



The Dartmoor Devil 2014



Join us on Dartmoor to close out your summer cycling season with a ride to remember! The route takes in scenery to savour, with grazing ponies; craggy tors; charming villages; wooded valleys; bubbling rivers; the open expanse of the high moor, however it is for the hills that the Dartmoor Devil has earned its fearsome reputation. You will find great camaraderie, hospitality and plentiful food to help you conquer some of Dartmoor's most ferocious climbs.

This is a ride to challenge and to delight, but because of the distance and terrain it is necessary for entrants to attain a suitable level of fitness. Whilst the great scenery, hard climbs and technical descents are a certainty, the weather cannot be known, and has previously shown that it can range from pleasant and warm, to cold and stormy. You must therefore satisfy yourself that you are able to cope with the terrain and the range of potential moorland conditions.

For Dartmoor Devil connoisseurs, this is the 22nd Dartmoor Devil, and is a repeat of the 2011 route. Devilish attire and references will be welcomed.

Starting from **Bovey Tracey**, The Gateway to Dartmoor, the route takes an easy rolling road to the first substantial climb, Old Town Hill up in to the village of Ilstington, dipping and diving lanes are then followed beneath Halshanger Down to the stannary town of Ashburton, from where the valley floor is followed to Buckfast, the home of the newest Abbey in the country. It is then climbing all the way to the first control, **Cross Furzes**, the most westerly point of this and any other Dartmoor Devil routes.

Further foothills follow along the edge of Dean Moor through Coombe, Scorrilton and Holne to New Bridge. It is from here that we return to the monster climb to Poundsgate that was last used in 2003. A couple of short sharp snaps are faced on the way to Grimspound and thereafter up and over the highest through road on Dartmoor. A fairly easy route then follows to **Chagford** for the soup control, complimentary of course.

On leaving this second Stannary Town the road climbs in stages to the open high moorland B-road, once an ancient trading route between Stannary towns. Along the way you will pass the high altitude Warren Inn, it will always have a fire burning in one of its grates, then Postbridge, where the ancient clapper bridge can be seen on the left, then on the climb to **Princetown** the old Devonport Leat, masterminded by Sir Francis Drake to provide water to the city.

The return section includes Dartmeet and its hill where the coffin stone provided a place for carriers of great burdens to rest, Ponsworthy with its ford and short sharp climb, and finally Widecombe Hill, it broke Uncle Tom Coby's Grey Mare, will it break you? There is an open route to the finish at **Manaton** and the warmth and comfort of the Kestor Inn, time to compare tales of adventures, past, present and future.

Please note:

Please use mudguards, you must carry lights (wet roads – café controls, fog, dark).
 Every rider must fill in a current entry form (even if you are planning to stoke a tandem).
 Please state our preferred start time (and please stick with the time that you are given).
 Enter early; there are only 125 places available on each of the two start times.

Kevin Presland, **Organiser**

CTC Devon DA ~ The Dartmoor Devil ~ Entry Form 2014

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From: **Bovey Tracey** Distance: **104km** Date: **26th October 2014**

Start time: **8am** OR **9am** (*delete as appropriate*) - if not completed we choose, if full you will be put at the other time.

Fee for Audax UK or CTC members: **£8.00**

Audax UK Membership No:

Fee for other entrants - includes £2 temporary Audax UK membership fee: £10.00

Date of birth if under 18 years: (see PARENTAL CONSENT below)

Forename: **Surname:**

Address:

Tel: email:

Club/CTC group: mobile:

INSURANCE: Audax UK provides its members (**inc temporary**) "normally resident in the UK" with 3rd party insurance cover throughout the event for claims in excess of £250.

Overseas residents must arrange their own 3rd party insurance.

By signing this entry form you declare that you are insured as required.

This event is run under Audax UK regulations. You should familiarize yourself with Audax UK regulations, guidance, and advice. (available in AUK publications, at www.aukweb.net or on request from the organizer). The event is not a race or trial of speed. You are expected to follow the rules of the road and show consideration to other road users.

The route is on open public roads. You should prepare by studying the route.
 The route is not waymarked / marshalled. You are responsible for your safety/conduct.
 Some routes/conditions may be arduous. The organiser provides no rescue service.

PARENTAL CONSENT (required for entrants under 18 years of age) Parents should note the information on this form and be aware that this is an individual ride without leaders.

I am the Parent/Guardian of the Entrant and give my consent to this Entry:

Signed (Parent/Guardian): Date:

Name (Parent/Guardian, please print):

I understand that during the event I am on a private excursion on the public highway and that I am responsible for my own conduct. I agree to abide by Audax UK Regulations for this ride. I have relevant insurance cover as above.

Signed (Entrant): Date:

Rider's next of kin (Name & Tel.):

Note - The organizer may refuse, or charge more for entries on the day. Entry fees are not refundable.

Send the following to Kevin Presland, Hind Street House, Hind Street, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9HT:

1. Completed form, 2. Cheque payable to K Presland, 3. Two C5 properly stamped addressed envelopes.