



Avon Valley National Ride



May 28th / 29th 2022

A bit of History

The Avon Valley ride was originally held from the Bath hotel Shearsby in the late 1980's with its main event being the 60 mile Denbeigh Slate, prior to its move to Cirencester. The route was a full circular 60 miles with vet gates out on the course. One in a small village called Laughton in Leicestershire the other at Park Farm, Stanford on Avon. It ran for a few years before the organisers put all their energy into Cirencester. In the early 2000's it started again for a couple of years from the current venue at Park Farm, which provides nearly 10 miles of good off-road riding. The course goes over the Hemplow hills and along the old railway line as it goes through the Avon Valley just to the east of where it was flooded in the 1920's to create Stanford Reservoir. The views from the top of the Hemplow hills over the Avon valley are stunning. The river Avon is a small river at this stage and forms the boundary of the counties of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. So this year you are mainly riding in Leicestershire on Saturday and Northamptonshire on Sunday.

Prizes

We have several prizes for the CER and larger GER classes thanks to generous donations from local businesses.



128km & 80km CER

Perpetual trophy and Embroidered RUG to the winner. The Rug is courtesy of Kristy's Embroidery. <https://www.facebook.com/Kristys-Embroideries-231428234195982>

Medals to 3rd place

Best Shod award to be judged by our farrier Jon Day and donated by Rachel Judson

2 Day 80km GER

Performance Equestrian voucher to the winner of the Performance formula.

<http://www.performance-equestrian.com/>

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80Km GER

A hamper from Totally Cobs Tack and Feed to the winner of the performance formula.

<https://www.totallycobs.co.uk/>

Ride Day

We will be using the Farm office toilets this year with running hot water. There is water in the parking field and on the far end of the barn in front of the vetting area. There will also be a butty van for you to use - please be courteous when queuing.

Dogs must be kept under control at all times and are not allowed in the vetting or vet hold areas.

For those wanting to use the vet hold rather than going back to your trailers (a must for any CER) please use the grass area around the outdoor school. You may go up the bank to have more space.

Corralling and Camping

Corralling is in the same field as Parking. Please go to the far end of the field to set up corrals to leave room at the top for day parking. You can stay in your trailers or lorries in the parking field, but not in tents. We have a separate field for tents, but you MUST let the organisers know in advance if you plan to sleep in a tent.

Stabling

If you require stabling please contact the organiser

Crewing

We have not put in specific crew locations as we believe they reduce crew enjoyment. However, we do expect crews to be courteous to other road users and not block any roads or obvious entrances. If this fails to happen we may need to put specific crew points in for future years.

Having said that, there is to be **NO crewing** in the village of Clay Cotton, Elkington or Cold Ashby out of consideration to the locals and **NO Crewing** at the bottom of the Byeway via Winwick.

Recommended crew locations:

Saturday

CP1, on road somewhere near CP2.

CP3 - Old Railway line, please park on the old railway line. From here you can walk to catch your riders as they come back onto the chasers course by Sybole Farm. Please do not part outside of Sybole farm.

Sunday

On road between Yelvertoft and Elkington before CP1, On Road before CP3 and the top of the Old Railway line, please park on the old railway line where checkpoint 3 was on Saturday.

Please do not part outside of Sybole farm.

Getting to the Venue:

From M1.

Leave the motorway at junction 20 and turn towards Lutterworth, where you will pick up signs for Stanford Hall. Follow signs to Stanford Hall. Pass Stanford Hall on your left and travel on through the village of Stanford On Avon. Once you have exited the village take the next left onto Welford Road. (This is a narrow road soon after a steep left hand bend). The venue is just after the large barns on your right.

(If you are travelling from the north you will be on the edge of the Leicester lock down area.

Please make sure you do not need to stop at the Leicester Forest East Services.)

From M6 West.

Leave M6 and Junction 1 and head towards Lutterworth. At A5 turn right towards London and you will pick up signs to Stanford Hall which you will pass on your left. Travel on through the village of Stanford On Avon. Once you have exited the village take the next left onto Welford Road. (This is a narrow road soon after a steep left hand bend). The venue is just after the large barns on your right.

From A14 East.

Leave A14 at Junction 1. Turn left toward Northampton take the first right towards Cold Ashby. In cold Ashby take the right fork onto Stanford Road. The Venue will be on your left after about 3 miles. Please be careful, it will be a very tight turn into the venue field as it is almost turning back on yourself.

Schedule Guide

Saturday 28th May

Vetting will start at 9am

Budget Van will be open for 8:30

Evening meals will be from 6:30 - 8:30

Sunday 29th May

Vetting for the 80km CER will start at 8:00 with the start at 8:30

Vetting for the 80km GER will start at 8:15 with the first horse away at 8:45

Vetting for the 2 day 128 represent will start at 8:30 with the first horse away at 9:00

Vetting for the 2 day 80 represent will start at 9:00

Vetting for all other class will be from 8:45 as per your individual times.

Prize giving for all classes will be between 16:30 and 17:00 once we have the final 80km rider across the line.

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