* The course starts and finishes at the entry to the public car park at the ARDINGLY RESERVOIR. It covers two laps of what is essentially the same route.
* The course is about 49.25 miles (79.24 kilometres) in length.
* The entire course is on public roads.
* There is no restriction on other traffic.
* Signs will be placed to warn motorists that an event is taking place.
* Direction signs for participants will also be placed at various points around the course.
* A water/feed station will be at ARDINGLY VILLAGE, near the SOUTH of ENGLAND SHOWGROUND. There will be water in plastic bottles and a number of gels and energy bars. You are advised to carry your own favoured brand of energy/nutrition supplements.
* A car will be available to collect any participant during this stage of the event. The mobile telephone numbers of those staffing the car will be given at the event briefing.
* You are advised to carry:
* A puncture repair kit and/or at least one spare inner tube/replacement tubs
* A mobile telephone
* If, unfortunately, you have a crash, and/or fall ill on the course, contact an ambulance on 999. If it is at all possible, please also contact the co-ordinator.
* This is a difficult and technically challenging course.
* You must comply with the HIGHWAY CODE at all times
* You are advised to ride the route before the event to familiarise with it.
* Please always ride within your ability. It is a long way.
* Keep to the left of the roads at all times and try to hold a straight line
* (for the record) there is no drafting allowed.

| **Route** | **Comment** |
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| ARDINGLY RESERVOIR car park access road to junction with COLLEGE ROAD | Uneven and poor road surface  Multiple speed humps  Short but steep hill  Keep left |
| Right turn from reservoir access road into COLLEGE ROAD towards HAYWARDS HEATH | DANGER – stop – foot down to ensure no oncoming traffic from both sides |
| COLLEGE ROAD leads into HIGH BEECH LANE | Initially down hill then s bend into short steep hill.  Steep downhill slope adjacent to golf club. Visibility potentially affected by density of overhead trees.  S bend at bottom of hill  Right hand junctions from: golf course, Roundwood Lane and Brook Lane.  BY SUNTE (opposite Brook Lane) |
| Left turn at slip road just before roundabout from HIGH BEECH LANE into SUNTE AVENUE | Slip road has give way markings to traffic from right. Approach to roundabout has good line of sight ahead (PORTSMOUTH LANE) but limited line of sight from right (GANDER HILL)  Parked cars both side of road |
| Turn left from SUNTE AVENUE into HICKMANS LANE | T-junction. Poor visibility right. Be careful of cars from right coming from bend. Numerous left hand junctions – ROOKWAY, FINCHES PARK ROAD, FINCHES LANE & THE WELKIN  Hickman’s Lane narrows as it nears T-junction with (Lindfield) High Street – slow down. |
| Turn left from HICKMAN LANE into (Linfield) HIGH STREET  HIGH STREET leads into ARDINGLY ROAD and then (as it nears Ardingly) LINDFIELD ROAD | Vehicles parked both sides of road  Uphill to right hand bend.  Left hand bend and short but steep downhill with sweeping right and then more gentle left hand bend.  Road surface may be slippery because of washed debris  Uphill incline begins just after right hand junction with PARK LANE and continues to ARDINGLY VILLAGE  Log slow section leading to Ardingly village |
| LINDFIELD ROAD (Ardingly) leads into SELSFIELD ROAD/ARDINGLY ROAD (B2028) towards TURNERS HILL | Junction left with COLLEGE ROAD and then, very quickly, with STREET LANE  Narrow road - Cars parked on both sides and particularly left, near side. Be careful of on-coming vehicles within village and cars from minor road junctions and drives within village.  Road widens just outside of village as it approaches SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND. Good road surface.  4 left hand junctions from/to showground but all with good visibility.  2 left hand junctions to/from WAKEHURST PLACE with good visibility.  pot-holed and uneven road surface just after WAKEHURST PLACE close to left hand edge of road. Visibility may be affected by overhanging trees on both sides of road.  Uphill incline. Note right hand junction with SELSFIELD ROAD at crest of incline and as road bends left.  Downhill incline with left and then right hand bends towards mini-roundabout at WITHPITS and then short uphill incline towards crossroads at TURNERS HILL |
| TURNERS HILL – NORTH STREET/TURNERS HILL ROAD (B2028) towards DUKES HEAD ROUNDABOUT | Crossroad at crest of hill. Be aware of traffic from left ((CHURCH ROAD), oncoming vehicles seeking to turn right and traffic from right (EAST STREET).  Steep downhill incline. Left hand sweeping bend. At bottom of hill, road bends to right.  (WALLAGE LANE) just after bottom of hill.    Vehicular and pedestrian traffic through CRAWLEY DOWN |
| DUKES HEAD ROUNDABOUT - Turn first left onto COPTHORNE COMMON ROAD (A264) heading towards CRAWLEY | Be careful at this junction and on this section of road Fast travelling vehicular traffic.  Good flat road surface. This is a potentially fast section.  Wide road. Keep left and where possible, stay inside gutter lane.  Be aware of traffic from left at Texaco garage and pedestrians seeking to cross road at COPTHORNE GOLF COURSE |
| COPTHORNE HOTEL ROUNDABOUT (A264) take second left onto COPTHORNE ROAD (A2220) towards THREE BRIDGES/CRAWLEY | DO NOT turn into hotel &/or industrial estate (1st turning left)  Poor and uneven road surface up to bridge over M23.  (OLD HOLLOW) shortly after turning from roundabout and then a number of house/drive junctions after M23 bridge as approach the roundabout. |
| COPTHORNE ROAD (A2220) junction with BALCOMBE ROAD (B2036) - turn left onto BALCOMBE ROAD (B2036) towards WORTH/MAIDENBOWER | Good visibility of traffic from left and ahead  Multiple junctions left and right along BALCOMBE ROAD (B2036). Uphill incline towards mini-roundabout  CRAWLEY LANE junction with TURNERS HILL ROAD. Straight ahead - BE AWARE of traffic coming from CRAWLEY LANE. This roundabout is quickly followed by another.  WORTH ROAD. Straight ahead - downhill incline towards another roundabout  MAIDENBOWER DRIVE. Straight ahead –  vehicles from right have STOP requirement at roundabout but be careful.  LUCERN DRIVE/M23 slip road. Road divides into 2 lanes – take right hand lane into roundabout to go straight ahead over M23. Uphill incline towards another roundabout at M23 junction 10a. |
| Stay on BALCOMBE ROAD (B2036) across M23 junction 10a roundabout towards WHITELY HILL/COWDRAY ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE & BALCOMBE | Uphill section with traffic from left, coming from M23 slip road. BE CAREFUL.  Uphill incline – this may well be a slow part of the course. Visibility may be affected by overhanging trees. Forest both sides of road  (PADDOCKHURST ROAD, B2110) at COWRAY ARMS followed by short uphill incline .  Note the junction right (HIGH STREET, B2110).  The road then slopes downhill on a potentially fast section.  (STONEY LANE) & (BOUNDARY ROAD) as road sweeps right and then left into BALCOMBE.  Horridly steep section leading up through bollards. Keep left. |
| Turn left opposite BOLNEY SCHOOL into HAYWARDS HEATH ROAD | Still slightly uphill and some speed bumps.  Be careful cycling through the village. Cars parked on both sides and numerous driveways to and from houses. |
| At T-junction with BRAMBLE HILL & STOCKCROFT ROAD carry straight on - HAYWARDS HEATH ROAD | Be aware of traffic from left at junction  Downhill section to mini roundabout |
| Continue on HAYWARDS HEATH ROAD – straight across mini-roundabout at junction with Mill LANE (left) | Good visibility of traffic from ahead. Poor visibility of traffic from left (MILL LANE).  Uphill gradient leading out of village.  Initially level and then fast downhill section once out of village. The road sweeps right and then left.  Be aware of uneven and potholed road surface along this whole section up to BORDEHILL  Numerous small left hand junctions. Note STONEHALL  Over UPPER RYELANDS BRIDGE and into short, sharp uphill section. Visibility potentially affected by density of overhead trees. Very poor road surface.  Be careful of bend under bridge and particularly on coming traffic  Left hand junctions (NALDRED FARM & COTTAGES and then COPYHOLD LANE. ) |
|  | STEEP uphill section over BORDEHILL, followed by downhill  Junction right – (BORDEHILL GARDENS)  Uphill gradient. Junction right at top of hill (HANLYE LANE) |
| Enter HAYWARDS HEATH on BORDE HILL LANE/BALCOMBE ROAD | Downhill gradient. Be careful of junctions  Left (FAIRFIELD WAY, OAKHURST LANE, OLD WICKHAM LANE & HILL CLOSE)  right (PENLAND ROAD, BARNMEAD & BRIDGERMILL  Sharp left hand bend at bottom of hill (opposite junction with BURRELL ROAD – Sainsbury’s access road) |
| Left hand bend from BALCOMBE ROAD under railway bridge, leading into COLLEGE ROAD/GANDER HILL | Be aware of cars parked left and right. Be careful of oncoming traffic  Uphill gradient at GANDER HILL before downhill gradient to mini-roundabout at junction with PORTSMOUTH LANE (left), SUMMER HILL LANE (right) and SUNTE AVENUE (ahead) |
| Straight ahead at roundabout into SUNTE AVENUE | Be careful of cars from left (PORTSMOUTH LANE) because of poor visibility. Poor visbility too for traffic from left (PORTSMOUTH LANE). |
| Turn left from SUNTE AVENUE into HICKMANS LANE  The route is then the same as above – another lap of the course. The only difference is:  After negotiating the second lap, be aware that having come under the railway bridge as the BALCOMBE ROAD turns left into COLLEGE ROAD/GANDER HILL,  turn left at the mini-roundabout into PORTSMOUTH LANE (junction with SUMMER HILL LANE (right) and SUNTE AVENUE (ahead) heading north back to the reservoir. | 2nd lap!!  Note good visibility ahead but poor visibility of traffic right from SUMMER HILL LANE |
| PORTSMOUTH LANE/HIGH BEECH LANE | Slight uphill section before gentle left hand sweeping bend on downhill gradient and then right hand turn as road changes to HIGH BEECH LANE  Careful of the  Left hand junctions – BIRCHEN LANE, BROOK LANE, ROUNDWOOD LANE and entrance to gold course  Horridly steep uphill gradient alongside the golf course. Very slow section.  Left hand junction at top of hill – (SANDRIDGE LANE) leads to houses  Downhill section alongside golf course. Be careful of the right hand bend at bottom of hill  Junction left (COPYHOLD LANE) as road continues downhill, first with right hand bend then, at bottom over LOWER RYELANDS BRIDGE, left hand bend.  Uphill gradient towards HANSON AGGREGATES at the old RAILWAY STATION |
| Left turn into RESERVOIR ACCESS ROAD | Keep left.  Speed bumps  Uneven road surface  Uphill gradient approaching transition |