

Blaenavon Fun Ride

Talk Round

Turn left out of the venue and follow farm track on to the common, keep straight on up a grassy track through gate way until you reach a tarmac road, turn left along the road. After ¼ mile drop down left onto gravel path and follow contour path until you see footpath up on your right. Follow footpath and markers on grass track over the hill, which will take you down towards a 'mining' track where you turn left. Follow this track until you reach a gate by a cattle grid. ***Route split and Checkpoint.***

SHORT ROUTE

Bear left down grassy track heading down hill, follow track round to right between 2 fences. At junction of tracks turn right over a ford, then follow track uphill towards original path. Turn left onto path running parallel to track you rode to Checkpoint. Follow this path to re-join previous route in opposite direction, re-trace your steps over rough ground, keep wall on your left. Then follow lower left track bearing slightly downhill. Stay on track as you climb uphill to join the long route (Coming in from left) - go to **

LONG ROUTE

Through the gate and continue ahead until markers turn you right down towards terraced houses (Pembroke Terrace/Place). Follow down road to main road. Cross the main road bearing right towards bus shelter. Aim towards fenced off kids play area. Follow fence to right then turn sharp left at speed camera sign. Follow tarmac lane steeply downhill. The lane crosses over the cycle track; you will turn off to your left and cross onto cycle track. Turn left along cycle track and follow for about 4km to a step over barrier. Cross straight over road back onto the cycle track, over another barrier at the side of green gate. Continue for another 1.5km. As you ride under a bridge turn off the track immediately onto slip road on left. Turn left up the road passed houses; continue up road passing cricket club house on your right. As you reach a triangle of grass go straight ahead onto rutted track.

Follow through gate heading straight up hill, ignore contour paths. Go through wooden gate (new wooden fence) head towards another gate that your ride through taking you back up onto the hill. Follow track to another gate and continue up hill. Eventually the track swings left and levels out. Follow until markers turn you right and head up towards the trig point. Watch out for rubbish and tyres. From the trig point head towards next hill keeping fenced area well on your left, then bear left downhill towards the fence.

****** Cross through the fence line, beware of sharp stones. Turn immediately right up fence line, take which track you prefer but keep fence on your right until it ends. Swing right round the fence line and follow to another sheep track that zigzags you back up onto the ridge. From here you should be able to see the venue. Follow this track down over the tarmac road to re-trace your steps back to the venue.