



## **DEVON DIRT 2025**

### **INFORMATION SHEET: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. register from 8.30am**



**START/HQ:** The start is at Pro Cycle Centre, just off the Avenue in Newton Abbot. See map below.

**PARKING:** There is no parking at the HQ venue, but close by is the Sherborne Road Car Park which is £1.20 all day on Sunday, and you will probably find free parking on the Brunel Industrial Estate, a short cycle back along the river to the HQ.

**SIGNING ON:** The signing on will be outside the HQ, and you will be issued with your number when you sign in at registration desk. There will be a few entries available on the line at £25 CASH ONLY to be paid to the CUK helpers at the desks. Do not try to pay in the shop. We'll have the tea urn on!

**WHAT YOU NEED TO TAKE:** For most of this ride you will need to be self-supporting. You must ensure you take basic tools, inc. tyre-levers and spare tubes. Waterproofs are essential, and recommend that you take a map and /or GPS unit to use in conjunction with the route sheet.

Also ensure you have some fluids on board and some high-energy snacks.

**SETTING OFF:** Registration is from 8.30am and we will probably have a start in 2 groups, eBikes first followed a few minutes later by rest. Note that the event is not timed so your leaving time is not recorded. The Devon Dirt is emphatically not a race, please be considerate to all other users e.g. horse riders and walkers and other cyclists and obey all highway markings and signals.

**ROUTE/CONTROLS:** The distance is about 38miles (60Km), with some big climbs. We have the main refreshment control set up at Pro Cycle Centre after the first 24 mile loop.

There we will have cakes and hot and cold drinks provided FREE, - no catering van this year.

Make sure you stop at the controls to get your route-card stamped.

#### **ROUTE DETAIL:**

**LOOP 1.** about 24 miles.

The first loop is mostly rideable, lanes and byways, a few stiff gradients, but overall a fairly easy pedal. The ground is quite firm on the tracks, with a few deep puddled sections – nothing more than 6 to 9 inches deep. There are a couple of sections which are very rocky and you may have to walk a bit, also on several downhill sections there are some deep and wide gulleys, which will need negotiating with care. I have removed one off road section near the end, and there was one water feature that I think is too deep to pass easily/safely and the banks are too high to push through.

Also eBikes are advised to be aware the last off road bit ( Mill Lane. Ogwell ) as you have to lift your bike over the gate.

**LOOP 2.** about 14 miles.

This is a slightly more challenging route, some steep drags through lanes to get to the rough stuff. A couple of quite long uphill rideable sections, and as on the first loop some deep gulleys at the end of many of the downhill parts. Quite a few big puddles but the going is mainly firm. **ARROWS:** The whole route has will be waymarked with small yellow and black arrows, however

**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

We will be taking photos all around the course, plus there will be video, some bikes will have GoPros and Action cameras running, and there is likely to be a drone up in some areas.

We will have some signs up at the start explaining that by entering the ride you consent to having your photos being used for CUK or other cycling publicity.

If this is something you do not wish to consent to please let us know at the start or controls, along with your number so we know.

Many photos and some video will be available on the website after the event at [www.devondirt.co.uk](http://www.devondirt.co.uk)

**FINISHING:** At the finish please sign back in and collect your souvenir Beanie hat and challenge medal, and a cuppa! You keep your route card and number board.

We hope you enjoyed the 2025 Devon Dirt

**COVID-19.** Still very much with us and we hope this doesn't adversely affect the running of the event. Please don't attend or ride if you are feeling unwell, or have Covid symptoms.

**HELP:** Emergency contact number for the event is 07889-964101 **YOU MUST** contact us in the case of serious incident, breakdown or illness or if you pack. Your number board has the event contact so people can contact us and you can be identified! We have people travelling around the route who can help. Bear in mind that your phone signal may not work in some areas.

We strongly recommend that you do the ride with a small group or a friend.

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