

Rider Information (Spring Bank Holiday Rides 2022)

(15th April, 2nd May, 3rd June)

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 Sainsbury's, 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 16 Long Route approx 25-30kms. Routes are made up of Country lanes around Mynddislwyn and , Bridleways and Forest track and parts of the Sirhowy Valley Country Parks as well as open moorland and bluebell woods (last 2 Rides). 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-- Rosettes to all Riders! Toilets are available in the Clubhouse but no muddy shoes to be worn inside !

Please familiarise yourself with the Risk Assessment for the Ride (available on the EGB De Cymru website) to be aware of potential hazards. Please respect the countryside and other users. As this is a Bank Holiday there may be members of the public enjoying the Sirhowy Valley Country Park – please ride respectfully .

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

Ride Organiser Number -07920728641

Easter Bunny - Talkthrough All Riders-

Leave Venue – beware of vehicles entering -YOU have Priority! Turn Left at end of Drive and follow road until end of farm boundaries (approx 1.5 km from venue). Look for markers taking you right into wooded path and follow uphill, then downhill, turning left on to track and left again at barrier and follow to road. Go right, left at fork in road downhill, then immediately left again (sharp uphill) and second right taking you onto harvested forest track. Follow uphill then down, track bends to right then turn left onto track. As you reach road turn right then left on to B4251 where there should be stewards . Follow this road turning left again and as you reach the dual carriage way bridge go right into the Sirhowy Valley Country Park. Follow track along river until you reach main Sirhowy Valley Country Park track by Full Moon cottage.

Short route- turn right and follow main Sirhowy Valley Country Park track until road. You can trot and canter on verges but please slow down for other users. At road barrier turn right downhill (steep and slippery) and follow road over bridge , left then right and past Capell Babell into Melin St. At top cross road and go ahead onto bridlepath. Turn right onto fairly good track, turning left uphill and retracing route to venue.

Long route – cross track taking path to right . Bear left then go right at bend uphill. On main track go left.

Follow until markers take you right through woodland uphill and onto bridleway through fields. At road go left and follow until markers take you through gate by cattlegrid (Blackvein Mountain Road). Follow steep road section downhill then turn left before Waun Fawr Cottage and follow bridleway signs uphill, turning right on Forest track

Retrace the route back the way you came going back to the main Sirhowy Valley Country Park track. Continue as short route.

NB-Some parts of the Forest tracks have been reinstated and are stony ,but there are still opportunities to trot/canter.

There may be alpacas on the field bridleway but landowners have been advised to comply with their duties under the Animal Act- the landowner has also advised that there will be 9 grazing mares who are not dangerous but please be aware of this and ride accordingly- landowners are still legally bound by the Animal Act to ensure their stock pose no threat or danger to users of public Rights of way. Please report any incidents

