Place Ride

Hampshire Bowman

Date: Sunday 31st July

Time: 10:00am

Cost: £15

Start location

Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge



The Bowman is situated on Dundridge Lane just north of the junction with Damson Hill.

The approach to the Hampshire Bowman looks like this. The car park is just beyond the pub.

The pub has a beer festival on the day of the ride so parking may be limited.

Expected duration

The ride will take about four hours, of which about three hours will be riding.

Ride leader

Andy Whincup will be leading the ride.

I am a UK Mountain Bike Leader Level 2 and Outdoor First Aider so I will take care of everything along the ride.

If you need any further information or advice in advance of the ride email me on:

info@backpedalling.org.uk

or you can call him on: 07871271647

Equipment and clothing

Bike

A mountain bike with at least front suspension is recommended for the ride. A bike with a fully rigid fork will be fine but you'll be more comfortable with a suspension fork. Knobbly tyres for off road riding are definitely recommended.

You will need to arrive with your bike in working order.

This means that the tyres are pumped up, the brakes and gears work and nothing is loose.

Bring at least one spare tube for the bike in case of punctures.

Safety equipment

You will need to wear a helmet for the ride. This is a requirement.

Sensible shoes that have enclosed toes will help to keep your feet comfortable and protected.

Gloves and eyewear are both recommended.

Sun cream is recommended if the weather is sunny.

Clothing

You will be taking part in a physical activity so appropriate clothing is essential. I recommend the following:

A lightweight, breathable synthetic top, cycling specific, sports top such as a football shirt or similar.

Shorts or tights that do not restrict leg movement. Sports shorts or cycling shorts are both good choices.

A waterproof layer in case of rain.

Please be aware that it is possible this clothing will get dirty during the ride, please wear clothes you are prepared to get muddy.

A change of top for the drive home might also be a good idea.

Food and drink

Please bring some water either in a water bottle or Camelbak style back pack

Please bring a packed lunch. This is quite a long ride and you will need to eat during the ride.

Questionnaire

There is a relatively short questionnaire to ensure that the ride is exactly right for you. It really helps me to know the answers before you arrive so I can plan the route accordingly.

Photo permission

I would like to be able to take some photographs of the group so will ask you to fill in a photograph permission form when you arrive. You are under no obligation to do so.