SAINTS AND SINNERS - 200KM (BRM)



Now in its third year, join us for the Saints and Sinners 200km Audax. Tracing the path of England's first Saint and some notorious sinners, a simple route from St Albans to Bury St Edmunds and back.

New for this year is a staffed control at the turn around point, co-run with Audax Club Mid-Essex, and a suggested return route via The Cricketers, Rickling Green.

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SAINTS AND SINNERS - RIDER INFORMATION

Event HQ

Sandridge Scout Hut, Sandridgebury Lane, Sandridge, St Albans AL3 6JB. Gmaps

The HQ is the same place as last year, and open from 7am. Expect breakfast pastries and cereals, plus a range of hot and cold dishes at the finish -along with hot drinks and squash.

- 200km start: 8am 3 October 2026
- 100km start: 9am 3 October 2026

Parking

Please cycle, use public transport, or car share where possible.

The Scout Hut has a field with limited parking (at owner's risk). A parking steward will be on duty from 7am. We have a lot of entrants this year; if the field fills up, we'll direct you away from the lane to avoid blockages. If you arrive late and parking is full, please find safe alternative parking nearby and make your way to the start - Jonathan Dixon (organiser) will remain there for at least 30 minutes after the official start.

Route

Provisional route: [RideWithGPS link]

There are some important updates vs last year's route, most notably due to the new half-way control location, so please make sure you use the correct file.

We'll be checking the route in the weeks leading up to the event, so please be prepared for minor changes. GPX files and a draft route sheet are already available via the link above, and the final versions will also be uploaded to the Audax UK website the week of the event.

Control: Whepstead Community Centre

The Maglia Rosso café as used in prior editions has sadly ceased to be, so we've teamed up with ACME Audax to share a village hall control stop with their long-running Richard Ellis Memorial audax series.

This is still the only control point at the halfway mark. Proof of passage can be either a stamp from the controller or check-in via the eBrevet app (at start, control, and finish). Food and drink will be available, included in the entry fee.

Refuelling

With only one official control (104km), we strongly encourage you to plan extra stops. Suggestions include:

- Outbound (50–70km): Bishop's Stortford, Stansted Mountfitchet, and Thaxted have plenty of cafés and shops.
- Return (150km+): The Cricketers in Rickling Green. While this is not an mandatory control for the 200km event, we're using it for our 100km event so water is available and you are very welcome to buy something from the pub.

The route is advisory, so you're welcome to detour for other cafés, shops or pubs - just be sure to visit both the Whepstead control and the finish for validation.

eBrevet

- **NOTE this is a BRM so paper brevet card MUST be completed for validation. As there is merely one control, eBrevet doesn't gain you much and is generally not recommended for this event.**
- For riders wishing to use eBrevet, the event code is 26-313. See instructions here
- The Whepstead control will require a QR code scan - please check in with the controller to obtain this,
- You will still be issued a paper brevet card; please hold onto it and complete and return it to the controller at the Sandridge HQ finish, they will check your eBrevet to validate you on the finishers list.

PBP

Please skip this section if you are not planning on riding Paris-Brest-Paris next year

To answer a recent FAQk, despite a "BRM" event, no, Saints and Sinners will not count as a PBP qualifier. The ACP qualifier season starts 1st November. However if you lack any other 2026 BRM events, you may use Saints and Sinners as a pre-qualifier for pre-registration.

Read more on the ACP website here.

DNS/DNF/Change of plans

- If you are unable to ride, please login to the AUK member dashboard and click Withdraw on the upcoming events section. We cannot issue refunds, but it may help us plan for catering.
- If you have to abandon on the day, please phone, text or Whatsapp the Day Of Ride Contact number printed on your brevet card and in the email.
- We're also running a 100km on the same day, if you change your mind and would like to ride that instead please contact me prior to the day and I can swap you over.

Any questions, feel free to email Jonathan or message him on WhatsApp: 07966 166843

On the same day, a shorter alternative:

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugley - 100km (BP)

Check out the details here





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