

Easter Bonnet Ride

Easter Monday-- 28th March 2016

Venue-- South Wales 2000 Shooting Club, Mynyddislwyn, NP12 2BG
(courtesy of Margaret and Mike Amodeo)

Directions-- ALL vehicles MUST approach the Venue from the A472 dual carriageway --NOT from Wattsville or Cwmfelinfach. From Maescymmer direction take the third exit Right signposted "Mynyddislwyn" at the Roundabout near Sainsburys, Pontllanfraith or from Newbridge the first left. Take care - this is a busy Country lane and the lane could become congested. Please drive very carefully and anticipate the Traffic conditions!

NB – On entering the Venue, Horses may be exiting (or when exiting, horses may be entering!). Horses have PRIORITY over Vehicles. Please ensure Drivers are made aware of this!

Routes - Short Route approx 18km Long Route approx 30kms-plus possibility of 2 shorter routes . Route is made up of Country lanes around Mynyddislwyn and Pant-yr-Esk Road, Bridleways and Forest track. Fantastic views if clear!

Time- - Riders can leave between 10 - 11.30am but if planning to do the longer route please leave by 10.30am. Please do not arrive before 9.30am

Facilities - Easter Eggs and Rosettes to all Riders! Toilets are available in the Clubhouse but no muddy shoes to be worn inside. Refreshments available
Please familiarise yourself with the Risk Assessment for the Ride (available on the EGB De Cymru website) to be aware of potential hazards. Please pick up any horse mess, poo, hay etc. and take with you.

Please thank all helpers - they would rather be riding!

ENJOY YOUR RIDE

Talkthrough

All Riders

Leave Venue – beware of vehicles entering. YOU have Priority! Turn left at end of drive and follow road until 2nd Signpost at Pant-yr-Trwyn for Bridle path (approx 1.5 km from venue). Follow Bridlepath right downhill though several gates and through Ty-yr-Waen (Please walk for safety as its steep but also due to horses in adjoining fields)

Bridlepath turns left downhill. Look for markers taking you sharp left onto forest track after wooden gates. Good canter track! At barrier go ahead then right downhill, then left at junction behind houses and then right on road. Take left fork in road downhill, then immediately left again (sharp uphill) and immediately right. Take grass track ahead. For those wanting a short ride look for Notice taking you left before houses and keep going left until you rejoin route and retrace the route. Otherwise continue past houses back on to track over walkover (NB refer to Risk assessment as we have had a problem with this track being blocked previously).

At end of track it bends right on to road, but turn left and then left again over wooden walkover on to Forest track. **Keep on this track for several kilometres until you reach another walkover at Pant -yr-Esk Road.**

NB there will be minimal marking along this stretch!

When you reach Pant-yr-Esk Road follow road left uphill and follow road until T junction.

Short Route and Long Route turn left at T Junction .

Short Route- follow road ahead, past Church Farm and back to the venue.

Long Route --Look for markers taking you right down a short track, turn right again on to road then left and retrace route turning right down Pant-yr-Esk Road . Take care on narrow two - way stretches.