Marlborough Connection 200km Permanent - Information

Thank you for entering the Marlborough Connection 200km Audax UK Permanent. Min speed 14.3kph - Max speed 30kph - Max time of 14hrs overall. Approximately 1900m of climbing.

The route sheet presumes, but doesn't require, that you start and finish at the car park off Hensington Road in Woodstock. The car park is limited to 12 hours - this hasn't been an issue so far, but you may wish to find on street parking instead. Toilets in the car park require change.

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

Woodstock (nominal start and finish). Co-op, (Newsagent), King's head pub does big portions and is recommended as an end of ride control.

Hungerford (64.1km) Somerfields, Tutti Pole cafe (rhs immediately after the bridge), Co-op, cashpoints. Toilets 100m R at mini Rbt 100m.

Royal Wootton Bassett (102.5km). Town Hall Tea rooms or turn right to find other options.

Calmsden (135.4km) Info point, Answer question on brevet card.

Lechlade (157.3km) Londis, Black cat cafe, Supermarket, Chippy, Garden Centre cafe etc (Toilets on L as you enter town)

Great Barrington (175.2km) Info point, Answer question on brevet card.

Woodstock (205.0km) Arrivee

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

Things to watch out for:

- Eynsham (10.5km): Long queues at busy times on the B4044 near to the toll bridge, watch out for impatient drivers.
- Bibury (143km): Always crazily overrun with tourists, parked cars and coaches - be extra alert.
- Marlborough (82.3km): Main square has car parking in the centre, watch out for cars suddenly stopping or coming from unexpected directions.

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..

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