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The A-Z of Famous Hills

In an attempt to discover new (old) trials sections we have been delving into the archives and we have discovered the enclosed list which we circulate by kind permission of "The Motor Cyclye" and the "Autocar".

Of course the information it contains is now several years old but it may help you locate some good oldies. Permission to use the sections must, of course, be obtained from the land-owners concerned and we urge you not to use them for practising or to cause noise or nuisance to local inhabitants.

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THE A-Z OF FAMOUS HILLS

	Max Gradient	Length
Allt-y-Bady, near Llangollen	1 in 3.5	250yds
Amulree, midway between Crieff and Aberfeldy	1 in 4.2	1mile
Applecross, opposite side to Tornapress. Fair surface	1in7	4miles
Ashmeads at Oakridge, Stroud. steep first portion, then level, followed by	1 in 3.5	1300yds
Askrigg, Yorks, near Aysgarth. Starts with shallow splash, sharp left turn, gradient eases on sweeping lefthand bend and increases later	1 in 5.75	1.25 miles
Beggars Roost, Barbrook Mill off left of Lynmouth - Barnstaple road. Surface generally loose at its worst in dry weather	1 in 3.6	906yds
Birdlip, near Gloucester. No sharp corners three curves	1 in 5	1900yds
Bismore, Eastcombe, Glos. Surface hard and stony, one sharp left hand bend. Steepest part very short	1 in 4	300yds
Blackermill. Take Bakewell Rd from Buxton. After 3 miles TL at Topley Pike down narrow lane. Shaarp left-right-left turns at bottom on 1 in 4.5, then long 1 in 6 steepening again near top. Private property.	1 in 4.5	0.5mile
Blue Hills Mine near St Agnes head. private property leased to MCC	1 in 5	0.5mile
Bobbinmill Hill near Ulpha. 1 in 3.75 at foot then steady climb with corners of 1 in 4.5	1 in 3.75	1.25 miles
Bodesbeck. Rough track connecting Moffat with Ettrick waters. Steep and tortuous	1 in 6	
Breakheart near Dursley 4 acute hairpin bends on steep gradient	1 in 2.5	150yds
Bridge of Balgie near Killin, Loch Tay. Rises to 1805ft. Stiff and tortuous	1 in 4.9	
Bury Hill between Pulborough and Arundel, an abrupt ascent winding to the crest of the south Downs	1 in 8.5	1mile
Buttermere Hause on road from Keswick to Bottermere village via Portinscale and Newlands. Narrow road with steep drop, includes several corners with gradients of 1 in 4.5. Rises 700ft	1 in 3.75	1.5miles
Bwlch-y-Groes near Pont-y-Pennant,Dinas Mawddwy. Rises 1250-ft	1 in 4.9	2553yds
Camp at Uley Bury, Glos . Deep leaf mould long, steep difficult section	1 in 4	1200yds
Cloutsham near Dunkery Beacon. Take right fork half way up Dunkery . Starts loose surface 1in 5 then RH bend and 10yds of 1 in 4 acute LH bend and 10yds of 1 in 4 with rock outcrop and stone slabs. Private property	1 in 4	300yds
Countisbury rises 900ft from Lynmouth on Porlock Rd. Shaarp drop on left	1 in 4.5	2miles
Cowdale near Buxton. A grass zig zag rising immediately on left of Buxton Bakewell Rd	1 in 3	0.25mile
Crowell near Chinnor . Narrow, chalk surface with ruts	1 in 5.25	500yds
Dacre Bank Ullswater, rises 400ft with steepest portion at top	1 in 4	0.75miles
Darracott approached through Gooseham village cross stream 3 hairpins	1 in 4	200yds
Devenish Pit near Farway. Left hand turn from farm loose rutted surface quite straight forward	1 in 5	0.5mile
Devil's Gallop Esthwaite Water near Hawkshead	1 in 4.5	0.25mile
Daibaig near Loch Torridon Pier,rises 962 ft above loch. Moorland track	1 in 4	
Dodcombe rises from hamlet of same name on Exeter Moretonhampstead rd. Turn off middle right by chapel, the left. Right bend with rock outcrops	1 in 6	150yds
Drumbeg between Lochinver and Kylesku , very rough track	1 in 5	
Doverhay rises to left out of Porlock village coming from Minehead. long steep section rising to 1 in 3.75 at sharp right and left hairpins near summit	1 in 3.75	1mile
Dunkery Beacon TL off Minehead Porlock rd to Luccombe, right at church, left at signpost	1 in 6	2miles
Edge Hill Kineton. Rises 300ft three bends good surface	1 in 7	0.75miles
Exford see Yeascombe		
Farlow Bank near Cleobury Mortimer	1 in 5	0.5 mile
Ferriscourt, Eastcombe Glos corresponding hill opposite to Bismore. Surface good on steep sections but loose on Rh hairpin and LH bend	1 in 4.5	0.5mile
Fingle Bridge near Drewsteignton S. Devon. RH hairpin then steepening through 9 hairpins	1 in 4	1mile
Foolstep from Skelworth Bridge to Red Bank. Two difficult corners	1 in 4.5	250yds
Grabhurst near Dunster. RH turn at foot rises steadily to sharp L and R S-bend where surface is loose and rocky especially difficult in dry weather - rough descent on either side	1 in 5.25	1000yds

Green Hill near Wirksworth	1 in 4	400yds
Greystones rising from farmyard of Luscombe near Buckfastleigh rocky surface with slimy flat stones. Farmers permission must be obtained	1 in 5	0.5mile
Gummershow lower end of Windermere. Long straight hill rising 550ft	1 in 4.5	1mile
Harcombe 1 mile from Sidbury surface good steepest near summit	1 in 4.5	500yds
Ham Mill 1.5 miles from Stroud rocky surface grass on upper section LH hairpin	1 in 4	300yds
Hard Knott Pass, Eskdale to Little Langdale	1 in 3.5	2.5 miles
Harpers Hill Totnes. At top of town keep straight on instead of taking Kingsbridge rd. Loose rocks and rocky outcrops	1 in 6	0.25mile
Higher Lath Hill Ulverston. Road very twisty including one difficult LH turn. Middle portion steepest	1 in 3.75	
High Oak, Bewdley loose and wet surface	1 in 4	0.25mile
Hollinsclough between Axe Edge and Longmoor, steep narrow climb very slimy at foot when wet, severe rock outcrops	1 in 5.5	300yds
Holmside Hill Charlaw Lane Holmside Durham. Several bad corners rough surface and steepest at foot	1 in 5	0.66mile
Honister Pass Buttermere side of Gatesgarth	1 in 3.8	0.75mile
Hustyn near Wadebridge via Burlorne Eglos	1 in 5	0.5mile
Iles Lane near Chalford Stroud. TR over bridge off road from Stroud bear left at fork	1 in 5	150yds
Inverfarigaig 16.5 miles from Inverness heading off Gen Wadse road on S. side of Loch Ness, series of sharp hairpin bends	1 in 4.8	
Jacob's Ladder 2 miles NW of Kidderminster, straight narrow grass track sandy subsoil	1 in 3	100yds
Jawbones Dartmouth. Starts with RH turn gradient 1 in 8 increasing to max and finishing with another RH turn	1 in 4	
Jenkins' Chapel near Goyt Bridge	1 in 2.9	600yds
Klin Park Brow (Bank), Broughton in Furness, long climb with several turns	1 in 4	1.5miles
Kirby Moor Hill near Ulverston rises nearly 900ft	1 in 4.5	2miles
Kirkstone Pass, Ambleside to Brothers Water	1 in 4.5	2miles
Knapp Brimscombe Glos	1 in 5	1000yds
Kemacott. Take third right off Lynmouth-Parracombe rd (Woody Bay station) towards Hunters Inn. Track through watersplash on right. Loose surface winding	1 in 6	0.25 mile
Kipscombe near Challacombe N.Devon. Steep left turn at bottom Rh bend farther up. Not difficult	1 in 6	0.25mile
Kop Hill near Princes Risboro'. No bad corners	1 in 5	0.75mile
Lettaford lies to the right of road from Moretonhampstead tp Postbridge. Very short	1 in 2	
Lewknor. turn left off main Stokenchurch- Oxford rd at Lambert Arms and left again in Lewknor	1 in 5	0.5mile
Litton Slack near Millers Dale	1 in 3	
0.5mile		
Loch Builg 7 miles NW of Balmoral. Highest point of any road in British Isles, very rough and stony track	1 in 6	
Mackhouse, 0.5miles from Eastcombe,Glos. Winding climb through wood	1 in 5.5	0.5mile
Maidens Grove, from Henley on Thames TL at Stonor. At 1 mile where road swings sharp right, straight on through gate	1 in 5	150yds
Mamore, private track starting from Kinlochleven on new Fort William rd. Has many hairpins and climbs to over1000ft	1 in 4	1mile
Manaton rises to village of Manaton from left of Manaton-Becka Falls rd through Houndton Wood. Steep lower section with rough rocky surface, very narrow, four sharp bends	1 in 4	0.5mile
Marlpits near Honiton on road to Roncombe Gate, acute left hand bend on upper reaches	1 in 5.5	0.75mile
Meerhay near Beaminster. RH bend soon after start, rough surface with outcrop at steepest part	1 in 4.5	1.25miles
Middle Tongue near Glasshouse Pately Bridge. Start through narrow paved splash, sharp left and right turns, gravel surface. Chiefly difficult when dry	1 in 5.5	800yds
Mill Lane Prestbury Glos, very bad surface loose rocks leaf mould straight and narrow	1 in 4.5	1mile
Mow Cop near Kidsgrove	1 in 4.5	300 yds

Nailsworth Ladder near Stroud	1 in 2.5	300yds
Naze Hill near Todmorden, very bad surface deep ruts, severe hairpin near start dangerous hill	1 in 2.5	
Park Rash near Kettlewell	1 in 4.5	0.75mile
Pepperdom , the first lane to the left just after two railway bridges after leaving Moretonhampstead on main road to Bovey. Narrow good surface, acute right and left hand hairpins at top	1 in 6	0.5mile
Red Bank near Skelwith Bridge Grasmere	1 in 4.5	880yds
Rest and be Thankful old hill on the road from Arrochar to Inveraray	1 in 7	1706yds
Rosedale Abbeybank near Kirkby Moorside	1 in 4.5	0.5mile
Ruses Mill take Bodmin rd from Launceston fork left for Liskeard TL near Trekelland . Zigzag climb with five acute bends	1 in 5.5	0.5mile
Screw Hill near Nevin Carnarvon between Llithfaen and Porth -y- Nant ,five hairpins surface covered with shale	1 in 3	1mile
Seatoller- Honister rises 860ft	1 in 4.5	1.5miles
Simms Hill Islington S.Devon	1 in 2.75	200yds
Stake Moss near Buckden, Yorks	1 in 5.25	1.25miles
Stancombe 2 miles from Painswick Glos RH bend near foot LH hairpin near top	1 in 5	100yds
Station Hill Lynton	1 in 4.5	200yds
Station Hill Chalford	1 in 6	200yds
Stoney Brae Perthshire 0.5mile outside Birnam on Perth rd TR under railway hairpins at foot atrocious stony surface		
	1 in 4	200yds
Thwaite Head Hill near Rusland Windermere	1 in 4.5	
Titsey Hill on the road from Limsfield to Warlingham	1 in 6	0.5mile
Tornapress through the famous Bealch-nam Bo	1 in 4	
Torrens near Exford Somerset. Take right road out of Exford to Downscombe, starts in farm on right, long with tricky surface, private property	1 in 5	300yds
Underwood Hill, lower portion of Watermillock House includes three sharp turns	1 in 4.5	1.25miles
	1 in 2.4	480yds
Vale Street Bristol a side street near the river	1 in 4	
Walna Scar , proceed up through narrow rough track beside Coniston Station carry straight on avoiding well defined road to right. roughly 2 miles after this junction leave main track, branching left through watersplash and along grass track to hill	1 in 4	
Washgates in Derbyshire. At Travellers Inn on Buxton Leek rd bear left on Hollinsclough-Longmoor Rd in 1.25 miles TL . Hairpin zig-zag with rock outcrops and crude paving	1 in 5	300yds
Watermillock Hill near Penrith from Brackenrigg. Three sharp bends	1 in 4.5	1.25 miles
Watty Scout Hill near Todmorden	1 in 3	
Wellcoombe. From Cadbury near Crediton take Stockligh-Pomeroy rd then 4th right. Starts with greasy section and right bend, final steep rise with rock outcrops. Difficult hill.	1 in 3.5	0.5mile
Wellshead near Exford Somerset. Proceed along the north bank of the River Exe avoiding forks to right till lane apparently ends. Turn sharp right by the farm . RH bend followed by acute left with massive rock platform	1 in 6.5	0.5mile
	1 in 4.75	0.8mile
Weston Lane near Bath includes an S bend	1 in 5.5	700yds
West Stonesdale lies right of the Reeth-Kirkby Stephen rd near Mukar	1 in 3.5	200yds
Windout Hill about half way between Tedburn St Maary and Dunsford. rises from stream some 100yds from Windout Farm. Loose surface 2 hairpins	1 in 3.5	200yds
Yealscombe (Exford). Proceed from Exford along noth bank of river turn sharp left through the river and right up the hill. Very steep climb	1 in 3.5	700yds
Yew Tree Hill near Coniston Water	1 in 3.5	