
MINEHEAD MOTOR CLUB LTD

52nd EXMOOR CLOUDS TRIAL

3rd September 2023

Sponsored by Derek Merson Garages

ROUTE CARD

Abbreviations: **R=Right L=Left T=T Junction SO=Straight On X=Crossroads,**
FR=Fork Right FL=Fork Left DP=Directional Post.

Route Markings **Red=Right Blue=Left White=Straight On**
Map References & W3W codes are based on the Start of each Section

Times shown are when the section **OPENS**.

This event is routed along and/or across public rights of way. Competitors must exercise caution and reduce their speed accordingly near other path users. Be especially careful near horses. Slow down, stop and switch off your engine if necessary.

PLEASE CLOSE ALL GATES ON ROUTE

08:20	Rest and be Thankful 181/924388	Start
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Distance to 1st section: 4.5 miles

On marshal's instruction, L out of Rest & Be Thankful Car park and immediately R DP Taunton, Raleigh's Cross B3224. Continue uphill for 1.6 miles to Heath Poulton X where L DP Luxborough, Timberscombe. Continue downhill for 1.5 miles to Couple X, where R, DP Luxborough, Roadwater. SO for 1.3 miles to grass triangle with trees in the middle, where SO (keeping L of triangle) and immediately R into gateway. Follow arrows to:-

08:30 W3W: cushy.airship.forget	Beech Trees 181/971383	Observed Test 1
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Follow arrows to:-

08:35 W3W: gravel.interests.rehearsal	Nurcott Pits 181/972383	Observed Section 1
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Distance to next section: 0.4 miles

Follow arrows down track to exit. Continue to tarred road, where L. In 0.25 miles, on sharp LH bend, turn R, no DP. Continue for 300 yds to:-

08:45 W3W: buyers.late.suitably	Churchtown 181/974377	Observed Section 2 Restart B3, X, 8
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Distance to next section: 1.3 miles

Return to bottom of section and continue uphill. Follow lane for approx. 0.8 miles to T where L, DP Watchet. SO through Luxborough village and in 0.2 miles L, DP Rodhuish, Wythycombe. Shortly L at Monkham Wood Depot sign and follow arrows to:-

08:55 W3W: hires.stocks.melt	Luxborough Lawns 181/986379 <u>Penalty for Hitting Markers</u>	Observed Section 3 Lower Restart A, B1, B2, B3, X, 5, 6, 7 Higher Restart 8
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Distance to next section: 4.5 miles

Follow arrows back to road (Caution, two-way traffic) where R, no DP. Shortly L at T (obscure DP Roadwater, Washford). Continue for 2.8 miles to T where R uphill, DP Treborough, Brendon Hill.

ROUTES DIVIDE

All Solo Motorcycles Only: In 0.2 miles L, DP Leighland. Continue for 0.6 miles where R at small grass triangle. Continue uphill (Q past houses) to bear L around bend (appears to be L at T) Caution, two-way traffic. Continue up lane to farm, to follow arrows to:

09:15 W3W: noon.joins.toothpick	Leigh Barton 181/004369	Observed Section 4A Motorcycle Classes Only
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Distance to next section: 2.8 miles

Follow arrows back past farm and continue back down lane (Caution, two-way traffic) where L no DP (effectively SO) onto private tarred road. Continue to T at white gate where L uphill, no DP to join route for:

All Sidecars & Cars: Continue uphill to grass triangle where R, DP Treborough, No Through Road. In 50yds R, DP Court Farms. Continue downhill, where R through gateway and follow arrows to:

09:25 W3W: noon.joins.toothpick	Treborough Gorse 181/004371 <u>Penalty for Hitting Markers</u>	Observed Section 4 Restart 8 Deviation for Solo Motorcycles
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Distance to next section: 0.8 miles

Return to tarmac road where R downhill passing Higher Court and Lower Court Farm where L at small grass triangle onto track. Keep L at fork and continue down track, passing cottage. Continue through ford to:-

09:35 W3W: short.currently.loves	Tarr Cott 181/000363	Observed Section 5 Restart 8
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Distance to next section: 6.2 miles

CLEARs: Follow markers to road (**please shut gate**), where L (Caution), and immediately R into Eastcott Lane to rejoin common route.

FAILs: Return along track (Caution 2-way traffic) to tarmac road where R uphill. Continue to T where L no DP in our direction, and shortly R at grass triangle DP Sminhays/Brendon Hill. Continue for 1.3 miles to T where R onto B3224 DP Wheddon Cross, Exford. Continue for 0.9 miles where L into Eastcott Lane to rejoin common route.

Common Route: Follow road for 0.7 miles to sharp RH bend at Eastcott. Continue for 0.4 miles to grass triangle where L, no DP. Follow road for 1.8 miles, around hairpin L bend, and continue to T where R, DP Brompton Regis. SO for 2.4 miles, over bridge at Wimbleball Lake and shortly L, DP Wimbleball (brown sign). Caution: 2-way traffic from this point. Continue for 0.9 miles passing No-through-road sign to small triangle where R into farm track. On marshals instruction, continue down lane where R through gate and down sloping field to:-

10:00

W3W: straying.argued.fencing

Steep Lane
181/964295

Observed Section 6
Restart Classes 5, 6, 7, 8

Distance to next section: 8.5 miles

At top of section continue to tarmac road where L (Care, later competitors approaching). Continue to T where L, DP Pulhams Mill. Pass Brompton Regis sign where shortly, at Mill X, L **and immediately SO**, no DP in our direction. Continue to T where L, no DP. Continue to Beech Tree X where L, DP Dulverton. Descend hill to T where R onto A396 DP Minehead, Dulverton. In 0.1 miles, L DP Dulverton. Continue into Dulverton taking no side turnings, to T where L. Continue over river bridge and in 0.2 miles R, DP Hawkridge, Oldways End. Ascend hill for 0.3 miles where R, DP Hawkridge. Continue for 1.4 miles to T where R, DP Tarr Steps, Exford. In 0.1 miles, L into woods. Follow arrows to:-

10:30

W3W: garlic.cycles.messy

Northmoor
181/896287

Observed Section 7

Distance to next section: 15.9 miles

Follow arrows to tarmac road where L downhill. Continue over narrow bridge and follow road around to R where FR and immediately R at T. Follow narrow road back into Dulverton where SO at X (where road goes R) and immediately L at T (by Webbers Estate Agent) onto High Street. In 100 yards, where main road goes around to R, continue SO between houses (6'6" width limit) keeping Rock House on R. Continue along narrow lane for 2.2 miles where R over Chilly Bridge and L at T onto A396. SO through Bridgetown and continue SO at Coppleham Cross for 3 miles to Wheddon Cross, where SO at Rest & Be Thankful Inn DP Dunster, Minehead A396 (fuel available on L, no E5). Continue downhill, following A396 into Timberscombe, where immediately after passing old garage on L, L DP Wootton Courtenay. In 0.3 miles, on sharp LH bend, R, no DP, passing Unsuitable for HGV sign. In 1.4 miles, L into woods and follow arrows to:-

11:10

W3W: weep.forensic.pity

Aville
181/976433

Observed Section 8
Restart 7, 8

Cleans & Fails: Follow arrows to:-

11:20

W3W: suits.reef.cute

Aville Ball
181/976434

Observed Section 9
Restart 8

Distance to next section: 1.0 mile

Follow arrows to tarmac road where L. Continue for 0.5 miles to T where R, no DP (Care, earlier competitors approaching from R). In 0.3 L at grass triangle DP Luxborough, Nutcombe Bottom (brown sign). In 100yds L into:-

11:45 W3W: important.common.smart	Vinegar Hill 181/981430	Observed Section 10 Restart 8
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Distance to Lunch Halt: 3.0 miles

Return to tarmac road where R. In 100yds, R onto A396 (Care, later competitors approaching). Continue on main road into Dunster, following A396 through Dunster to traffic lights at bottom of hill where L, DP Minehead, Porlock, A39. Follow A39 to RDBT where 3rd exit, DP Sea Front Enterprise Park. Continue to next RDBT (E5 fuel available at Tesco) where 1st exit, DP Retail Park. At next RDBT, 1st exit, no DP. Continue to T where L DP Garden Centre. In 50 yds R into:

Lunch halt. Check in with marshal. Food van and toilets are available, please patronise if possible. **Please can no competitor leave before 12:00pm.** This is to allow enough time for marshals to move from morning to afternoon sections. If running late, feel free to use this 30 mins to make up time.

Distance to next section: 2.9 miles

Leave Lunch halt and turn L, no DP. In 50 yds R, no DP. Continue to RDBT where 2nd exit. At second RDBT, 2nd exit DP Williton, Porlock. Continue to RDBT with A39 where 3rd exit DP Alcombe, Porlock, A39. Continue to mini RDBT where 1st exit DP Porlock, Lynmouth, A39. After 1.3 miles, in dip, L into track opposite Woodberry Cottage. Continue up track and follow arrows to:-

12:20 W3W: spend.reception.towns	Water Run 181/953450	Observed Section 11 Restart 8
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Follow arrows to:-

12:30 W3W: videos.engages.sour	Periton Summit 181/950449	Observed Section 12 Restart 8
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Follow arrows to:-

12:40 W3W: lasts.whirlpool.mega	Periton Hill 181/947447	Observed Section 13
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Follow arrows down to gateway out of woods (Caution, earlier competitors approaching) and continue to follow arrows to:-

12:50 W3W: tadpoles.lurching.sting	Rollies 181/941458	Observed Test 2
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After completing test, follow arrows to:-

12:55

W3W: napped.sprouting.dictation

Pridds Escape**181/941458****Observed Section 14****Restart 8**

Follow arrows back into woods (Caution, later competitors approaching) and follow arrows to:-

13:05

W3W: suppose.seemingly.necklaces

**Lena's
181/939456****Observed Section 15****Restart 7****Deviation all motorcycle classes****Deviation & Restart 8**

Distance to next section: 0.6 miles

CLEARs & FAILs: Follow arrows out of woods where L into layby on A39. L onto A39 and in 0.6 miles R at X into track, DP Porlock A39. Continue to:-

13:20

W3W: friday.slant.firmly

**Venniford
181/931458****Observed Section 16****Restart A, D, 2, 3, 4, 90**

Distance to next section: 11.3 miles

CLEARs: At top of section, turn L at track and continue to farm to turn around. Please do not turn R at top of section, at the request of the landowner. Exit along track to tarmac road where R. Continue to X with A39 where R DP Porlock. Continue for 0.1 miles to rejoin common route

FAILs: Return to road where **Extreme Caution** R onto A39 to rejoin common route.

Common Route: In 0.4 miles, L DP Luccombe. In 0.3 miles, follow road R DP Luccombe, Horner, Cloutsham, and continue to T in Luccombe where R, DP Cloutsham. Follow road L DP Porlock, Dunkery Beacon. L at X DP Cloutsham, Dunkery Beacon and ascend steep hill to Webbers Post. At Webbers Post, FR DP Cloutsham, Exford. Continue along winding road, through ford, around hairpin bends and past Cloutsham Farm. Over cattle grid and SO DP Exford. Continue across common for 2 miles where SO at Porlock Post, DP Exford. Continue to T (Hillhead X) where L DP Exford. Descend hill into Exford where L at triangle DP Wheddon Cross, Taunton. Continue uphill for 0.9 miles where R at Stone X, DP Winsford, Dulverton. Descend hill for 0.9 miles where L down track to:-

14:00

W3W: botanists.plotting.jammy

**Pinn Quarry
181/883382****Observed Section 17****1,2,3,4 & 90 attempt RH Section****Restart ALL****All other classes attempt LH Section****Restart 8****14:05**

W3W: career.denim.kickers

**Pinn Point
181/883382****Observed Section 17A****All solo motorcycle Classes ONLY**

Distance to next section: 4.3 miles

Return to road (Caution, 2-way traffic) where sharp L onto road (CARE). Continue for 2.7 miles into

Winsford. Continue through Winsford ignoring all side turnings. After passing derestriction signs, continue for 1.1 miles where L into track (Care over narrow bridge) to:-

14:20 W3W: elevated.third.dumps	Ski Slope 181/920341	Observed Section 18 Restart 7, 8
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Distance to finish: 3.5 miles

Return to tarmac road where L no DP. Continue to triangle (Coppleham X) where L onto A396 DP Wheddon Cross. Continue uphill for 3 miles to Wheddon Cross, where L into pub carpark.

If the car park is busy, please park in the trailer park and walk to the pub.

Signing off is in the Rest & Be Thankful. Please collect your finishers stickers and leave your feedback! Food and drink is available, please patronise if you can.

Thank you for entering the 52nd Exmoor Clouds; we hope you have had an enjoyable and challenging day's trialling and we hope to see you again next year!

Comments – All feedback gratefully received