

# **Greenwich Mean Climb 300km Audax, 4.5AAA**

**Starts 05:00 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Cutty Sark Gardens, Greenwich**

The start will be from the underground car park opposite The Gipsy Moth pub on Cutty Sark Gardens - go between Marks & Spencer and the public toilet then turn right down ramp.

## **GREENWICH – EDENBRIDGE**

The first section follows the ancient Roman road of Watling St over a few small hills to warm you up and on to an information control at Ebbsfleet station (answer the question on the brevet card). After this you skirt the edge of the North Downs before climbing Toy's Hill on the Greensand Ridge then dropping into Edenbridge where you can control anywhere on the High St and get a receipt for validation. There's a bakery selling hot drinks and breakfast baguettes next to the Tescos on L, Costa Coffee then a Waitrose thru carpark on R (toilet just by the entrance if you want to sneak in/out!).

## **EDENBRIDGE – SEAFORD**

You now begin your first engagement with the High Weald before another info control in Forest Row, where there's also a bike shop on the left if needed. After this, the climb up Kidd's Hill 'The Wall' is followed by a rolling traverse of the Ashdown Forest before descending into Uckfield.

There's then some respite and a chance to make up time as you transition across the Low Weald, via an info control in the village of Laughton, before a tricky (on fixed gear at least) undulating climb 'High and Over' the South Downs, but you're rewarded with spectacular views from the top and from there to South Hill carpark where we'll be operating a control inside the barn.

## **SEAFORD – BEXHILL**

From the control you drop down to the Seven Sisters Country Park then along the Cuckmere valley before more climbing through quiet lanes leads back up the High Weald for a control at the BP garage / M&S shop in Crowborough.

Seemingly endless green triangles eventually lead down to Bexhill-on-Sea and its famous De La Warr Pavilion. Recommended control is as always Kerry's coffee shop at the end of the seafront where you can also bring fish & chips in from their takeaway next door, but again any proof of passage from Bexhill will suffice – the One Stop shop round the corner on Sea Rd is good if you want something a bit quicker, and has both coffee and milkshake machines depending on the conditions! There are toilets on the seafront next to the rowing club, opposite Kerry's.

## **BEXHILL – GREENWICH**

There's now a bit of a lumpy section, cutting across the grain of the land, up past Wadhurst to Tunbridge Wells. Control at the Esso garage, with hot drinks and limited selection of food available. There's also a massive Sainsbury's beforehand on L that shuts at 10pm (café at 7pm) with cash machines out front for a quick receipt plus pubs, etc., on and off route.

Continue onto picturesque Penhurst to another climb up the Greensand Ridge, gentler this time, to Ide Hill's info control before descending into Brasted, over the M25 and a handlebar-biting ascent straight up the North Downs. Catch a view of London, or a badger, in the final run through Downe and Bromley and thence to the finish at my house, 13 Maidenstone Hill, where you can bring your bikes inside and enjoy some well-deserved ACH hospitality.

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Abbreviations: L: Turn left, R: Turn right, SA: Straight ahead, TL: Traffic lights, RB: Roundabout, MRB: Mini-roundabout, Imm: Immediately, \$: Signpost, X: Crossroads (give way), x: Crossroads (priority), Cont: Continue, Thru: Through, Opp: opposite, CP: Cycle Path, Tri: Grass Triangle, LHB: Left hand bend, RHB: Right hand bend, NTR: No Through Route. **Bold** places are visited en route.

## GREENWICH - EBBSFLEET

Depart Cutty Sark into Greenwich Town gyratory	
L @ T onto Romney Rd	0.2
1 <sup>st</sup> R @ TL onto Park Row	0.7
R @ T onto Maze Hill	1.1
2E MRB	1.5
3rd L onto Vanburgh Park (after width restrict)	1.9
Cont SA thru bollards \$ Emergency Vehicles	2.3
L @ T (one way), imm R onto CP	2.7
SA along Old Dover Rd, 1E MRB (SA)	2.8
L @ T onto Shooters Hill	3.4
SA thru TLs, RBs to <b>Bexleyheath</b>	
Follow road to L by Asda	11.5
2E MRB	11.7
2E MRB	11.9
L @ TL by cinema	12.1
2E RB (SA) \$ <b>Dartford</b>	12.2
SA @ TL imm R @ TL \$ <b>Dartford</b>	14.0
Cont SA thru 3x RB, 1x TL \$ <b>Dartford</b>	
L @ TL, then SA thru 2x TL	16.6
2E RB \$ Bullace Lane	17.3
L @ TL onto East Hill	17.6
1E MRB (SA)	18.3
3E RB onto Watling St \$ Bean	18.5
2E RB (SA) \$ Bean	19.9
2E RB (SA) \$ Bean	20.5
2E RB, then take CP on L \$ <b>Ebbsfleet</b>	21.7
Cont on path alongside Roman Rd & A2	
2E RB \$ <b>Ebbsfleet Intl</b>	24.7
2E RB \$ <b>Ebbsfleet Intl</b>	25.2
1E RB \$ Terminal	26.0
2E RB onto bridge	26.2
<b>INFO CONTROL</b> on L	26.3

## EBBSFLEET - EDENBRIDGE

Cont along road then L @ TL	26.7
R @ TL \$ Gravesend	26.9
3E RB \$ Southfleet B262	27.6
2E RB \$ Southfleet B262	28.6
SA @ TL (get in R lane)	28.8
3E RB \$ Southfleet B262	29.1
R @ T	33.1
L onto St Margaret's Rd	33.7
L @ x on descent onto Shrubbery Rd (Care!)	35.6
L @ T	36.1
R @ X \$ <b>Horton Kirby</b>	36.2
SA @ X onto Eglantine Lane	37.8
SA @ X (across A20) \$ No Vehicles	39.6
Imm R then L @ X onto Eynsford Rd	39.7
R onto Castle Rd \$ Castle Farm	42.7
L onto Castle Farm Rd \$ <b>Shoreham</b>	44.2
L @ Tri \$ <b>Shoreham</b>	45.3
R @ T	49.1
1 <sup>st</sup> R then L @ T \$ Sevenoaks A224	49.5
2E RB \$ <b>Sundridge</b> B2211	50.3
SA @ TL	54.0
R onto Emmetts Lane \$ Toys Hill	56.5
L @ Tri \$ <b>Edenbridge</b>	58.0
R @ T (SA) \$ <b>Edenbridge</b>	61.3
L @ T \$ <b>Edenbridge</b>	65.2
L @ TL onto High St \$ Town centre	65.5
<b>CONTROL</b> on High St	66.0
<i>Opens: 07:21, Closes: 09:24</i>	

## EDENBRIDGE – FOREST ROW

Cont along High St	
1E RB (SA) \$ Hartfield	66.3
R \$ Lingfield B2028	67.5
L on RHB (SA) \$ E Grinstead	72.4
1 <sup>st</sup> L \$ Tunbridge Wells onto Hollow Ln	72.8
R @ T onto A264 \$ E Grinstead	77.3
1 <sup>st</sup> L \$ <b>Forest Row</b>	78.2
R @ T then L @ T \$ <b>Forest Row</b>	81.4
L @ T onto A22	82.5
1E MRB \$ Tun. Wells	83.1
<b>INFO CONTROL</b> at next MRB	83.1

## FOREST ROW – RIPE

2E MRB \$ Hartfield	
R on LHB opposite church \$ <b>Maresfield</b>	86.4
SA @ X \$ <b>Maresfield</b> , climb Kidd's Hill	86.7
R @ T \$ <b>Maresfield</b>	89.4
L @ T \$ <b>Maresfield</b> on approach	96.0
1E MRB (SA)	97.4
2E RB \$ Heathfield	98.1
Bear R and cont thru <b>Uckfield</b>	
2E RB \$ Eastbourne	101.8
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1 <sup>st</sup> L on RHB, missing \$	103.6
R after Palehouse Common \$ Sandhill	105.4
SA @ X across A22 (Care!) \$ Narrow Road	106.9
R @ T	108.3
1 <sup>st</sup> L onto Shortgate Ln	109.3
<b>INFO CONTROL</b> at next X	111.8

## RIPE – SEAFORD

SA @ X \$ <b>Ripe</b>	111.8
R @ T \$ <b>Ripe</b>	113.6
L @ Tri \$ <b>Ripe</b>	114.6
L @ Tri \$ Berwick	115.9
R @ Post Office \$ Chalvington	116.1
R @ T \$ <b>Berwick</b>	117.4
R @ T, cont past Berwick Station	120.0
2E RB \$ <b>Alfriston</b> and cont to <b>Seaford</b>	122.9

2 <sup>nd</sup> L onto Hillside Avenue	129.0
L @ T onto Chyngton Gardens	129.9
L @ T onto A259	130.1
R onto Chyngton Ln after Post Box \$ NTR	130.4
Cont SA to control	
<b>CONTROL</b> in barn on R	131.8
<i>Opens 09:42, Closes: 13:48</i>	

## SEAFORD – CROWBOROUGH

Retrace from control to A259	
R @ A259	133.2
L after bridge \$ <b>Litlington</b> , NCN 2	134.7
SA @ X across A27 \$ <b>Upper Dicker</b>	141.1
R @ T onto Caneheath \$ <b>Upper Dicker</b>	144.4
L @ Tri \$ <b>Upper Dicker</b>	146.2
R @ T imm L \$ Golden Cross	147.8
L @ T onto A22 \$ Uckfield	149.8
1 <sup>st</sup> R onto Nash St \$ Gun Hill	150.5
L @ Tri \$ <b>Muddles Green</b>	151.8
R onto Scraper's Hill \$ Horam	152.4
L \$ East Hoathly	154.0
L @ Tri onto Stalkers Ln \$ East Hoathly	154.9
R @ T \$ Waldron	157.0
R @ T imm L \$ Cross In Hand	158.0
L @ Tri \$ Blackboys	160.2
R @ T then L onto Sheep Wash Ln	162.2
R @ T \$ <b>Hadlow Down</b>	163.8
SA @ X (A272) \$ <b>Crowborough</b>	165.9
L onto Fordbrook Hill \$ <b>Crowborough</b>	169.1
R @ T onto Burnt Oak Rd	169.7
2E MRB (SA)	172.6
<b>CONTROL</b> BP Garage on L	173.2
<i>Opens 11:10, Closes 16:32</i>	

## CROWBOROUGH – BEXHILL

L out of garage	
3E MRB \$ Rotherfield	173.3
3E RB \$ Rotherfield	173.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> R after railway bridge onto Mottins Hill	175.9
L @ T \$ Rotherfield	178.1
R at switchback \$ Heathfield	179.0
L onto Fir Toll Rd \$ Mayfield	180.9
L @ Tri \$ Mayfield	181.4
R @ T onto A267	182.8
1E RB \$ Mayfield	183.0
R \$ Knowle Hill / Newick Ln	183.2
L @ T onto A265 \$ Burwash	188.9
1 <sup>st</sup> R \$ Battle	189.0
R on LHB onto Middle Ln \$ Hailsham	193.7
L @ Tri \$ Dallington	194.2
SA @ X \$ Bodle St	194.8
R @ Tri \$ Bodle St	196.6
L @ Tri \$ Bodle St	197.0
L @ Tri \$ Woods Corner	197.7
R @ Tri \$ Ponts Green	198.3
<i>Follow all \$ <b>Ninfield</b></i>	
L @ T onto A271 then 1 <sup>st</sup> R	203.8
L @ Tri then R @ Tri \$ <b>Bexhill</b>	205.9
L @ T onto A269 \$ <b>Bexhill</b>	206.6
2E @ MRB (SA) \$ <b>Bexhill</b>	206.9
R @ x onto St Mary's Ln opp Post Box	210.0
L @ T then R onto Gunters Ln	211.0
L onto Woodsgate Pk imm R Down Rd	212.3
L @ T imm R @ TL \$ Town Centre	213.0
R \$ Seafront, Pavilion past Sainsbury's	213.6
L @ T under railway bridge	213.8
SA @ TL	213.9
1E RB past De La Warr Pavilion	214.1
<b>CONTROL</b> 'Kerrys' on L, corner of Sea Rd	214.6
<i>Opens: 12:40, Closes 19:20</i>	

## BEXHILL – TUNBRIDGE WELLS

L from control inland along Sea Rd	
R @ T \$ Ninfield then SA @ TL	216.4
2E MRB, imm 1 <sup>st</sup> R onto Watermill Ln NTR	217.2
CP to TL and L onto bypass	218.3
2E RB \$ Cobbs Hill Farm	218.4
L @ T \$ <b>Catsfield</b>	220.9
R @ T \$ Battle	222.6
L onto Cowders Ln	224.4
L @ X onto A271 imm R \$ Penhurst	225.2
R \$ Brightling	227.2
R @ T \$ Brightling	228.4
SA @ X \$ Brightling	230.2
R @ Tri \$ Robertsbridge	231.6
L @ Tri \$ Robertsbridge	232.2
SA @ X \$ <b>Burwash</b>	233.0
L @ Tri by Woodman's Cottage	234.5
R @ Tri \$ <b>Burwash</b>	235.1
R @ T by War Memorial onto A265	237.5
1 <sup>st</sup> L \$ <b>Stonegate</b>	237.7
L @ T \$ <b>Stonegate</b>	242.0
R @ T in <b>Stonegate</b>	243.0
L @ T \$ <b>Wadhurst</b> onto B2099	245.5
<i>Cont thru Wadhurst and past railway station</i>	
R \$ Narrow Road	250.4
L @ X \$ <b>Tunbridge Wells</b>	253.4
SA @ X on Bayham Rd	256.9
R @ T past The Bull Pub	257.3
L onto Montacute Rd by Post Box	257.8
2E MRB	258.2
1E RB (L) onto A26 \$ Lewes	258.3
<b>CONTROL</b> Esso Garage on L	258.4
<i>Opens: 14:12, Closes: 22:12</i>	

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS – IDE HILL

R from control	
Retrace to 1E RB (SA)	258.5
1E RB (L) \$ Groombridge	258.8
1E RB (L) \$ Groombridge	259.6
R \$ <b>Rusthall</b> onto Rusthall Rd	260.0
R opp Trough onto Lower Green Rd	261.2
L @ T \$ <b>Speldhurst</b>	263.5
L @ T	267.0
1 <sup>st</sup> R after Penhurst Church opposite pub	267.9
L \$ Edenbridge	269.7
L @ T \$ Edenbridge (B2027)	270.9
R \$ Bore Place	273.0
L \$ <b>Ide Hill</b>	273.8
R @ Tri \$ <b>Ide Hill</b>	277.0
L on RHB (SA) \$ <b>Ide Hill</b>	278.6
L @ T	279.2
<b>INFO CONTROL</b> on R	279.4

## IDE HILL – GREENWICH

Cont along road	
2E @ RBT (R)	279.6
L @ Tri (SA) \$ <b>Brasted</b>	281.2
L @ T onto A25 \$ <b>Brasted</b>	283.2
1 <sup>st</sup> R in <b>Brasted</b> onto Rectory Ln	283.8
L by tiled cottage after Brasted climb	285.4
L \$ <b>Downe</b> (25% Descent)	289.9
R @ T in Downe, by tree in road	292.0
2E MRB (R) \$ <b>Bromley</b>	294.2
SA @ TL	296.7
L @ T onto A21	298.1
1E RB (SA)	299.3
SA @ 7x TL \$ Lewisham A21	
R @ TL onto College Rd, after Bromley North Station	301.7
2E RB (SA) \$ <b>Grove Park</b>	302.2
SA thru Grove Park to South Circular (A205)	
R @ TL imm L @ TL \$ <b>Blackheath</b>	306.5
SA @ TL \$ <b>Blackheath</b>	308.4
3E MRB past Blackheath Station	308.8
SA in Blackheath \$ <b>Greenwich</b>	309.2
2E MRB (SA)	309.4
L @ T onto A2 by Tea Hut	309.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> R imm L onto West Grove	310.3
L onto Maidenstone Hill	310.7
<b>ARRIVEE</b> on L, 13 Maidenstone Hill	310.8
<i>Opens 16:04, Closes: 01:00</i>	