



RIDERS BRIEFING:

Bristol Beer Factory Bristol Bikefest 2018

To all competitors of the 2018 Bikefest. Here are some notes for the weekend. Contact details for Paul are 07834 005 835.

Arrival

Campers (access with ticket only)

You can arrive any time after 9:00 AM on Saturday the 30th of June at the campsite and set up. The event and the campsite will be signposted from the B3128 Clevedon Rd at the Long Ashton side of Ashton Court estate, access through Clarkencombe Lodge.

Day Parking

Please use one of the many Ashton Court Estate carparks, best bet is Church Lodge Carpark next to the Ashton Pub on the one-way link by Ashton Park School, please park and ride to the event venue in the showground by the deer park lower fence.

The gates will be locked and opened at **9:00 AM** on Saturday morning. If you find the gate locked, please follow the instructions on the gate.

The course is will be open for training and course inspection from 3:00 PM on Friday onwards. **You must wear a helmet on course at all times.** Please note that there is no access to the event venue on Friday and there is no medical cover on course outside race time so please be extra careful.

Camping and facilities

All camping slots are pre-allocating. You will be able to get your camping ticket by email in advance. Please find your slot and set up, making sure that all access roads stay clear. Please keep driving in and around the campground and event venue to an absolute minimum.

There are toilets in the arena. There are no showers at the Bikefest.

Please note that we will not be able to accommodate trailers, caravans and mobile homes due to the lack of hard standing. Camper vans of a VW Transporter or Ford Transit size can be accommodated. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Camping will be open from Saturday morning through to Sunday morning. **Campers have to vacate the site by 10:00 AM on Sunday. Thanks.**

There are a few camping rules laid down by the land owners and they are as follows:

1. NO disposable Bar-B-Q's as they scorch the grass, please use ones on legs to keep off the grass YOU WILL BE THROWN OUT...
2. NO OPEN FIRES, YOU WILL BE THROWN OFF SITE IF WE CATCH YOU.
3. Please put all rubbish in the bin liners and then in the skips bin liner are provided
4. Please follow the instructions of the Air Cadets. They will show you where to park and where to pitch your tent
5. Please drive slowly on the entry / exit road at all times, 10MPH max.
6. All people camping over must be gone by 10:00 AM on Sunday.

Race Day (30th June)

The race (6 hour event) starts at 12:00 PM (noon) sharp. There will be a quick briefing before we start. Could all team members please make sure that they are near the transition area at 11:30 AM for the briefing. The start riders & solos will walk from there to the start line. The start is a Le Man's type with a run to the bike.

The 'Steve Worland Ride Singletrack Hard & Drink A Swig of Cider Per Lap Memorial Cup' will start at 12:07 PM from the transition area.

Fur details on the kids races, please ask at registration and listen to the announcements.

The estate of Ashton Court is open to the public over the race weekend and there will be walkers and horses about, please remember we do have right of way but please be polite and DO NOT scream up behind them and shout at them, many thanks.

Please be extra careful at road crossing point. Teams must have only one member on the course at any one time, if you are not going for glory, then you can all chill out if you want.

Riders need to change over in the transition area after going through the red archway, it will be clearly signposted. Simply enter the area after your lap, hand over your team baton (see below) and off you go. Please leave the transition area as quickly as possible. There should only be one rider per team on the course at any given time.

Food will be available all day Saturday and Sunday morning, as will quality coffee, lattes etc and pastries; the bar will open at around 12:00 PM and will stay open till around 11:00 PM on Saturday.

If anyone hurts themselves then please advice a marshal who will radio the first ambulance team, they will be available during all races.

The race lasts for 6 hours (5:53 hours – SWMC) and will stop at 6:00 PM sharp, if you are not back by this time the lap you are on will NOT count, please work out your lap time throughout the day and leave enough time to get your last one in.

Hand over baton (hair scrunchies)

Every team will be given a hand over baton which will need to be handed from the finishing rider to the starting rider in the handover area. Please hand the batons back to the organizer team when the last riders crossed the finish line.

Timing Chips

Every rider will be given a timing chip which has be attached to the back of your number board. If you don't have your number board/chip we will not be able to time your lap. Please be EXTRA careful when cleaning your bike so that the chip does not get damaged. Any problems see a member of our team before you head out onto your next lap.

Lock your bikes

Please make sure that you securely lock your bike when you are not using it. We have no security guards at the event so we are very keen to reduce the opportunities for bikes to be stolen to the absolute minimum.

Using the Loo

Please use the toilets provided, please do not use the woodland around the estate as you will be disqualified and throw off site if caught.