

Bike Oxford

Sunday 7th May, 2017

**Oxford University Rugby Club,
Iffley Road**

On-the-day event details

About the event

Thank you for signing up for Bike Oxford.

The event is designed by Iconic Cycling Events, the specialist cycling division of Breathing Space. The event will attract over 1,000 cyclists where riders will complete either 25, 50 or 80 mile routes (there is some minor flexibility on the distances).

The event will support Helen and Douglas House Hospice and we are grateful to all those organisations which have sponsored, supported, and entered as teams or individuals.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Location: Oxford University Rugby Club, Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 1SR

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Parking

There is no parking at the venue.

We recommend using the Park and Ride facility at Redbridge (2 flat miles from the venue). Do check closely for conditions of parking.

Timings

- 7.30 am Check in opens
- 7.45-8.30 am 80 mile route riders register at check-in and will be directed to the start where groups of 15-20 will be briefed and depart. Groups will depart at 3-5 minute intervals.
- 8.30-9.30am: 50 mile route riders register at check-in and will be directed to the start where groups of 15-20 will be briefed and depart. Groups will depart at 3-5 minute intervals.
- 9.30-10.30am: 25 mile route riders register at check-in and will be directed to the start where groups of 15-20 will be briefed and depart. Groups will depart at 3-5 minute intervals.
- 11.30am: Riders will start to return to the Rugby Club.
- 12 noon: Relax at the Rugby Club with some post-ride food and a drink.
- 4.00pm: Close and depart.

Rider Maps & Emergency Details

Please complete the details on the reverse of the rider map – a separate attachment with this email - selecting the distance you are completing (25, 50 or 80 miles). **Then print off the document and bring it with you on the day.** This is essential to be able to ride on the day as it contains medical information.

Check-In

The rider sign on sheet will be organised in alphabetical order by surname. Please follow the signs directing you to your surname sheet.

You must bring your helmets with you to allow us to fix your timing chips.

Early check-in is available from 17:00 to 18:30 on the evening of Saturday 6th May.

Check-in will open at 07:30 on Sunday 7th May.

If you know someone who will be registering on the day please note that we will be accepting cash only. Note if fully subscribed there will not be registration on the day.

You will be asked to show your rider information sheet as proof of entry.

Facilities at Check-In

We plan for there to be teas and coffees available in the start area on Sunday morning on a pay as you go basis. Mechanics will be on hand for any last minute bike adjustments. It is your responsibility to ensure that your bike is roadworthy.

There will also be a bag drop area for those riders wanting to leave a bag during the event. There are toilet facilities at the start area.

GPX and TCX Files

GPX and TCX files for each of the routes are also attached to this email. The support team will be marking the route on Saturday 6th May and adjustments to the route may be required. The Ride Director will advise of any changes to routes at the ride briefing immediately before you set off.

Rider Safety and Etiquette

Please remember that Bike Oxford is a sportive and as such is in no way competitive. Riders should ensure they obey the Highway Code at all times and ride in a safe and responsible manner at all times. You must wear a hard shell helmet and will not be permitted to ride without one.

There are toilet facilities at all feed stations. Please be sensitive to residents and other road users if you are caught short along the way and either bin or bring back any litter.

Riding with Children

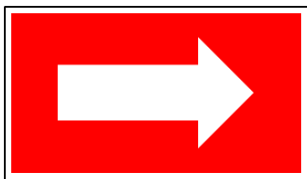
Please ensure that you have read the terms and conditions referring to parental consent if you are riding with a child.

Route Signage

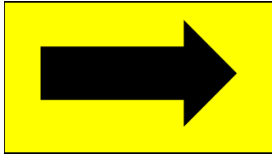
The route will be marked throughout with white arrows on red backgrounds, before, on and after all significant junctions. Caution signs are placed where cyclists should be extra vigilant.

Particular points on the route e.g. Feed stations and route splits will have signs with black writing on a yellow background. The route from the car park to the start will be marked with black arrows on a yellow background. An example of each of these signs is below.

Signs on route



Signs from Car Park to Start



Riders must also print off a route map which is a separate attachment in this email and contains medical details on the reverse. In the event of you becoming aware that signage has disappeared or been changed, we ask that you inform Event Control at the earliest opportunity.

Feed Stations

There will be one feed station on the 25 mile route, one on the 50 mile route and two on the 80 mile route. These will be well stocked with a range of healthy and high energy food products as well as drinks and a few surprises available. However, we would emphasise that riders should bring sufficient supplies with them for their ride and if you have specific hydration or energy products then please carry these with you.

Rider Support

We will have support vehicles out on the course but riders are expected to be self-sufficient.

We recommend carrying two spare inner tubes, a pump and any necessary tools with you. You should also carry some cash, a form of ID, a mobile phone and your usual brand of energy products.

All riders must have:

- Personal identification with medical info and blood group (See reverse of rider map – separate attachment on email)
- Emergency contact (Name and phone)
- Helmet
- Mobile phone
- Money/bank card
- Water bottle (full)
- Puncture repair kit plus, pump and tyre levers
- Snacks and energy products
- Sun cream
- Waterproof jacket

Timing

Riders will receive a timing chip at check in with instructions on how to attach them to your helmet.

Medical Cover

There will be contracted medical support in clearly marked vehicles around the route and first aid trained marshals at the venue and on route for minor/non-emergency issues who will be contactable via event control. Riders should always use their common sense and contact the emergency services where necessary but also inform the race organisers (using the event control number shown on the rider information sheet) of any major incident.

Emergencies and communications

Details of what to do in case of an emergency will be covered in the brief at the ride start and are summarised on the rider map. Please be aware that areas on the routes may be out of mobile phone signal. Riders are asked to look out for each other and report any accidents or mechanical problems to Event Control, the support vehicles or the event team at the feed stations.

Insurance

Bike Oxford is a registered event with British Cycling and, as such, is provided with cover under British Cycling's public liability insurance policy, limited to £10,000,000 for legal liabilities arising from claims made against an event organiser, official or participant that involves either bodily injury or property damage to a third party.

We recommend all riders to have their own personal cover.

Broom Wagon

A dedicated vehicle will follow all riders on the routes and pick up anyone who has had to withdraw from the event for whatever reason. The support team will endeavour to pick up any rider as quickly as possible.

We will start to clear the course from mid-afternoon and would expect to have all riders home by 16:00. If the broom wagon finds you out on the course while clearing you will have the option of taking a lift or carrying on without route markers. If you abandon before the finish or anticipate arriving after 18:00 please ensure you call Event Control to notify them.

Clear Away

Very occasionally for a range of reasons riders are delayed in returning to the event village (starting late, long lunch, getting lost, mechanical problems). Whilst we want to ensure all riders have a memorable and enjoyable day we will start to dismantle the event village from 5pm and riders should be aware of this.

Finish Area

As you finish the event you will receive a finisher's medal and a print out of your time. You can then relax at the Rugby Club.

Charities

We have riders taking part in the event raising money for a large number of charities this year including our supported charity Helen and Douglas House Hospice.

**We look forward to seeing you in Oxford and hope that you
have a great day**