

Meon Tour 70mile Reliability Ride

The time limit for this event is between 3hr 30min and 6 hours. Should you ride faster than the minimum time allowance there will be no timekeeper available to record your success in completing the course.

THIS EVENT IS NOT A RACE

- You are strongly advised to consult OS Landranger 185, 186 and 197 or suitable navigational aid before starting the event.
- This is a winter event for experienced cyclists.
- Riders should not start if they do not have suitable clothing and equipment for winter riding.
- The route passes along a number of unclassified roads which are not gritted in the winter. Some are poorly drained resulting in surface water. The roads may be poorly maintained in places and be gritty and muddy. Particular care is necessary if the temperature has recently been at, or below, freezing.

Route:

Start at Chilworth Church – GR SU407 188 – *fast moving traffic on A27*

Proceed N towards Romsey on the A27

SO at TL

R at TL (BADDESLEY X) into Nutburn Road

SO at O

SO at TL

L at T

R and O over motorway – 5.4miles

L towards OTTERBOURNE

Opposite Church turn R into Kiln Lane to BRAMBRIDGE

R at T B3335

First L into Church Lane

R at O onto B3354

L just before Fishers' Pond PH into Hensting Lane – 8.7miles

At X, R up Whites Hill then continue passed The Ship PH through OWLESBURY – 11.7miles

SO at X then R at next X – 14.8miles

SO until T with A32

L at T and R opposite George and Falcon PH (Hayden Lane) to OLD WINCHESTER HILL – 20.2miles GR SU625 231

L at T(down hill, lefthand bend as road straightens)

Continue SO at X until large X where L (sp East Meon) – 25.1miles GR SU 682 190

Pass through EAST MEON round to the R

At T opposite church turn R (*down hill, left-hand bend as road straightens*)

Continue along valley until R opposite cottage to RAMSDEAN – 28.7miles GR SU699 228

L at large Y into Ramsdean Road

At X with A272 R (STROUD) then next L (STEEP) – 31miles GR SU727 238

At X L (up steep hill)

SO at staggered X with A32 (*fast moving traffic*) into Petersfield Road – 37.2miles

L at T with A31 (ROPLEY DEAN) – 41.3miles – *fast moving traffic*

At O take 3rd exit onto B3047 towards ALRESFORD
Continue through ALRESFORD towards Winchester
SO at large junction after railway bridge then uphill
R (sp The Bush Inn but obscured by trees) on to minor road – GR SU571 318
At bottom of hill follow road to L uphill then next R (passing red 'phone box)
SO at T (keeping stately home on right)
Take next R into wildlife park – *cattle grid on downhill section*
Pass through EASTON and follow road round to the R into Easton Lane
L at T onto B 3047– 50 miles
At T L then R passed Cart and Horses PH into KINGSWORTHY
Pass under bridge then R – 51.8miles
L at T then next R by watercress farm
At O take 2nd exit sp Crawley – 53.8miles
L at T – 54.6 miles
1st R opposite church (Littleton Lane)
SO at X (B3049)
Continue through SPARSHOLT
R at X to FARLEY MOUNT
R at T
Continue through ASHLEY (*blind summits on next section of road*)
L at T to KINGS SOMBORNE
L at T through BRAISHFIELD
SO at X
L into School Road to finish at The Hunters' Inn – 70 miles GR SU373 223

Key:

R = turn right

L = turn left

SO = straight on

X = crossroads

T = T junction

Y = Y junction

O = roundabout

TL = traffic lights

sp = sign post

Place names in lower case – the route goes in that direction

Place names in UPPER CASE – the route goes there

Text in *italics* indicates information on road and traffic conditions