



The Lakeland Loop **Epic Sportive**

New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, LA22 9JX

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Have a great day, ride safely and we look forwards to seeing you all at the finish!!

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Lakeland Loop Sportive

Thank you for entering the Lakeland Loop, the event starts from the New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, post code LA22 9JX. Registration is open from 7:00am in the registration marquee and starts are from 8:00-9:30am from the car parking field adjacent to the road. **Please be aware that hardshell helmets are compulsory for all Epic sportive events.**

Section 1: The morning of the event

Car Parking

Parking is on the field in front of the New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, there will also be parking in the field on the opposite side of the road. The cost of the parking has been covered as part of your entry fee and is free for the day.

Parking will be tight so please listen to the Car Park Marshals on the day who will assist you.

If you are staying in the locality on Saturday night, you might be able to leave your car there and cycle in. We do urge you to car share where possible to reduce congestion.



Section 2: Registration – Open at 07:00am

At registration you will collect a wrist band which must be displayed at the food stop for refreshments. There are an increasing number of people riding Sportives who have not officially entered but turn up to follow the route. We discourage this as it generates further congestion on the roads and people take food and other refreshments at the feed stops which reduces availability for official entrants.

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You will also collect a timing chip which must be attached to your bicycle to record your finish time for the event. The timing chip must be handed in at the end of the event, please note that there is a £10 charge for any lost timing chips on the day.

Fastening of Electronic Timing Chip



The timing chip will be attached to a front fork mount. Remove the front wheel quick release and attach the chip mount as shown to your front wheel skewer.

The chip mount should be on the opposite side of the wheel to your quick release lever. If the chip mount and quick release lever are on the same side, it may prevent you fastening your wheel securely.

If you are in any doubt as to how this device attaches to your bicycle, please speak to the bike mechanics team who will be on hand all morning to help you.

Note that the chip must be low to the ground, if you carry it in your back pocket, it is unlikely to record as you cross the finish timing mat.

Section 3: The start

The starts are 8:00am - 9:30am and there will be a maximum of 20 riders every 2 minutes to prevent excessively large groups forming.

The course is approximately 69 miles. If you are a slower rider and you anticipate taking 8 hours or more, you should start as close to 8:00am as possible. If you are a faster rider, you should start later, thereby allowing slower riders to fill the earlier start times.

Riders will line up at the exit from the parking field and will pass through a funnel system to reach the start pen. The first 20 riders will be asked to enter the start pen and once they have started, the next group of 20 will be allowed to enter the start pen to follow at 2 minute intervals. As you leave the start pen you will ride across a timing mat which starts your timing for the day. At the finish you will ride across the finish mat and this will end your time for the day. There is no 'split time' or official sign in at the food stop.

As you ride across the finish mat to end your ride, note that the timing chip must be handed to the finish team. There is a £10.00 charge for any lost timing chips on the day due to riders failing to hand them in.

Picture 1: The registration and parking location is the New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel



Picture 2: The start is the exit gate from the car parking field



Section 4: Finding your way

The course will be marked with fluorescent 'cycle route' signs and specific epic events signs, examples of these will be present at registration. It is your responsibility to look for the signs. **You MUST carry a route card which includes instructions and emergency contact numbers (please print and bring with you – available from event web page)** in case you get lost or someone steals the signs (happens regularly). On the website in addition to the route card we also have a map which you can view and download into your GPS system. To go there direct follow this link or paste into your browser:



<https://www.strava.com/routes/3421798>

Section 5: The rules on the road

On the road please ride no wider than pairs and change to single file when necessary to allow traffic to pass. This event is not a race, it is a social cycling challenge and you should approach it in this manner. You must follow the rules of the road and any dangerous or reckless cycling will not be tolerated, anyone endangering other participants or road users is not welcome at any of our events.

It is compulsory to carry a mobile phone, all spares and necessary repairs for your bicycle in addition to sufficient food and drink. Please note that the sweeper van for this event is only for serious mechanical failures. If you have a simple mechanical failure you should have all the necessary tools to repair your bicycle. For those who decide that they have 'ridden far enough' and no longer wish to continue, you will need to arrange a taxi back to the start/finish area. If you feel that this distance is too far and you have any doubts regarding your ability to complete it, you should not start as it would be unsafe to do so.

In the case of an emergency (should you witness an accident), the organisers phone number is on the route card (another reason why this must be carried). You should initially contact the emergency services and then the race organisers.

It is required that all competitors wear hard shell helmets for all our sportive events. The course is challenging and there are many descents and sharp bends so be aware and ride safely at all times. If you have any known medical illness or injury which you think may affect your participation in this event, you should seek medical advice before attending.



Epic Events 'Maillot Jaune' Support

There will be support riders on the course, starting at regular intervals throughout the morning. The support riders will carry a stock of spare inner tubes, tools and basic first aid equipment.

Look for the yellow jerseys with 'Epic Events Support' written on the back and stop them if you need them!

What happens if there is bad weather?

If required, due to bad weather, we will change the route as appropriate to ensure that the event goes ahead on the day. If the weather is so bad that we feel it necessary to cancel the event, an alternative date will be arranged and competitor entries can be either transferred to the new date or transferred to the next event.

If the weather forecast is very poor in the week approaching the event, we will update all competitors via email prior to the event. The latest news will also be displayed on the Lakeland Loop Facebook Event Page in the days approaching the event. Please note that unless you are informed by the organisers that the event is postponed, the event is taking place.

Section 6: Safety on the Course

The majority of the route takes place on quiet rural lanes but you should always be aware that these roads are open to traffic and quiet lanes bring their own hazards.

Never ride more than 2 abreast and be wary of blind bends on winding roads, if you can't see the car, they can't see you. Enjoy the scenery but always keep your mind on the road and other road users.

Please ride single file where the roads become narrow. We will also add additional 'Cyclists Keep Left' signs to the road that you must obey.

Never cross the white centre line.

Please cover your brakes whilst on all descents. There are many blind turns and it's important that you cover your brakes and reduce your speed.

If you spot an accident please contact the organisers. There numbers will be on the bottom of the Route Card, please save these numbers to your phone in case of an emergency.

There can be fast flowing traffic on the A66. We advise that you ride single file along this road for safety and stay to the left.

When cycling through Keswick Town Centre please be carefull and watch for walkers in the road.

It is important to note that this is not a race.

Section 7: Refreshments

At food stops there will be a selection of sandwiches,cakes, flapjack, biscuits, cold drinks, tea and coffee. Food can also be purchased at the New Dunegon Ghyll as well as other pubs in the area.

At Food Stop 1 there will be flapjack, biscuits, cold drinks, tea and coffee.

At Food Stop 2 there will be sandwiches,cakes, flapjack, biscuits, cold drinks, tea and coffee.

The first food stop is at Lorton School which is approximately 26m into the course.



The second food stop is at Hall Flat Farm in Santon Bridge which is approximately 51m into the course.



Section 8: Results & Photos

A full list of times will be available on Sunday night following the event and will be posted on the Epic Events website. Please remember that we provide the results as a reference of personal performance, the event is not a race and should not be treated in this manner. Times will be listed in alphabetical order by surname, not by fastest time.

All photographs will be available from the Epic Events Facebook Page within 48 hours of the finish. Pictures are free to download.

Section 9: Bike Mechanics

There are 2 bike mechanics for the day. One will be at the event HQ in the morning and will assist with putting timing chips on forks as well as any mechanical issues you may have. There will be a bike mechanic positioned at the second food stop all day.

See you there,
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