

The Distance – Final Details and Rider Briefing

****We have made some changes to timings/schedule and those in this email supercede those on the website, where different****

Registration

Registration is at Buxton Rugby Club, in Harpur Hill, Buxton, SK17 9PX.

Registration will be open from 5pm-10pm on Friday 8th and 7.30am-9.00am on Saturday 9th.

Free parking is available all weekend at the Rugby Club.

Camping is available on the rugby pitch for Friday night (charge of £5 per person), with toilets and showers in the club house. Sleeping in vans is also permitted.

Catering

Dinner and breakfast is available at the Rugby Club, if pre-ordered. Once the club confirm menu options, we'll send a further email with details and instructions.

The ride.

You'll start when you are ready between, 9am and 9.30am. You'll be provided with a map of the first route section and a Brevet card to record where you've ridden. The route will not be waymarked or signed (see MAPS below)

You will visit 3 or 4 marshalled check points (depending on your progress) where you'll be given the next route section map. The total distance you ride will depend upon your rate of progress. THIS IS NOT A RACE and as such, checkpoint 1 (44Km from the start) will not open for map hand-outs until 10.30am.

MAPS– 1:50K OS map extracts, for which you will be given a clear, A3 zip lock bag. You may find a map board useful. A GPX device is recommended for navigation. The rider maps will highlight any hazards on the route and show marshal and brevet positions.

****Riders must refer to the maps for this essential safety information, even if navigating via GPS****

GPX– All 12 GPX track files will be available for download before the start so that at each checkpoint you can load the GPX file that matches the map you have been given. The files will be made available at www.thedistance.cc and via email on Wednesday 6th June. There will be a lap top at registration with the GPX files, but it is your responsibility to have the correct leads etc. Best to download early and check they work.

Brevet card– Each route section will have a location at which you must collect some information to record on your brevet card. These will be marked on the map and have a grid ref on the brevet card. The brevet points visited will be evidence of your total distance.

The Brevet card will have rider info, emergency procedure and emergency contact numbers.

We advise having an app on your phone that will give an accurate grid reference – useful if contacting emergency services is necessary.

Compulsory equipment

- An off road capable bike, well serviced, with front and rear lights.
- An approved helmet
- Tools and bits to keep your wheels rolling.
- Warm and waterproof clothing
- A sleeping bag and shelter – could be a tent or bivi bag/tarp.
- Food for several hours riding. There are shops/cafes during Saturday morning's ride, but far fewer options later in the day.

Overnight camp

The overnight location is flat, grassy and has lots of nice facilities, including toilets, showers and a gin bar. There'll be a hot meal and drink served between 6 and 7.30pm, along with White Peak Distillery's gin cocktails and 'mocktails', and shelter to consume them under. Carry a warm layer though, as it's not indoors. There will also be beer, soft drinks and hot drinks available. In the morning there will be coffee and some hot breakfast from around 8.30am.

Non-riders – are encouraged to come along and join the fun and will be told where you'll end up, once you've all left the start at 9am, so they can join us at the overnight. The charge for camping, food and facilities is £20 per person. You, as a rider, must still carry the compulsory equipment.

Sunday's return ride

This is mostly on quiet minor roads and cycleway and is around 35Km. We'll aim to get you all away between 9.00-9.30am. If you fancy a longer ride, we can give suggestions, so long as you agree that you're on your own.

If you have any further questions please email contact@focal.events

Best regards

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