

The M.C.C. Land's End Trial—April 11th & 12th, 1952

SCHEDULE TIMES—IMPORTANT:

Competitors can find their own due time at any given point by adding to standard time the difference between standard time, i.e. 8 p.m., and THEIR OWN STARTING TIME AS SHOWN IN THE PROGRAMME.

There will be an interval of 30 minutes between the last three-wheeler (No. 252) and the first car (No. 253) on the re-start from Taunton. Car competitors should, therefore, add this 30 minutes to all times after Taunton.

Example—No. 253 starts 3 hours 31 min. later than standard time. His re-starting time from Taunton is $2.30 + 3.31 + 30 \text{ min.} = 6.31 \text{ a.m.}$

All non-stop and observed sections are Time Checks, but lateness arising from officially controlled delay at such sections will not involve any penalty.

SPECIAL NOTE.—From County Gate onwards the total mileage for motorcycle competitors is $7\frac{3}{4}$ miles additional to the figures shewn in the route card which are the car mileages. The intermediate distances are of course correct for all.

The standard time shewn from County Gate onwards applies to all competitors.

Route, starting from Stratford-on-Avon.

Standard Time 1952	Com- petitor's Own Time	Place	Mileage	Total Mileage	Route and Instructions
April 11 P.M. 8.00	8.54	STRATFORD- ON-AVON	—	—	<u>P.O.R.</u> Start from <u>GUYVER'S GARAGE</u> , ROTHER STREET (<u>TIME CHECK</u>). Sign sheet at start. The route will not be marked from Stratford to Taunton, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check they may choose their own route to Taunton. A recommended route is Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton.
11.40 (at check)	12.34	PARADISE ROAD HOUSE (Intermediate Check 9 miles beyond Bristol)	81½	81½	Take Bridgwater road out of Bristol, and check at Paradise Road House, 9 miles beyond Bristol. Sign sheet on arrival only. Supplies and refreshments available. Re-start when ready. Time schedule allows for interval here. <u>P.O.R.</u>
April 12 A.M. 1.00 (arrive)	1.54	TAUNTON ... (Check)	33½	115	<u>TIME CHECK just beyond Road House,</u> <u>TIME CHECK at HALCON CORNER</u> where Bridgwater road joins the Ilminster-Taunton road at entrance to town. No signing. <u>CONTROL</u> from check to re-start after <u>breakfast</u> . Supplies at Market Garage at entrance to Car Park. Follow marked route to Car Park as on page 2. <u>P.O.</u>

Route, starting from Plymouth.

April 11 P.M. 8.00		PLYMOUTH...	—	—	Start from WEBBER'S FILLING STATION, HARTLEY VALE (TIME CHECK). The route will NOT be marked from the Start to Taunton, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check at Barnstaple, they may choose their own route to Taunton. A recommended route is Tavistock, Okehampton, Torrington, Barnstaple, South Molton, Bampton.
10.50		BARNSTAPLE	60	60	TIME CHECK. Sign sheet on arrival only at Shutler's Garage. Supplies and refreshments available. Time schedule allows for interval here. <u>TIME CHECK just beyond garage.</u>
April 12 A.M. 1.00		TAUNTON ...	55	115	Proceed to Town Centre where L, taking the London Road along East Street and East Reach. TIME CHECK at far end of town just before reaching Leycroft Road (on left). L along Leycroft Road and follow marked route as on page 2 to Car Park. Supplies at Market Garage at entrance to Car Park.

Route, starting from Virginia Water.

April 11 P.M. 8.00	VIRGINIA WATER	—	—	Start from WHEATSHEAF HOTEL, VIRGINIA WATER (TIME CHECK), near the 21st milestone from London on the Staines-Bagshot road. Meals and supplies at Hotel. The route will not be marked from the start to Taunton, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check they may choose their own route to Taunton. A recommended route is Basingstoke (by-pass), Popham Lane, Andover, Amesbury, Mere, Wincanton, Taunton.
11.00	DEPTFORD ... White Heather Garage (Time Check 1 mile beyond Garage)	69	69	This is situated on the Amesbury-Mere road $9\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of Amesbury. The garage is just beyond the junction of the Salisbury-Warminster and Amesbury-Mere roads. Beware of "HALT" SIGN AT THIS ROAD JUNCTION. Sign sheet at garage on arrival only. Re-start when ready. Time schedule allows for interval here. Refreshments available near Garage.
April 12 A.M. 1.00 (arrive)	TAUNTON ... (Check)	1 53	70 123	The actual timing point will be on the Amesbury-Mere road about one mile beyond the garage at the far end of Wylve at fork. TIME CHECK at HALCON CORNER where Bridgwater road joins the Ilminster-Taunton road at entrance to town. No signing. CONTROL from check to re-start after breakfast. Supplies at Market Garage at entrance to Car Park. Follow marked route as below.

Same Route for all Competitors, Taunton to Porlock Village.

1.00	1.54	TAUNTON ... (Car Park)	Mileage	—	Total Mileage from Taunton	Fork second R after passing Western National Garage, via Leycroft Road, L then R fork into Priory Bridge Road. Over river bridge and R into Car Park. Park as directed and proceed to <u>Deller's Cafe for breakfast.</u> L into Canal Road, L down Station Road and L along Bridge Street (4 minutes' walk).
2.30	3.24	TAUNTON ... (Re-start)	—	—	—	Leave Car Park by Canal Road turning L. R at Station Road under railway bridge (Kingston Road) and L along Greenway Road. Follow d.p.'s Minehead. S.o. at X roads approaching Bishop's Lydeard and 1 mile later leave main road, taking L at d.p. Lyd St. Lawrence, and pass under railway. L beyond Friendship Inn, then R at fork d.p. Raleigh's Cross. S.o. d.p. Raleigh's Cross and Elworthy. S.o. at X roads d.p. Elworthy, and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile later L at X roads, d.p. Elworthy. S.o. at next X d.p. Raleigh's Cross, avoiding Elworthy, up steep slope for a mile and forward to
20. mph		Raleigh's Cross	15	15		S.o. at Raleigh's Cross, d.p. Bampton. In 1 mile R at fork (Chapel and semi-circular wall, d.p. Wheddon Cross) follow d.p.'s Cutcombe to Heath Cross, where leave Cutcombe road, and square R (d.p. Minehead) and s.o. at Couple Cross to Timberscombe, where R in village at Lion, and immediately L.
		Timberscombe ..	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{4}$ mile beyond village at Cowbridge L, d.p. Wootton Courtenay, then R, at T (no d.p.), and immediately L again (no d.p.) for ascent of Grabhurst.
3.51	4.45	GRABHURST HILL (Summit)	$1\frac{1}{2}$	27		<u>NON-STOP to summit.</u> Descend carefully over Hopcott Common, and on rejoining main road L, and follow d.p.'s for Porlock.

ROUTE FOR SOLOS, SIDECARS, AND THREE-WHEELERS ONLY. PORLOCK TO COUNTY GATE.

April 12 A.M.	Porlock ...	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$33\frac{1}{2}$	On entering village, sharp L at Doverhay Reading Room. R at next fork, then L and ascend.
4.12	DOVERHAY HILL			<u>OBSERVED SECTION. NON-STOP to summit.</u> S.o. descending steep hill to river bridge. Cross bridge and up hill through three gates. After third gate, R at fork, R at next junction (d.p. Exford), R at T junction (d.p. Porlock) and join main road to Lynmouth by acute L turn to County Gate.
55.06	County Gate ...	14	$47\frac{1}{2}$	

ROUTE FOR CARS ONLY. PORLOCK TO COUNTY GATE.

Porlock ...	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	Proceed carefully through village, avoid "bunching" and s.o. up Porlock Hill.
County Gate ...	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	39 $\frac{3}{4}$	Keep carefully to schedule time along this section. Single File down Countisbury, no overtaking.

ROUTE FOR ALL COMPETITORS. COUNTY GATE TO LYNMOUTH & ONWARDS.

20.mph

		Lynmouth ... (Bridge)	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	S.o. and up Lynmouth Hill (<u>not observed</u>). Remember sharp R hairpin at top, do not follow too closely.
		Lynmouth Hill			After rounding hairpin bend at summit, continue up hill to Lynton. First L down hill past Crown Hotel, L and bear L again and up.
5.09	6.03	STATION HILL (Summit)	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	45	<u>OBSERVED SECTION. NON-STOP</u> to summit, L at summit and s.o. to Barbrook Mill (riding or driving on footpath on Station Hill will be deemed a failure).
		Barbrook Mill...	1	46	Single file over bridge and round corner. Line up as directed (no adjustments).
5.13	6.07	BEGGARS' ROOST (Summit)	$\frac{1}{2}$	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	<u>OBSERVED SECTION. NON-STOP</u> to Windy Post. S.o. at Lyn Cross and after descending to Watersmeet and crossing bridge, s.o. up Barton Steep (avoiding road to R marked Simonsbath).
5.20	6.14	BARTON STEEP	1	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	<u>OBSERVED SECTION. NON-STOP</u> from start to <u>SPECIAL TEST</u> and from there NON-STOP to summit. (See page 6 for details.)
		Simonsbath ...	6	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	At foot of hill R crossing river, d.p. South Molton, L at Poltimore Arms (4 miles on) and follow South Molton road. Petrol at Aller Cross Garage 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles before reaching South Molton.
		South Molton ...	11	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	Entering town R along West Street. A mile out L, then follow d.p.'s Umberleigh and Torrington. When across Umberleigh Bridge R at Rising Sun; $\frac{1}{4}$ mile later L, and by Atherington and Langridgeford to Torrington.
		Torrington ...	16	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	Keep R along New Street. L at end of houses (d.p. Holsworthy and Bude), cross river at Taddipport, sharp R for Holsworthy.
		Stibb Cross ...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	S.o. over X roads and immediately fork R (d.p. Clovelly); s.o. at X roads (d.p. Clovelly) and s.o. over next two X roads.
		Powlers Piece...	5	91	At X roads (slow, major road ahead) L (d.p. West Putford, Bradworthy) to Kesmaldon Bridge (iron posts and rails). Cross bridge and very shortly first R (no d.p.). 3 miles on L (d.p. Hartland), and in $\frac{1}{2}$ mile R fork (no d.p.). S.o. crossing Brimford Bridge and next L (d.p. Welcombe and Bude) to main road.
		Welcombe Cross (Main Road)	8	99	<i>Note</i> —As the route makes a complete circuit from Welcombe Cross to include Darracott Hill, competitors should remember that on joining the main road at Welcombe Cross they will be traversing for a short distance the same route as <i>earlier</i> competitors who have already climbed Darracott and who will therefore keep straight on at the Eastcott R turn. Be careful therefore not to overlook the Eastcott R turn. L along main road and take second turning R (d.p. Eastcott). Keep L at fork (avoiding village) down rough hill and s.o. uphill, sharp R at next turning to Gooseham. L at T and almost immediately R at T. S.o. at road junction at A.A. sign "Impracticable for Motors" and descend steep hill, carefully, to foot of Darracott Hill.

20.mph

Standard Time	Com- petitor's Own Time	Place	Mileage	Total Mileage from Taunton	Route and Instructions
A.M. 8.00	8.54	DARRACOTT HILL (Summit)	4	103	<u>OBSERVED SECTION. NON-STOP</u> from start to summit, R at summit, R at next junction and s.o. to Welcombe X roads, main road junction (halt sign), R and straight on along main road to Kilkhampton.
20.mph		Kilkhampton ...	6½	109½	Follow main road as for Stratton, and in 3¼ miles R at notice "narrow road with dangerous bends" and through Poughill to Crooklets Beach (avoiding d.p. Bude). <u>TIME CHECK</u> just beyond garage.
8.35 (arrive)	9.29	BUDE ... (Control)	5	114½	Proceed further ¼ mile to
			½	115	Headland Pavilion Cafe (all competitors sign here). Breakfast and Lunch stop for all competitors. Park where directed.
10.00 (depart)	10.54	BUDE ... (Schedule speed 15 m.p.h. from Bude to Crackington, 8½ miles)			All competitors re-start at schedule time. Proceed down the hill, through town to road junction, where R. Over narrow Canal Bridge, by Falcon Hotel, L following Coast Road. At about 3¾ miles d.p. Millook and St. Gennys Cliff Road, s.o., and in about ¼ mile R, d.p. Millook to Millook Hill.
15.mph		Millook Hill ...	5	120	Steep descent and ascent. Proceed with caution, narrow road with sharp corners. Water splash foot of hill. Up steep hill with sharp corner to
		Farm House, Middle Dizzard	2	122	S.o. at d.p. Wainhouse Corner and Crackington Haven, and in about ¼ mile d.p. The Haven, Crannow, straight on follow telegraph poles to
		Tremayna Cross Road	1½	123½	S.o., d.p. Tremayna, Rosecare (special care required here), passing Chapel on L, through farm yard and down rough narrow winding lane, at fork R, passing through two water splashes to
10.34	11.28	CRACKING- TON HILL	½	124	<u>OBSERVED SECTION. NON-STOP</u> to Summit.
		Crackington Farm	½	124½	R and in 200 yards L at road junction and L again to
20.mph		Tresparrett Posts	2	126½	Follow main Camelford Road for 3 miles. Over railway bridge at Otterham Station and 1st R (d.p. Lesnewth), L and then R to
		Lesnewth ...	5	131½	S.o. down steep hill (caution sharp corners), L at farm and at bottom R by farm buildings. R again down steep hill to
11.01	11.55	NEW MILL ...	1½	133	<u>OBSERVED SECTION</u> starts after crossing ford. <u>NON-STOP</u> to summit where L at main road to Boscastle. Over bridge R round hairpin and s.o. to
20.mph					

P.M.		Valley Truckle..	7½	140½	Great care on joining main road (halt sign) where R for Wadebridge.
		Wadebridge ...	10	150½	Entering town L and then R over bridge, over level crossing and immediately sharp L, s.o. at X roads, L at next fork. At X roads (1 mile on) L d.p. Burlawn, L at cottage at fork and immediately R down hill to
12.00 (Noon)	12.54	HUSTYN HILL	2	152½	<u>OBSERVED SECTION.</u> Through water splash and then <u>NON-STOP</u> to summit, s.o. at road junction through Grogley. R at fork to
20.mph		Ruthernbridge...	2½	155	L at T over bridge and immediately sharp R (d.p. Withiel and Roche) R at fork and again R at fork to Withiel. S.o. at d.p. Roche and immediately L at Church; at X roads s.o. (d.p. Roche) and at next X roads s.o. to junction with A.30.
		Junction with A.30 (6 miles west of Bodmin)	4	159	Turn R and R at Victoria Inn and over Goss Moor to Fraddon. At fork beyond Blue Anchor R, and R again at next fork to Summercourt. S.o. to Mitchell.
P.M.		Mitchell ...	10	169	A mile beyond Mitchell, R at Carland, still A.30, but in another two miles again R, leaving A.30 at d.p. Perranporth, 4½ miles.
1.12 (arrive)	2.06	PERRAN- PORTH	7½	176½	{ <u>TIME CHECK</u> , just short of Cornish's Garage. <u>No early margin, no signing.</u> Park as directed. Tea at Garage, as well as supplies. <u>RE-START</u> after compulsory 10 minutes stop. Cross bridge; 2 miles out s.o. d.p. Bluehills, (leaving main road) s.o. at X roads, R at next corner and slow for steep narrow descent through Cross Combe and by acute hairpin to Control in valley.
1.22 (depart)	2.16				
		Trevellas Porth	3	179½	<u>STOP</u> before bridge. <u>RE-START</u> on marshal's instructions.
1.31	2.25	BLUEHILLS MINE (1)	—	—	<u>OBSERVED SECTIONS. NON-STOP</u> to end of 1st section. Standing start for 2nd section, and <u>NON-STOP</u> to summit. At summit L and shortly R. Descend to Peterville. Square R at bottom, again R at fork marked "Beach ½." In St. Agnes Quay, at Quay Stores turn L up long slope. At summit turn R when road T's. Immediately after, at fork L, to Higher Bal. Here turn L at unmarked X roads at entrance to village (by telephone box on R), and later follow d.p. marked Porthtowan, and R at Victory Inn.
		BLUEHILLS MINE (2)	—	—	
		Porthtowan ...	5	184½	
24.mph		Portreath ...	3	187½	Follow signposts marked "Portreath." Avoiding aerodrome road marked "no no through road."
		Gwithian ...	5	192½	At the foot of hill, R; over L.C. again R. At top of hill leave Pool road, by obscurely marked turn to R marked "Gwithian." Follow cliff road by Hell's Mouth.
		Hayle ...	3	195½	In Gwithian, opposite inn, turn R; rejoin A.30 about 1½ miles before Hayle.
2.30	3.24	Penzance ... (Beginning at Promenade)	7½	203	Keep clock on left, and pass under railway viaduct second time.
20.mph					Entering Penzance, L at railway station by Wharf Road, and over swing bridge. Petrol from Taylor's Garage, at beginning of promenade. Follow seafront for about ½ mile to end of promenade, where R by drinking fountain, up Alexandra Road, and, on joining main road, L and follow main road to
3.00	3.54	LAND'S END (Finish)	10	213	<u>TIME CHECK</u> approaching Hotel. <u>No early margin.</u> Remove number plates. SIGN at Hotel.

DETAILS OF OBSERVED SECTIONS AND SPECIAL TESTS.

- 1 GRABHURST—Non-stop ascent.
- 2 DOVERHAY (motor cycle classes only)—Non-stop ascent.
- 3 STATION LANE (stop and restart).
- 4 BEGGARS' ROOST—Non-stop ascent.
- 5 BARTON STEEP—Special Test (see below) for Team Ties. Non-stop ascent for non-team competitors.
- 6 DARRACOTT—Non-stop ascent.
- 7 CRACKINGTON—Non-stop ascent.
- 8 NEW MILL—Non-stop ascent.
- 9 HUSTYN—Non-stop ascent.
- 10 BLUEHILLS 1—Non-stop ascent.
- 11 BLUEHILLS 2—Non-stop ascent (start a few yards above finish of Bluehills No. 1).

Standing start for all observed sections.

Starting and finishing lines of observed sections will be indicated by appropriate notices.

STOP and RESTART TEST—Station Lane.

From a standing start, non-stop to a line on the hill, astride which the vehicle must stop. Any stop before the front wheel(s) cross the line or running back over the line afterwards, or any over-running of the line by the back wheel(s), will be reckoned as a failure. Re-start at a flag signal, and clear the line with the back wheel(s) within 3 seconds and continue non-stop to the finish of the observed section.

The "stop-astride" line will be indicated by posts and notices at each end of the line, and the definition of the line is "the shortest distance between such posts."

The line may be moved by the officials from time to time if it is considered advisable to do so.

Motorcycle competitors will not be penalised for footing whilst astride the line, nor for 3 yards beyond it on the re-start.

Competitors will be debited with one failure only in respect of the entire test on the hill.

REGULARITY TEST FOR TEAM TIES—Barton Steep.

From a Standing Start at 'A' (at foot of hill) competitors must proceed non-stop to 'C' (round corner at top of hill)—a distance of 440 yards.

This distance will be divided at 'B' into two equal sections ('A' to 'B' and 'B' to 'C') of 220 yards each. Competitors will be timed at 'A', 'B' and 'C' and are required to equal from 'B' to 'C' the time that they take from 'A' to 'B'.

PENALTY.—For every 1/5th second variation between the two times, either way, a penalty of 1 mark.

The Team losing the fewest aggregate number of marks will be the Winner.

Stopping or Footing between 'A' and 'C' will involve failure of the Test and the elimination of the Team from the Tie.

All competitors will be timed at 'A', 'B' and 'C' but times will be only taken into account for Team Ties. The sole requirement for individual awards is a non-stop performance from 'A' to 'C'.

All Observed Sections are TIME CHECKS, but lateness arising from officially controlled delay at such sections will not involve any penalty, if it is not subsequently increased. Such delay is not cumulative, and where opportunity occurs, competitors are permitted to regain time lost.