fail** to **reach** the **control/feed station** by the **cut off time** you will need to head directly back to HQ using the event map as supplied.

****Finish closes at 1:30pm prompt****

Essential Kit

No Helmet No Ride!

It's that simple any rider who doesn't have a cycling helmet at the start will **not** be **allowed** to **start**. **No excuses!** Only **ANSI** or **BSI** helmets – **not** climbing, caving or canoeing types



Mobile Phone, ID, Money..

All riders are **required** to carry a **form of ID** (in case of emergencies), **mobile phone**, **watch** and **emergency money**

Bike

Ensure your bike is **roadworthy** and in **good working order** approximately 1-2 weeks before the event in order to give yourself plenty of time to bed in new brake blocks, chains and cassettes, seat, new tyres etc. This way potential problems arise in advance of the event rather than on the day.



Essential spare kit

There is a broom wagon however all riders must be **self sufficient** so bring all the tools, pumps and tubes you would on a normal ride.

- ✓ **Road Pump** (able to inflate to at least 85 psi)
- ✓ **2 inner tubes** (minimum)
- ✓ **Multi Tool** (incl. chain tool)
- ✓ **Power Link**
- ✓ **2 Tyre Levers** (they like to break when you most need them!)
- ✓ **CO2 Canister** (to re-inflate tyres back to over 100psi).



Essential clothes kit

Clothing Kit - keep your eye on the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Unless we are in the middle of a heat wave these are two extra things we definitely think you should carry:

- ✓ **Arm-warmers**
- ✓ **Packable Water Proof**



Broomwagon

There will be an emergency support vehicle, this is there to **help** anyone with any **major mechanicals**.

You are meant to be **self sufficient** so please ensure you have the tools and spares to cope with punctures and minor mechanicals, etc.

If you do however have any major problems please **contact HQ** (see emergency numbers on reverse of map) and we will arrange the **broomwagon** to come to your aid although be warned it may take some time.

****Show some camaraderie and help out fellow riders in need!****

Litter

Any riders found **littering** will be **excluded**. Litter bags are provided at all feed-stations so there is **no excuse!!** Keep litter/wrappers/cartons etc in your pockets until you reach a feed-station.

It is not a race!

Sportives are non-competitive event so please **show respect to all riders and all other road users**. The roads are open and whilst riding on the smaller lanes or where **traffic** is **busy** please ride in **single file**. Please also be particularly careful of **horses & riders** and warn them of your approach and then pass quietly and carefully.

Toilets

Please use the marked **public toilets** on the map and **refrain** from **urinating in public!**

Route Conditions

All Dark & White Cycling sportives are predominately held on **small country lanes** which are in places a little **broken** and **rough**. Look out for strips of **gravel** down the middle and at edges of chipped and sprayed roads. Watch out for **mud** on the road if the local farmers have been in and out the fields. We will do our best to put **“Care” signs** up if there any dangerous

sections but **please** just **take care** on descents and don't be surprised to come across a road filled with **tractors, cows, sheep, horses or walkers!**

Local bike shops

For any last minute bike issues/requirements here is a list of bike shops in the area

Tony Butterworth Cycles Sheffield 0114 234 3218
Langsett Cycles Sheffield 0114 234 8191
La Bicicleta Sheffield 0114 266 2323

Hospitals

Hopefully no one will need one of these but here are local A&E's

Northern General Hospital, Herries Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S5 7AU. **0114 243 4343**

Emergency numbers

These will be **provided** on the **back** of the **Route Map** handed out at registration.

Rules and Regulation

Please make sure you read all the event here: [rules & regulations](#)



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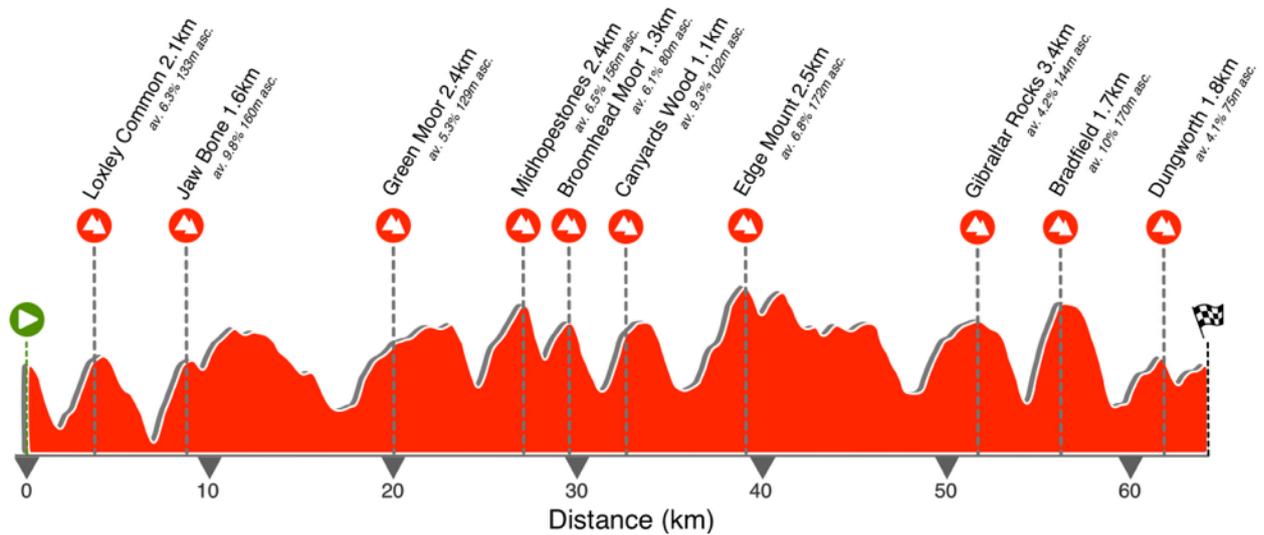
This is a **British Cycling registered** and **supported event** - for more details on becoming a British Cycling member with all the associated benefits [Click here for more information](#)



The Climbs of the Battle of Bradfield

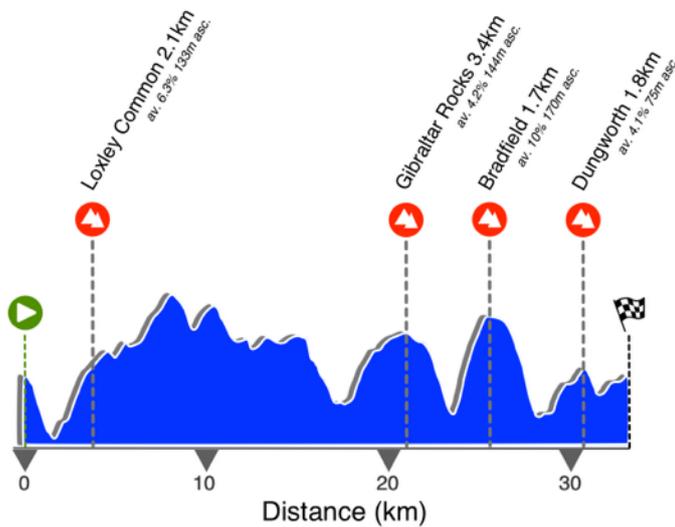
Long route includes 10 climbs

B.O.B Long



Short route includes 4 climbs

B.O.B Short



En route you will find signs at the bottom of each climb informing you of the average gradient, metres of ascent & length of climb. See the following pages for detailed climb information & course planners comments.

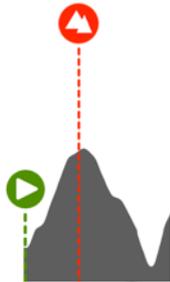
Loxley Common

2.1km | 1.3miles

Ascent 133m

Av. Gradient 6.3%

Max 10%



Long & Short

A steady, straight 2.1km climb up out of Loxley on beautifully smooth tarmac. Ideal to get you warmed up.

Jaw Bone (Cote d'Oughtibridge)

1.6km | 1 mile

Ascent 160m

Av. Gradient 10%

Max >15%



Long

After a steep drop through the houses from Worrall into Oughtibridge this classic climb (again on wonderful tarmac) takes you straight up the east side of the River Don valley. Steep to start with it as it leaves the main road through Oughtibridge, it eases off somewhat halfway up before kicking up again steeply near the top. Look out for great views on your right hand side as you crest the summit at the sharp left hand bend.

Green Moor

2.4km | 1.5miles

Ascent 129m

Av. Gradient 5.3%

Max 15%



Long

One of the easiest climbs on the whole route – a steady average 5% climb up to the village of Green Moor. Don't start to think that the route is all this easy though and make the most of the next few kms and save yourself for what is to come (NB take great care on the descent down to the main road at Midhope).

Midhopestones

2.4km | 1.5miles

Ascent 156m

Av. Gradient 6.5%

Max >15%



Long

Once you've crossed the busy A616 at Midhopestones the real climbing starts. Midhopestones is a climb of roughly two halves with a brief respite in the middle – it basically takes you nearly 3km from the valley onto the high moorland – it's pretty unrelenting but the views start to open out as you get higher. It's open and exposed higher up so could be prone to wind and weather.

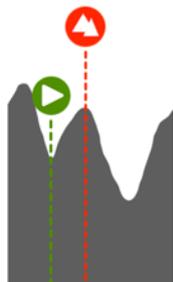
Broomhead Moor

1.3km | 0.8miles

Ascent 80m

Av. Gradient 6.1%

Max >15%



Long

Straight after Midhopestones there's a wonderful 25% swooping descent (care on the sharp bends!) – unfortunately what goes down has to go back up and as you take the sharp bend over the river the road ramps up steeply onto Broomhead Moor. This is a short sharp ascent but after the last long climb the "cumulative" effect of the route will be starting to kick in.

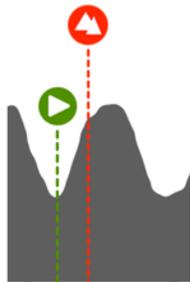
Canyards Wood

1.1km | 0.7miles

Ascent 102m

Av. Gradient 9.3%

Max >25%



Long

We told you to save yourself! Canyards is a super-steep woodland climb on a very narrow road, the tarmac however is beautiful not that that will be much of a consolation. The steepest section are the hairpins at the top. A real thigh burner.

Edge Mount

2.5km | 1.6miles

Ascent 172m

Av. Gradient 6.8%

Max 15%



Long

After Canyards you lose a fair bit of height but on the plus side it gives your legs a bit of time to recover before the 7th climb on the route. Look out for the sharp right turn by some houses and the road then ascends at quite a rapid rate (average 7%) – similar in some ways to Midehopestones there is some respite halfway up the climb but be aware that if it's a S or SW wind then you'll be climbing straight into it.

Gibraltar Rocks

3.4km | 2.1miles

Ascent 144m

Av. Gradient 4.2%

Max 15%



Long & Short

Don't miss the sharp hairpin turn at the start of this climb! If you end up in Bradfield village you've gone too far. This is a nice gentle 4.2% climb on a narrow lane on a lovely surface – probably just the respite you need at this point on the route. Enjoy!

Bradfield

1.7km | 1.1miles

Ascent 170m

Av. Gradient 10%

Max >20%



Long & Short

After passing through the picturesque village of Low Bradfield with its village green, shops and cottages the "piece de resistance" of this route announces itself. Straight out of the village the first half of the climb starts and the road climbs and winds steeply towards High Bradfield – 0.7km section at an average gradient of 11.5%. You arrive in High Bradfield (again a beautiful little village) and expect some sort of rest but this only lasts for about 50m when the climb suddenly kicks up again for the second half and it's almost another 1km at 10%. The Tour riders only tackled the second half of this climb so you have a bonus. And don't expect 1000's of spectators to line the route to cheer you on (as there were at the Tour) – you may see one man and his dog (if you're lucky).

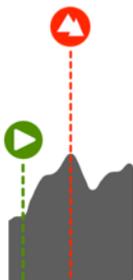
Dungworth

1.8km | 1.11miles

Ascent 75m

Av. Gradient 4.1%

Max 13%



Long & Short

A bit of a sting in the tail is the start of this one. After your steady descent from Bradfield and a flat section on the banks of Damflask Reservoir the road turns hairpin left and then climbs very steeply for 0.5km or so tackling a right hairpin and then a left hairpin both of which your legs will probably seriously complain about. Thankfully once you top out after the second hairpin the going gets gentler and you then pass easily through Dungworth village itself before a bit more steady climbing. After that it's a big drop before the final gradual climb back to the finish at Stanington.