

'The Beast'



- Information and Instructions

Thank you for registering to take part in the first official 'Beast' ride on **Sunday 5th September 2010**. We hope you have a really enjoyable day on a route we think is one of the most challenging 50 mile rides in the country. We would like to give you some information that will help the day go smoothly.

Before the day

Enclosed with these instructions is your individual ride number, a map of the route and directions to Sniperley Park and Ride site. Please ensure your number is attached to either your bike frame or your person. This will make it easier to identify yourself on any photos and will be a memento for you to keep. Please note your number is not transferable.

Please remember that this is a ride and **NOT** a race. There will be no timing on the course and no prizes for finishing first.

Arriving at Sniperley Park and Ride

The Park and Ride Site will be open from 7.30am. There is free parking on the site and toilet facilities in the office block.

The Beast will start from the Park and Ride site at **9.00am**.

The area from which the rides will depart is marked up on your plan.

The route

In accordance with police instructions there will be a rolling road closure from the start at the Park and Ride Site until the peloton group reaches the junction of the A691 and the unclassified road leading to Burnhope some 4 miles west of the Park and Ride site.

Riders may be interested to know that this section featured as a 'King of the Hill' section in a recent stage of the Tour of Britain. The peloton group will be

led by police outriders and an event support vehicle. Once the group reaches Burnhope you will continue relatively unassisted as per your maps.

Please remember at all times to obey the highway code and to exercise caution at all junctions (including stopping at traffic signals). We have endeavoured to choose the quietest, most continuous and scenic route. However please remember that the ride is on open roads and passes through several villages. Therefore you should always be mindful that traffic will be encountered regularly, although in mitigation we will be providing extensive warning signs to inform drivers of the race.

Rider Support

There will be a pit-stop located in the bus turning area at the rear of the Dans Castle pub at Tow Law, just after the junction of the A68 and the B6301. There will be water, a St John Ambulance point and some breakdown necessities available for you to continue your ride.

After the ride

When you return to the Park and Ride site please collect your t-shirt and give yourself a well-earned pat on the back and 'spread the word'.

Any queries please contact us either on info@durhambigride.co.uk or on 0191 3833042

