

Black Mountains Fun ride

Route Description

Turn right out of the venue, follow road and at T junction bear left and then right up track. Follow this track till you reach a road (There will be NO markers along the length of this track). Turn right up the road and take the next right. Follow this road uphill to Henbant farm. **CHECKPOINT 1**

Through the gate up bridleway- uphill and stony. Where the track divides go left, marked bridleway. Continue up until the gate onto the open mountain, go through gate. Follow the track uphill (windmill on left, fenceline on right) and where you see a wall on your right, take the left hand track still climbing uphill. Follow spray paint across the hill, with the Henbant ridge above on the right. Climb over to the top of the ridge and you will see a fenced in piece of forestry on your right and head stones. Take the track sharply downhill parallel to fence, go through the metal gate on your left into the forestry. Follow this track ignoring the bridlepath on your right for a few kms until you reach **CHECKPOINT 2**- the route now splits.

Short Route

Turn right down track through pine trees and turn right at the bottom when you meet hard forestry track. Follow the main forestry track for 1.5km then take the straight, grassy track on your left. Turn right when you meet main forestry track and then take the next left on a muddy track. Follow this until there are two trees like pillars each side and turn down sharp left. Follow down through wood and onto grassy track. Turn left onto road, go up road a short distance and turn right, go over a bridge then continue up driveway and then past a farm on your left. Keep on this track uphill and through a metal gate which leads to open hill. Follow markers to the top and turn right. Merge with long route.

Long Route

Carry on along this track (good going) until a junction (big boulders opposite you) take the lower track. Follow this harder track downhill round the right hand bend and continue down going round left hand bend. Once you reach the next right hand bend (they have been logging by here) the track flattens out and continue along with fenced in area on your left. At the end of the fenced in area turn sharp left downhill then right at the bottom. Continue down forestry track until you reach barrier and horse step over and carry on till you reach road. Turn right down road for a very short distance before turning left over another horse step over by barrier into forestry- **CHECKPOINT 3**. Go over bridge and bear left staying on the main forestry track uphill until you reach a T junction. Turn right and continue gradually uphill on this track passing through fields on both sides. The track goes slightly downhill and opens up to grass. Turn left up nice grass track and continue into trees. Follow this track through the tress until you reach the gate onto the open hill. Go through the gate and turn right. Follow this track keeping fence on your right for about 3kms before merging with short route.

All Riders

Continue along the hill in an almost straight line to a gate **CHECKPOINT 4**. Through the gate and fork right until you reach another gate, keeping stone wall on your right. Continue along this track until you reach concrete road, turn right- CAUTION THIS IS A SHORT SLIPPY SECTION OF CONCRETE- ADVISABLE TO DISMOUNT. Continue downhill until you reach crossroads, straight over and follow road round to triangular junction with cottage in the middle. Turn right and then right again. Follow this road back to the venue.

Hope you had a lovely ride ☺