

LOXLEY COMMON

JAW BONE

GREEN MOOR

MIDHOPESTONES

BROOMHEAD MOOR

CANYARDS WOOD

EDGE MOUNT

GIBBALTAR ROCKS

BRADFIELD

DUNGWORTH



BATTLE OF **BRADFIELD** ROAD **BOOK** 2022

Welcome to the road book for the 2022 Battle of Bradfield sportive (BOB). The event takes place on Sunday 4th September 2022 from Stannington, Sheffield.

The BOB is not one for the faint hearted or for those that like flat roads, we promise back to back tough 20% gradient climbs throughout the 63.5 km / 39.5 mile route which has a total of 1833 m / 6014 ft of ascent including the classic climbs of Oughtibridge, Midhopestones and Bradfield.

This guide will tell you all you need to know about the event including event timings, awards, signage, location, routes, profiles and technical climb information.

This event is a British Cycling registered sportive.

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ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Heading due north, the ride begins with a quick descent to the foot of the first of the Battle of Bradfield's 10 en-route climbs. The first of which heads up to Loxley Common – a nice warm-up with a steady gradient that never gets too steep. From here, the route picks up the 2014 Tour de France stage two (won by that year's overall winner Vincenzo Nibali) and heads to Oughtibridge for the ascent of Jaw Bone (Cote d'Oughtibridge) – a proper test as you climb up to Grenoside. The route then continues to climb but it's all very manageable as you pass through the woods of Warncliffe and Greno. Now it is on to the easiest section of the route, with a long gentle downhill with fantastic views to your right across South Yorkshire.

Passing over the River Don for the second time, you start the climb of Green Moor – a relatively easy affair at which point you maybe wondering why the BOB has such a reputation... but fear not, things are about to get significantly harder!

A steep, quick descent brings you down to Midhopestones where you pick up the 2014 Tour de France Stage once again, this time for the ascent of the Cote d'Midhopestones. You are now into the beautiful wild moors of the North Eastern Peak District. The route rollercoasters its way over the rugged terrain with each climb followed immediately by a steep descent to the bottom of the next climb. The Broomhead Moor ascent quickly follows, then you dive down to Broomhead Reservoir where the feed station is situated. An idyllic spot, but one you won't want to hang around too long, as it is situated at the foot of possibly the hardest climb of the route, Canyards Woods, which is a beautiful climb through the trees up onto the hillside. The reward is the fantastic views North as you contour along Walker Edge. After which you plummet back down to the bottom of the seventh test, the long climb up to the highest point on the route – Edge Mount 375 m / 1230 ft. At the summit there is the option to bail out and follow a signed cut off if you are finding the terrain a little too challenging. Please note that taking the cut off will become compulsory from 11:30 onwards.

From the top, the route rolls its way eastwards and the back to back climbing eases (for now). What follows is a lovely descent past Agden reservoir before beginning the longest climb of Gibraltar Rocks – a lovely climb which never gets too steep but will still challenge tired legs. The summit has magnificent views back over the hills that you have already conquered. Now it is down to Bradfield for the big one, the full on ascent of Bradfield. The Tour de France only took in the upper half of the climb – the full climb as used here is almost twice as long and includes steeper pitches over 20%. Definitely try and save something for this climb as it comes so late on in the ride that if you hit it completely out of puff it will force you to walk! The stone cross marks the top and now all that stands between you and the well-earned tea and cake at the finish is one last quick descent down to Damflask Reservoir and up the final ascent to Dungworth. Not the hardest climb but the hairpins at the bottom include some of the steepest gradients of the whole route – luckily they only last a few hundred metres. And that is the BOB route – a challenging yet fantastic ride in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside!

EVENT LOCATION

Lomas Hall, Church St, Stannington, Sheffield
S6 6DB [view on google maps](#) // [what 3 words](#) /// [tags.take.truly](#)

FACILITIES

Covered HQ
Toilets
Post event hot drinks & snacks

PARKING

All parking is on the streets around Stannington. There is a small [car park here](#). Please park sensibly i.e. don't block any driveways.

PLEASE CAR SHARE OR RIDE TO THE EVENT.



REGISTRATION

OPENS AT 7:30 AM CLOSSES AT 9:00 AM

Please **do not** try and **register** more than **1 hour** before your **allocated start window** – this will **help** **congestion** and **reduce** **queuing** time.

At registration sign on then event staff will provide you with the following in a sealed plastic bag:

EVENT ROUTE MAP – with emergency numbers on the back.

NUMBER BOARD AND ZIP TIES – which you must be attached to your bike.

SPORTident TIMING CHIP – you will be required to self-strap your Si Timing Cards (dibber) to your wrist and wear it for the duration of the event. If you need assistance please just ask someone at registration.

You are **required** to use your **SPORTident timing chip**, at the **start** and **finish**. Failure to 'dib' will mean you will **not** be **classed** as a **finisher** on the event.

The SPORTident Chip is being loaned to you for the day, take care of it, if you lose it you will be charged **£30** for a replacement.

IMPORTANT!!

ALL TIMING CHIPS/DIBBERS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE REGISTRATION DESK AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE FINISH, IF YOU DON'T

A) YOU WILL NOT BE CLASSED AS A FINISHER AND

B) YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE COST OF THE DIBBER (APPROX £30). B) YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE COST OF THE DIBBER (APPROX £30).

START TIMES

There will be rolling start windows of a maximum of 40 riders every 10 minutes – choose your allocated start window when entering. First start is 7:50 am last start 9:10 am

Choose your start window wisely – choose an earlier start window if you are concerned about the cut off time!!

You will be able to start anytime you wish within your designated 10 minutes start window.

VIDEO BRIEFING

Rather than having a start line briefing we will record a video briefing that will be available to watch online before the event. A transcript of the briefing will be available to read and details will be emailed to all entrants in the week beforehand.

Last minute updates if required will be provided to the participants at the start line.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO START WITHOUT HAVING WATCHED/READ THE BRIEFING!

CUT OFF / FINISH TIME

STRICTLY ENFORCED

You **must** have **gone through** the **cut off point** by the **designated time**. If you **fail** to **reach** the **cut off point** **before** the **prescribed time** you **must** to **follow** the **signed cut off**, **signs will be removed from the full course from 11:30 onwards**.

CUT OFF POINT – SUMMIT OF EDGE MOUNT
38.7 KM / 24 MILES – 11:30

The signed cut off removes two tough climbs and 15 .3km / 9.5 miles. Any rider can choose to take the signed cut off but it will be compulsory from 11:30 onwards. If you take the cut off please inform a member of the event staff at download.

IT WILL BE COMPULSORY FOR ALL RIDERS TO FOLLOW THE SIGNED CUT OFF FROM 11:30 ONWARDS, THIS IS TO ENSURE ALL RIDERS REACH THE FINISH ON TIME.

FINISH CLOSES AT 13:30 PROMPT!!

COURSE SIGNAGE

The 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**.

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!

PLEASE RESPECT ALL OTHER ROAD USERS AT ALL TIMES!



CAUTION NEEDED

The BOB is held principally on **narrow, steep, country lanes** – whilst relatively traffic free, they are **extremely narrow** and in places can be **covered** in a small layer of **mud** and/or **gravel**, which will **require caution** from all **riders** to **descend safely** and **courteously**. All **riders** must be **ready** and **able to stop** at **any point** as there may be livestock, walkers, horse riders, tractors, cyclists or cars on the roads. We will ensure that **adequate caution/care signs** are placed to warn you but **riders must take care** when **descending** at all times.

CARE SIGNS ARE THERE FOR A REASON – PLEASE ADHERE TO THEM

Please show **respect** to all **riders** and all other **road users** – the event roads are **open to all traffic**. 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**.

PLEASE RIDE IN SINGLE FILE ON NARROW COUNTRY LANES

REMEMBER IT IS NOT A RACE AND YOU MUST ABIDE BY THE HIGHWAY CODE

CODE OF CONDUCT

By entering this event you are agree to the following code of conduct – anyone seen to be breaking any of these will be **EXCLUDED** from the event plus all future events, and in serious cases a full report will be sent to British Cycling.

OBSERVE THE HIGHWAY CODE AT ALL TIMES

This event is held on open roads and you must obey the highway code at all times – ZERO EXCUSES!

NON COMPETITIVE EVENT – NO RACING

This is a non competitive event and you are forbidden from racing. If you want to race, this event is not for you – please enter a road race or a time trial. We take this extremely seriously!

NO URINATING IN PUBLIC

Do not use the side of the road as a toilet – please use the marked public toilets on the map

NO RUDE OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR

You must be polite and respectful to all road users (cars, horses, bikes, pedestrians etc.), event staff and marshals and any other members of the general public. This includes riding in a controlled manner and being able to slow down if confronted with ramblers, horses, farmers etc. in the road. You have no more right than they do to be on the road so please be respectful. This also includes being loud or swearing as you pass through villages – something that is regularly complained about by locals regarding cycle events.

NO LITTERING

Litter bags will be provided at the feed-station so there is no excuse!! Keep litter/wrappers/cartons etc in your pockets until you reach the feed station / finish.

NO SHORT CUTS

If you aren't interested in sticking to the route and completing the challenge please do not enter. If you are seen to be taking a short cut you will not be classified as a finisher.

Please help us clamp down on anyone breaking the code of conduct by reporting any incidents of poor behaviour to any of the event marshals or officials.

WE ORGANISE OUR EVENTS BECAUSE WE WANT TO SHOWCASE THE FANTASTIC YET CHALLENGING RIDING THE PEAK DISTRICT HAS TO OFFER AND WE WANT THEM TO BE FRIENDLY, ENJOYABLE RIDES FOR EVERYBODY INVOLVED.

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT

NO HELMET NO RIDE!

- **ROAD BIKE** – must be roadworthy and in good working order*
- **HELMET** – hard shell helmets conforming to CE standard EN1078 (not caving, climbing or canoeing types)
- **FRONT & REAR LIGHTS** – only compulsory in bad weather / poor visibility (strongly recommend at all times)
- **WATERPROOF JACKET****
- **FULLY CHARGED MOBILE PHONE**
- **MONEY** – in case you get stranded somewhere!
- **FORM OF ID**
- **SPARE INNER TUBES** – minimum of 2
- **ROAD PUMP** – capable of inflating to at least 100 psi (CO2 canisters do not count)
- **MULTITOOL** – including a chain tool
- **WATER BOTTLES** – 2 x 500 ml (or larger) full water bottles
- **SUFFICIENT FOOD** – carry sufficient supplies to last 2/3 hours worth of riding
- **EVENT MAP** – emergency contact numbers will be printed on the back of the map

Event officials will disqualify anyone who in their opinion does not meet the above compulsory equipment criteria

**We highly recommend that you have your bike checked over by a professional mechanic before the event to ensure it is in good working order.*

***The requirement to carry a waterproof jacket may be relaxed in the event of warm weather but at all other times it is required.*

SELF SUFFICIENCY

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT AND ABLE TO COPE WITH PUNCTURES AND MINOR MECHANICALS, ETC.

This event is a **challenge ride**, not a race. It is you against the relentless terrain of the Peak District and you are **required** to **carry adequate food** and **drink**, along with **tools required** to fix **normal everyday mechanicals** such as broken chains, slipping gears and punctures.

In the event of a **major mechanical** there is an **emergency support vehicle** available. If you do have any **major problems** please contact HQ (emergency numbers are on the reverse of the map handed out at registration).

Please be **warned** that **any medical emergencies** will **always take priority** and it **therefore** may take some time for the **emergency support** vehicle to **reach you**. You **may wish to arrange** your **own lift back** to event HQ either by friends / family or a taxi – that is fine but **please check in** at the **event HQ** once you **return** as **you must let us know** you are **safe** and **hand in your timing chip**.

****SHOW SOME CAMARADERIE AND HELP OUT FELLOW RIDERS IN NEED!****

FEED STATION



REMOTE FEED STATION – BROOMHEAD RESERVOIR

31 KM / 19.3 MILES – CLOSSES AT 11:00

The feed station will keep you topped up with a range **OTE** sport nutrition products along with water and fruit squash.

Please note that feed station supplies are not suitable for allergen sufferers.

This feed station is remote and there are no toilets – the closest public toilet is a short 10 min ride away in **Bolsterstone** – [click to see on map](#).

FEED STATION SUPPLIES ARE NOT UNLIMITED I.E. THEY ARE NOT ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFETS! ALL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE ALL RIDERS WITH SUFFICIENT SUSTENANCE, HOWEVER, STOCK CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBLY AND CONSIDER YOUR FELLOW RIDERS WHO HAVE YET TO VISIT THE FEED STATION.

EVENT PHOTOS

Coline from **Respice Photography** is in charge of event photography. Photos will be uploaded & available to **purchase here** usually within 48 hours of the event finishing.

<https://respicephoto.smugmug.com/Pages/Dark-White-Events>

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ABANDONING

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** of your **abandonment**. We don't want to be out searching for anyone after the event has finished!

GOLDEN RULE: ALL RIDERS MUST REPORT TO HQ/REGISTRATION TO RETURN YOUR SI DIBBER AND LET US KNOW YOU ARE SAFE. NO EXCUSES!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

We hope you don't need these but they can be found on the back of your route map handed out at registration. There will be a **Rapid Response Vehicle** to cover any **accidents** and **emergencies** out on **course**. In the case of a **life threatening emergency** please **do not hesitate** to **phone** the **emergency services directly** on **999** or **112**. (NB - please can you let someone know at Event HQ if you have done this)

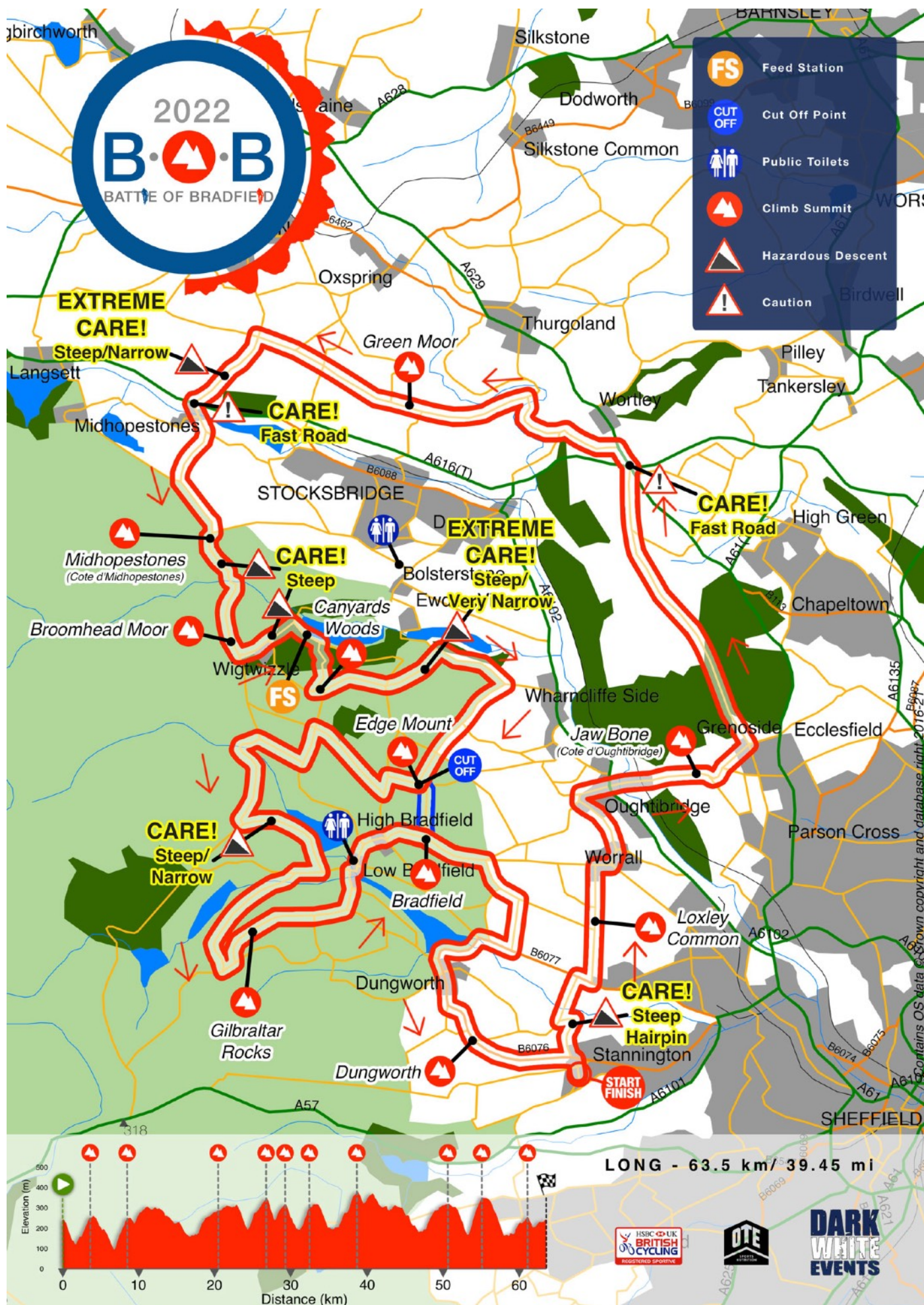
LOCAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Hopefully no one will need it but the local A&E is at:

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

WHAT 3 WORDS

Please **download** the free app **WHAT 3 WORDS** it is an **easy** way for you to **provide** us and the emergency services with an **accurate position** of your **location**.



ROUTE STATS

DISTANCE - 63.5 km / 39.5 miles

CLIMBS - 10

ASCENT - 1833 m / 6014 ft



TIMING AWARDS

MEN

GOLD - Sub 3 hr 05

SILVER - Sub 3 hr 30

BRONZE - 3 hr 30+

WOMEN

GOLD - Sub 3 hr 40

SILVER - Sub 4 hr 05

BRONZE - 4 hr 05+

EVENT CERTIFICATE

Every BOB finisher will receive a **Gold**, **Silver** or **Bronze** certificate

AT THE FINISH

You must **stop** at the **finish line** and **self dib** into SPORTident **finish box** which will be fixed to a table/stake. **Failure to stop and dib will result in a non-finish.**

FINISH CLOSES AT 13:30 PROMPT

DOWNLOAD

All participants must **return** to the **event registration** building to **download** their **time**, hand back their **SPORTident timing chip** and **collect** their **certificate**.

DOWNLOAD PROCEDURE

SELF DIB – Self dib into the download SPORTident box.

REMOVE DIBBER – Remove the dibber using the provided scissors and place the dibber into the ‘dibber return’ plastic box and the used strap into the bin.

COLLECT CERTIFICATE AND RESULT PRINT OUT – You will be provided with your timing award certificate and result print out.

FREE TAKE AWAY POST EVENT REFRESHMENTS

At **download** we will **provide take away refreshments** which will include **Tea, Coffee, Juice, Cake** and **Biscuits**. These will be **take away only** and we **request** that **you** do **all eating** and **drinking outside** the **registration building**. This will **minimise** the **amount** of **indoor congregating**.

PLEASE HELP US REDUCE PLASTIC AND POLYSTYRENE USE BY BRINGING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CUP!



This is a British Cycling registered and supported event. For details on becoming a British Cycling member and all the associated benefits [click here](#).

Loxley Common

2.1 km | 1.3 miles

Ascent 133 m

Av. Gradient 6.3%

Max 10%



Jaw Bone (Coté d'Oughtibridge)

1.6 km | 1 miles

Ascent 160 m

Av. Gradient 10%

Max >15%



Green Moor

2.4 km | 1.5 miles

Ascent 129 m

Av. Gradient 5.3%

Max 15%



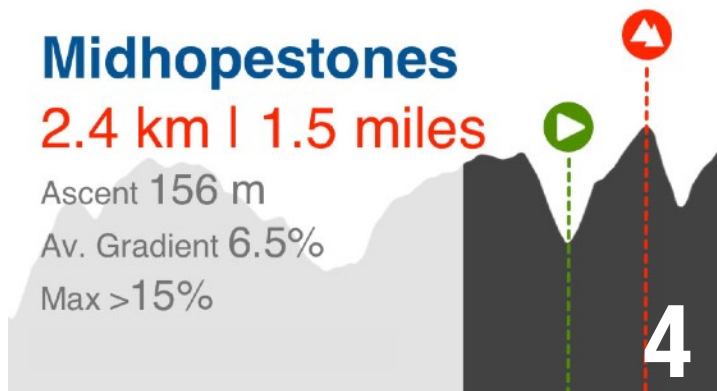
Midhopestones

2.4 km | 1.5 miles

Ascent 156 m

Av. Gradient 6.5%

Max >15%



Broomhead Moor

1.3 km | 0.8 miles

Ascent 80 m

Av. Gradient 6.1%

Max >15%



Canyards Wood

1.1 km | 0.7 miles

Ascent 102 m

Av. Gradient 9.3%

Max >25%



Edge Mount

2.5 km | 1.6 miles

Ascent 172 m

Av. Gradient 6.8%

Max 15%



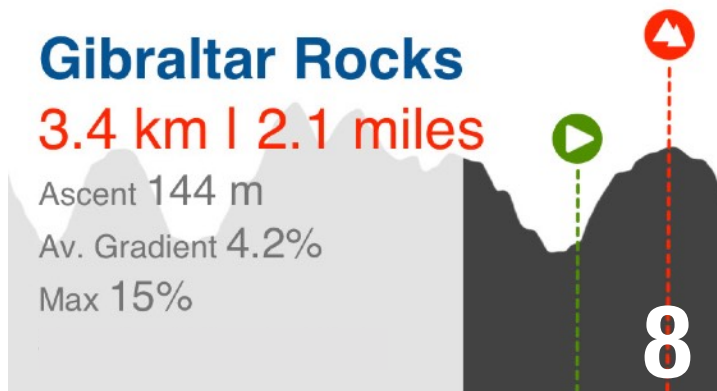
Gibraltar Rocks

3.4 km | 2.1 miles

Ascent 144 m

Av. Gradient 4.2%

Max 15%



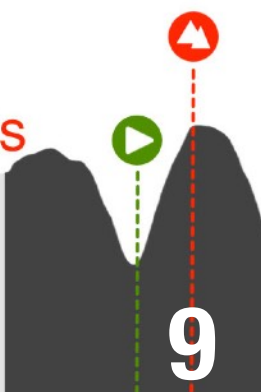
Bradfield

1.7 km | 1.1 miles

Ascent 170 m

Av. Gradient 10%

Max >20%



Dungworth

1.8 km | 1.11 miles

Ascent 75 m

Av. Gradient 4.1%

Max >20%

