Poor Student 200km Permanent – Information

Hello, welcome to the Audax UK Poor Student Perm, a 205.5km all seasons ride through the Cotswolds, nominally starting and finishing in Oxford. Min speed 14.3kph - Max speed 30kph - Max time 14.0hrs.

You can start anywhere, and ride in either direction, so long as you don't exceed the time allowance for the distance between controls. A routesheet is also included for cycling CCW. The required controls are:

Oxford Peartree (Start) Forecourt petrol station, services etc, car park ticket

Shrivenham (43.5km) Shops

Malmesbury (79.5km) Summer Cafe, Co-op, etc, Garden Centre (Take 1x rbt at 81.0km, 200m on R).

Chipping Camden (146.9km) Shops, cafes etc

Shipton (175.3km) Garage on lhs or village store (200m off-route on Milton Road, turn by Wychwood Inn).

Oxford Peartree (205.5km) Little Chef, Burger King + shop open till 22:00. Forecourt petrol station open until late.

Things to look out for:

If you're likely to be crossing Oxford city centre between 10am and 6pm, please take special note of the instructions on the routesheet to avoid a fine on this section.

- Chipping Camden (59.6km): Watch out for absent minded tourists wandering in the road.
- Salperton (83.8km): Cattle grids - on entrance and exit. Pass with care.
- Compton Abdale (86.7km): Crossing fast and busy A40.
- Chedworth Valley (90.4km): Steep ascent bendy and poor surface.
- Broad Blunsden: (148.0km) A419 crossing (TL) can be busy and so may be safer to walk on verge/path.
- Broad Blunsden road to Highworth: This B road is narrow and can be busy at peak times.
- Cumnor village (192.8km): Follow the routesheet / latest gps track, do not follow older versions that might route you on busier roads to the left.
- Oxford: Watch for absent minded pedestrians in town centre.

- Oxford: Botley road approach to town center re-opened after a 3year closure, and is now very busy at peak times - use cycle paths as needed.

If you start/finish anywhere other than at these Controls, then you will need to supply additional Control proofs for this start/finish point.

The start and finish for this event is the Peartree Park-and-Ride (OX2 8JZ), to the North of Oxford:-

1. From the East / West, follow the A40, take the A44 North-West, and TR at the lights
2. From the North / South, come off the A34 at the junction with A44, take A44 South-East (sp Oxford), and TL at the lights.

The current fee is (listed at) £2 / 16 hours, OR £4 / 24 hours for the ticket machines, no change given; you can also use Ringo parking facilities. Do NOT park at the Peartree services - it will cost a lot more!

NB: **There are height barriers at the car park** (2.3 metres / 7' 6") – take care if conveying bicycles by roof
carriers.

If arriving by train – L from the station entrance, pass left of "Royal Oxford Hotel", bear L & R at TL's, then L at TL by Ashmolean Museum, to take L fork sp "Woodstock". At ring road 3x Rbt (care) to R at TL into Peartree P&R.

Once you have entered you can do the ride on the date of your choice, but there is no refund if you decide not to do it. You can alter your day of ride on the system, but its good to also let me know by email so that I can let you know of any issues with the route.

Most riders now use gps as proof of passage, but if you would like to use a brevet card:
Control proofs can be till receipts/cash machine receipts/car park tickets giving the place name, time and date. Rubber stamps with time and date added by staff with proof of place, time and date are also acceptable. Its helpful if you can highlight the time and location of the control on any receipts, and then staple them to the relevant control point on the brevet card. Don't forget to include a ssae if you would like the brevet card returned.

Have an enjoyable and safe ride, and remember to post the completed and signed card back, or upload the gps track, within 14 days of the ride..

Any suggested changes to the routesheet or recommended cafes/shops appreciated.

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