



WESSEX ENDURO
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Welcome to the Wessex Enduro and thank you for entering.

The Wessex Enduro is part of the Wessex Cycle festival which includes the **Kings of Wessex Road Race** as well as the cyclo sportive, an expo and MTB trials events.

The Enduro is based around a 21 km circuit, with route distances of 22 km, 63 km and 105 km. While the event is not a race each participant will be timed using a transponder and be awarded a finishing classification of Gold, Silver or Bronze according to age group.

The information contained in this manual will help to ensure that whichever ride distance that you have entered that your day runs smoothly and that you have a memorable experience for all the right reasons!

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Event Overview

Date: Monday 25th May 2008

Start Time: from 9.30am

Start Location: Somerton Sports Club, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 6HS

Finish Location: Somerton Sports Club, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 6HS

Each lap is:

Distance: 21 km (13.5 miles)

Ascent: 204m (671ft)

Complete: 1, 3, or 5 laps

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Registration

This takes place in the Registration tent the event HQ at Hadspen House. Registration will be open at the following times only:

Saturday 24th 17:00 – 18:00
Sunday 25th 07:30 – 09:15

Registration desks will be marked alphabetically, please go to the appropriate desk for your surname.

As ride entries are non-transferable, you will need to register in person, so please bring some form of personal identification to verify your entry – i.e. driving licence. If for some reason you are not able to register in person, you can arrange for someone to do this on your behalf. However they will need a letter or email of authorization from you including your name and address. At registration you will be given your rider pack, please note that nothing will be sent to you by post prior to the event. Your rider pack contains:

- **Bike/Rider Number and Ties** - This is to be secured to the front of your bike for en-route identification, access to the refreshment stations and entitlement to the event support.
- **Timing Chip and Bike Clip** - This will allow us to record your start and finish time for the event and will be provided with instructions on how to secure to your bike. At registration you will be asked for a fully refundable deposit of £10. When you return your timing chip at the end of the ride, you will be given your £10 back. This deal is only available on the day, we will not be sending deposits back for chips sent by post after the event.
- **Route map**

Car Parking

Car parking is free. The car park will be signed and have stewards, please follow their directions.

Start Times

Monday 25th : 9:30

In order that the event gets underway with the minimum of fuss, you must arrive in the start at least 10 minutes prior to your start time ready to go. On arrival go to the start holding zone. From here you will move towards the start zone and be sent away in a group.

N.B. Due to the late start time and other events taking place at the festival there will be **NO starts** outside this sequence as in previous years.

Please ride carefully and take particular care when in a group. Timing chips will be activated when you cross the mats located the start/finish line. Please listen to the announcements and follow the instructions of the marshals.

Signage

The routes are comprehensively signed, with specific **Red** and **black** event signs.

There will be large scale route maps available in your rider pack, as a rough guide. They are also available on the event website (www.wessexenduro.com)

Safety Points

You will be riding on tracks a land with public rights of way so it is essential for your own safety and that of all other users that you comply with ALL HIGHWAY REGULATIONS.

Please ensure you obey any instructions given by the route marshal's and pay particular attention at crossings and difficult turns.

As we are providing back-up facilities we must insist that your supporters, friends and family do not bring any vehicles out on the route to follow you as this will create congestion and could be a danger to cyclists and other road users.

In the Event of an Accident - If you are involved in a serious accident requiring immediate medical attention then ring 999, then the event organizers on 07927 400 464

We strongly recommend that you add the organisers number to your mobile phone and keep with you at all times during the event. Please do not use these numbers inappropriately.

Riders' Code of Conduct - You will be riding on both public and private land, so you must obey Highway Code regulations. Any rider seen not complying with the code will be reported and may be subject to sanctions including being reported to the police and being banned from future events.

Litter - There will be litter and recycling skips at all venues. Please use them and don't drop any litter anywhere.

Ride Guide

Traffic Regulations: Although there will be traffic management at key stages of the event, plus support from police and local authorities in planning the event, the Wessex Enduro does incorporate sections on public land, so you need to follow Highway Code regulations just as you would on a regular ride. You should be confident that you can ride in the following road conditions:

- De-restricted rural tracks
- Narrow country lanes
- Technical single track
- Riding in potentially large groups
- Varied route surfaces including mud and rock.

Marshaling: The Wessex Enduro will be marshaled and arrowed at key points along the route, to keep you safe and on track. Therefore, it's in your interests to follow the instructions of all marshals and event officials. You should be aware that marshals are only in place to indicate the direction you should take, not to control other traffic.

Enduro, not Race: The Wessex Enduro is a non competitive. Whilst many experienced riders will be keen to record a quick time, the event is not a race.

What Bike?: Front Suspension is a must!

What to bring?: Although the event will be supported by a mechanical service, and feed stations en-route, we still recommend that you bring a multi tool, two spare tubes, tyre levers, a working pump and adequate hydration and food. You are strongly advised to bring a mobile phone and a small amount of cash in case of emergencies, enabling you to keep in touch with event organisers. In your registration pack you will find a foldable ride guide that will fit in your jersey pocket that you should keep with you for the duration of the ride, it contains key event emergency numbers.

What to wear?: All riders are advised that it is compulsory to wear a correctly fitting cycle helmet that conforms to current safety standards. **Sorry, no helmet, no ride.**

Being that the event is held at the end of May, weather conditions can change rapidly! Therefore, we advise that you wear adequate layers, and to bring a waterproof jacket. We recommend that you wear proper padded cycling shorts and a pair of cycling mitts, both of which will also add to your comfort levels on what will be a long day in the saddle for even the fittest of riders. The event takes place in May and it has been known to be sunny at that time of year, so make sure you protect yourself with a high factor sun block.

Dropping Out: If you decide to drop out of the ride for any reason, you must let the organizers know by calling the event contact number published on your ride guide or at the HQ so we can account for you and make arrangements for the return of your timing chip.

Medical Cover: First-aid cover will be provided by the Red Cross for the whole event. Please either report to the nearest marshal or call the event control on the numbers given in this pack. Please do not use this service or number inappropriately.

Mechanical Cover: There will be mechanical assistance at the HQ.

Refreshments: Refreshments are provided as follows:

- **Somerton Sports Club** – Pre-booked breakfast will be available from 08:00 in the morning in the tea tent. Other refreshments will be available to purchase all day from 08:30 There will be hot/cold drinks, food, snacks and sandwiches.
- **Toilets** - These will be provided at the start, and finish, so there will be no need to attend to the call of nature in public!

The Finish What Happens After the Finish?

You will finish at Somerton Sports Club, once you have passed the finish (at which point your finish time will be recorded) you will be directed into the finish area village.

You will be directed through the finish site where you will collect your medal and finishers certificate, and hand back your timing chip. Please note: (As previously stated) – non return or loss of timing chips will mean you lose your £10 deposit.

Finish Times - The timing service is being provided by Race Timing Systems. An alphabetical list of finishers and times will be posted on www.wessexenduro.com the day after the event.

Post Event Changing Area - There will be changing rooms and limited showers, available adjacent to the finish.

Visitors to the cycle festival – Your parking fee is included in your ticket price

Event Website: www.wessexenduro.com

General Queries: Contact Pendragon Sports: postmaster@pendragon-sports.com or 01963 220137

Media Enquires:

Journalists: If you need to know more about the event contact

Riders: If you have got a good media story for us and are happy to talk about it contact

Accommodation in the Area: If you want to book a place at the official event campsite please contact Pendragon Sports directly or if you would like to arrange other accommodation please contact:

Or www.visitsouthsomerset.com

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How to get to Somerton Sports Club

The **Start/Finish and Registration** are all located at Somerton Sports Club, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 6HS. [Google Map Link](#).

Air

The closest international airports are [Bristol](#) (38 miles), [Heathrow](#) (100 miles), [Southampton](#) (60 miles), [Exeter](#) (60 miles).

- Drive time: Bristol to event - 40 mins, Heathrow to event 2 hrs.
- Train service: From Heathrow take airbus to Reading then a train to Castle Cary (Somerset). Or airbus to Woking and a train to Yeovil.

Sea

From St Malo, France to Poole, Dorset. 4hr 30 mins [Condor Ferries](#)

Road

- From central London (120 miles) 2hrs - 2 hr.30 mins. Take the M3 then the A303. At the Podimore roundabout take A372 direction Langport and Somerton. After 1.16 miles take right turn onto B3151 to Somerton. The HQ will be signed from Somerton.
- From the West take the A303, At the Podimore roundabout take A372 direction Langport and Somerton. After 1.16 miles take right turn onto B3151 to Somerton. The HQ will also be signed from Somerton.
- From Bristol take the M5 to Jct 23, then the A339 direction Street and Glastonbury. At street take B3151 to Somerton. The HQ will be signed from Somerton.

Rail

- The nearest train stations are Castle Cary (1mile), Yeovil (9 miles) . Further information can be found at [National Rail Enquiries](#).

Coaches

- From London (Hammersmith) to Ilchester ([Berrys Coaches](#))
- From Bristol to Yeovil ([National Express](#))

Local Bus Services to Somerton

- From Yeovil ([First Buses](#))
- From Bristol ([First Buses](#))
- From Bath ([First Buses](#))
- From Taunton ([First Buses](#))
- From Bridgewater ([First Buses](#))

The Route turn right out of Somerton Sports club and follows an anti clockwise circuit

