



DEVON DIRT 2018

INFORMATION SHEET: 8th April 2016. 9:30

START/HQ: The start is at BigPeaks adventure store on the Linhay Business Park, just off the A38 near Ashburton. See map below.

PARKING: There is parking in the BigPeaks car park, overflowing into adjacent car park, including the Car Park and Lorry Park at Glendinnings. Signs and a marshal will guide you to the parking. If we run out of there are some spaces in Balland Lane. The access roads to the town centre is closed to traffic, If you need to use town centre car park this has to be accessed from A38 Pear Tree junction. You can cycle/walk back up through the town.

SIGNING ON: The signing on will be outside the store, please visit the notice board which will tell you your number, then collect your start pack (number/cable ties/route sheet/route check card/ stickers) from the registration desk. There are a few (35) entries available on the line at £25 CASH ONLY to be paid to the CUK helpers at the desks. Do not try to pay in the shop.

WHAT YOU NEED TO TAKE: For most of this ride you will need to be self-supporting. You must ensure you take basic tools, inc. tyre-levers and spare tubes. Waterproofs are essential, and recommend that you take a map to use in conjunction with the route sheet.

Also ensure you have some fluids on board and some high-energy snacks.

SETTING OFF: Start will be at 9.30 or very shortly afterwards. We will phase the start with 5-10 minutes between groups of 80 riders. BUZZ / FULL /LITE. Note that the event is not timed so your leaving time is not recorded. The Devon Dirt is emphatically not a race, please be considerate to all other users e.g. horse riders and walkers and other cyclists and obey all highway markings and signals.

ROUTE/CONTROLS: The distance is about 60Km, with some bog climbs. We have the main refreshment control set up at Bigpeaks after the first 17 mile loop.

There we will have cakes and cold drinks provided FREE, and Lemon Jelli will have their Creperie/Coffee wagon on hand and toilets are available.

Mechanics will be available here with spares and a repair service FREE.

Make sure you stop at the controls to get your route-card stamped.

The second control will be near Manaton on the second loop. Water and some more cakes FREE!

(If you want to make a small donation we give this the Rowcroft Hospice and Devon Air Ambulance)

ROUTE DETAIL:

LOOP 1. about 16 miles.

Then first loop is very rideable , lanes and byways, a few stiff gradients, but overall a fairly easy pedal. The ground is quite firm on the tracks, with a few deep puddled sections – nothing more than 6 to9 inches deep. There are a couple of section a bit sticky with mud but this is the Devon Dirt.

LOOP 2. about 21 miles.

This is a more challenging route, some longish drags through lanes to get to the rough stuff. The tracks are quite firm but there are two very steep and slippery downhill sections. One at SIMMS HILL after Sigford– extremely steep and rutted, there is an “easier” option to walk/scoot/slither down the left hand edge.

The other after BRIMLEY is smooth rocky surfaces which are very slippery. You are encouraged to walk if you are not confident riding.

There are also some quite long climbs on tracks with challenging gradients, but also so nice reasonably easy and dry tracks.

ARROWS: The whole route has been waymarked with small yellow and black arrows, however one has already vanished (near Bumpston – imm. L.Turn) so be aware, they are not guaranteed. Also it's often not physically possible to mount them in the ideal position on the junction so you may have to look out for them. Note: There is also a distance error on the paper route sheet. After Bullen Farm on Loop 1, the distances shown will be about 0.6Km short.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

We will be taking photos all around the course, plus there will be video, some bikes will have GoPros and Action cameras running, and there is likely to be a drone up in some areas.

We will have some signs up at the start explaining that by entering the ride you consent to having your photos being used for CUK or other cycling publicity.

If this is something you do not wish to consent to please let us know at the start or controls, along with your number so we know.

Many photos and some video will be available on the website after the event at www.devondirt.co.uk

FINISHING: At the finish please sign back in and collect your souvenir T-shirt and certificate. You keep your route card and number board.

We hope you enjoyed the 2018 Devon Dirt

HELP: Emergency contact number for the event is 07889-964101 **YOU MUST** contact us in the case of serious incident, breakdown or illness or if you pack. Your number board has the event contact so people can contact us and you can be identified! We have people travelling around the route who can help. Bear in mind that your phone signal may not work in some areas.

We strongly recommend that you do the ride with a small group or a friend.

