

West DC: Risk Assessment

Cycling Time Trials – West DC Course Risk Assessment Document. The measures to reduce risk identified in the right hand column must be included on the start sheet or implemented for the duration of the event as applicable. Failure to comply with the requirements of this document may result in approval being withheld with respect to subsequent race promotions by the promoting club. (CTT Guidance Note 22 – Appendix 2 – Issue 2 September 2011 provides additional advice)

Course/Road(s) Assessed: Unclassified road. Claverton, Bathampton	Course: UH35
Date of Assessment/Review: 01/09/2024	Name of Assessor: Peter Corcoran
Review History: First Produced (if known): June 2009 Last Review: 01/09/2024	Sponsoring Club or Organisation: VC Walcot

Course Description:

Start at lefthand junction at bottom of Claverton Hill; ride up hill to finish at gate pillars before American Museum.

Course start is just off the A36

Link: https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/course-details/uh35

Course Type: Please choose one of the options below and delete the others

1. Single Carriageway

Traffic Flows:

Unclassified road giving access to/from American Museum and alternative route to/from Bath University.

Traffic count on Sunday 1st September 2024 between 14:00 and 14:40 with no major event at American Museum:

- Four vehicles travelled up the course from start to finish
- Twelve vehicles travelled down the course from finish to start

Course / Event History:

Course incepted 2009 or earlier Not used in 2019 or 2020

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Key Identified Risks

No.	Distance / Location	Risk/Hazard	Level of Risk (L/M/H)	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
a) In	troduction			
1	General Requirements	Time of Road Usage meets CTT Traffic Standards	L	Traffic counts within acceptable numbers
b) H	Q to Start			
2	Before Start	Competitors riding from Event HQ; Competitors warming up	L	Instructions on Start Sheet and at event HQ signing on advising riders of safe routes; prohibition on warming up past the start Note: Sers 3-5 do not form part of the course but riders are to take care on approach to start
3	Route to start	Steep road with entrance to American Museum on right. Riders going up hill.	N/A	Museum notified. Dates coordinated so no clash of events. Cycling event warning sign.
4	150m from start	Left hand sweeping bend, poor visibility, 4m road width	N/A	Event warning sign, note to riders ride tight to the left.
5	50m from start	Right hand bend immediately after left bend, poor visibility, 3m road width	N/A	Event warning sign
3	Area of Start: Start just beyond junction with Claverton village at bottom of Claverton Hill	Riders wait in side road 5 metres from start, no warming up past start, one rider only at start point to keep start clear See image below	L	Instructions on Start Sheet and at event HQ signing on - warning against making 'U' turns, queue in single file; Cycle Event Warning signs
c) Start to Finish				
4	50m from start	Left hand bend, poor visibility, 3m road width See image below	M	Observer, event warning sign

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5	100m from start	Right hand bend, poor visibility, 4m road width	L	2 x Observer, event warning sign
6	300m from start	Entrance to private residence on left	L	Wide access road, good views.
7	FINISH	Entrance to American Museum on right	М	Museum notified. Dates coordinated so no clash of events. Cycling event warning sign. Observer.
8	After finish	Competitors returning to event HQ do not use the event course.	L	Instructions on safe route back from finish to HQ.

Notes

The small junctions or entrances to farms/garages, etc that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.



Start on lefthand side at end of recess where curb joins road. Residential side road in right provides area for riders to wait before start.

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Left – 50m from start, left hand bend. Right – 100-150m from start, right bend requires two Observers to have visibility throughout corner.



Finish at column just before entrance to American Museum.