



# The Dartmoor Devil 2015



Close out your summer cycling season in style with the original mass start endurance cycle ride on Dartmoor. There is 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 entrants will need 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 connoisseurs of the event, this is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dartmoor Devil, and is a repeat of the well established 2012 route. Devilish attire and references will be welcomed.

Starting from **Bovey Tracey**, The Gateway to Dartmoor, the route follows the National Park boundary in a clockwise direction to Bickington before rising up a series of climbs leading to the open moor alongside the hulk of the disused firing range at Rippon Tor and the first checkpoint.

A long descent leads to the first visit to Widecombe then climbs the tranquil Natsworthy Valley, and passes the house that inspired 'The Hound of the Baskervilles'. Narrow and hilly lanes cross the Bovey and Wray rivers to the infamous Pepperdon Hill! It is steep, narrow, twisty, and usually strewn in leaves. It is signed 'unsuitable for motors' because cars struggle to maintain traction on the steep bends! The climb summits on the Hennock Ridge and then passes the granite outcrops of Blackingstone and **Heltor**, where the next checkpoint can be found.

A plummeting descent takes you well towards sea level and the Teign Valley. This magnificent river is followed, on an undulating course all the way to Drewsteignton. Here the route turns towards the northerly fringe of Dartmoor to **Whiddon Down** for the soup control.

The ride plunges in to the lanes in and around the tributaries serving the upper reaches of the Teign. After a succession of climbs the high moorland road is reached near the remote Warren Inn. Then across the once forested but now beautifully barren moorscape, dipping in to the bridging points of Postbridge and Two bridges on the way to the café control at **Princetown**.

Retreating from the fearsome prison walls 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 Cobly'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 your 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.

You can also enter on line via the AUK website

*Kevin Presland, Organiser*

## CTC Devon DA ~ The Dartmoor Devil ~ Entry Form 2015

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From: **Bovey Tracey**

Distance: **104km**

Date: **25th October 2015**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance cover throughout the event for claims in excess of £500.

**Overseas residents must arrange their own 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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. Entry fees are not refundable. I have relevant insurance cover as above.*

**Signed** (Entrant):

Date:

Emergency contact person (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.**