



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. LC824 – Braithwaite HC	Course local to: Braithwaite Hill Climb 1.75 miles
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Course description

START at blue 'Parking' sign near entrance to small car-park one quarter of a mile from the de-restriction sign on the Whinlatter road from Braithwaite village about two miles west of Keswick. FINISH in line with 15% gradient sign on opposite side of road 30 yards short of entrance to Whinlatter Forest Park Visitor Centre- Distance 1.75 miles.

Traffic flows

B road busy at times.

Course event/history

This is a Type B (Club) events course.



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Key identified risks

	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1		General requirements	Time of event meets CTT standards. Course clear on day.		Traffic counts Organiser to ensure course checked on day
2		Before start	Competitors parking. Competitors riding from HQ and warming up.	LOW	Organiser to place 'CYCLE EVENT' warning signs.
3		Start area	Competitors waiting	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs and display head up sign.
4		START at Parking sign on Whinlatter road ¼ mile from de-restriction sign leaving Braithwaite.	Competitor/holder up falling. Vehicles approaching riders from behind have a good line of sight to the start point.	LOW	Organiser to position 'CYCLE EVENT' warning sign to make riders aware of cycle event and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs. Organiser to ensure start marshal briefed to warn riders of approaching vehicles.
5		En-route	Wide road, mostly good surface. Series of bends for riders to negotiate.	LOW	Organiser to warn riders at signing on to keep to left on right hand bends. Organiser to place occasional warning signs visible to traffic in both directions.
6		MTB crossing points in forest.	MTB paths cross road.	LOW	Organiser to position marshals at MTB crossing points for safety. (RECOMMENDATION FROM ORGANISER)
7		FINISH area with timekeepers only on grass verge, just before entrance to Whinlatter Forest Park on right.	Passing traffic	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs visible to approaching traffic and traffic emerging from Whinlatter Forest Park. Organiser to remind riders at signing on that no times will be given at finish.
8		Return to HQ	Descent to HQ	LOW	Organiser to remind riders to take care riding back to HQ at signing on.

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NOTES:

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken.
2. The small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.
3. All rules of the road must be followed as to 'the Highway Code'.
4. This risk assessment shall be made available at the event signing on. By the riders signing on to event sheet they accept all hazards identified on this course and are aware that this is an open road event and that they have a duty of care and courtesy to other road users.

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