

The Gwent Mountain Challenge

What is it?

It's a series of 5 Rides taking in hills and Mountains in the area.

The Rides could be called Pleasure or Fun or Training Rides

Who is it for?

Any horse and rider! It can be for those interested or new to the sport-or existing pleasure riders.

Why a series and challenge?

The Rides are designed to provide an opportunity to experience a readymade Training Programme without too much pressure but culminating in a final Ride which would be run under National Rules as a “Graded Ride” – which is “vetted”

Does that mean I have to be a member of Endurance GB?

Not a full member – but to take part in the Challenge you would need to be either an Associate, Club or Supporter member when you can enter on the “Try before you Buy” scheme - see the Endurance GB website - go to “Joining” where the different types of membership are explained. As the final “Challenge Ride” is in July full membership is half price then - so another option.

So how do I get involved?

Just enter the designated Rides which will be on the website, as Maps, talk throughs, and distances are finalised. Entry Forms will be on the website.

What are the Rules for the Challenge?

These rules are very simple;

You accrue 1 point for each kilometre completed in the first 4 Rides and points under a “performance formula” for the last ride which will be added to your total.

The winner will have the highest number of points! And there will be rosettes and Prizes to third place. There will also be a Special class for Pony Club members.

How do I keep track of what I've done?

Keep watching the website - there will be a simple form for you to record and verify your Ride history which will also be available at each ride.

What if I don't want to do all the Rides?

No problem! There will be Certificates of Achievement for those completing 50 km - and The Group award Rosettes for completing 100 km over the year at the Annual meeting and awards dinner if you fancy doing more than 50km.

What distance will the Rides be?

Somewhere between 15-30km approximately – you can choose what distance you like!

What else is in it for me?

Meeting new people, making new friends, enjoying some lovely scenery (and weather?) and setting your own goals as well as experiencing a new equestrian discipline!