



Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: **Unclassified**

Course: **UH22 Crowcombe Hill**

Date of Assessment/Review: **September 2023**

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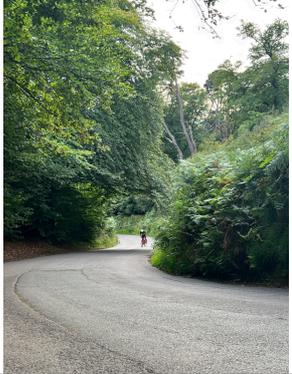
Course Description: Start at Unclassified Road (Crowcombe Road) GR ST142367 approx. 300 yds East of Road Junction in Crowcombe Village. Start is adjacent to escape lane. Travel East for 0.59 miles along Crowcombe Road. Finish at Grid ST149373 level with Cattle Grid signpost. Height gain approx 150 metres.

Traffic Flows: 30th August 6pm check over 1 hour = 5 cars.

Course/Event History: None

Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
	<p>General</p> <p>The map shows the course route starting from the HQ (Crowcombe Village Hall) and heading east along Crowcombe Road. A car park is located near the HQ. The terrain is hilly, with 'The hills' labeled. The course ends at a cattle grid signpost.</p>			<p>Instructions on start sheet and event HQ about prohibition on warming up on the course after the event has started.</p> <p>Instructions on start sheet and at event HQ warning riders of the steep gradient of the course when descending.</p> <p>No parking anywhere on course - Marshalls at car park near HQ.</p>
N/A	Riding from HQ to start	Passing vehicles, parked cars and driveway entrances	LOW	Instructions on start sheet and at event HQ advising of route from HQ to Start.

0 miles	Start: On Crowcombe Road Approximately 300 yds from Junction in Crowcombe Village, adjacent to escape lane.		LOW	Cone off 5 metre stretch on the left of road for riders to wait in. Officials to wear Hi-vis vests or jackets. Riders to have working back light fitted to bike. Riders' attention raised to traffic movement at time of their start. Cycle Event signs displayed at 50 and 300yds from start. Cars not to park in escape lane opposite start.
800 metres	Sharp left-hand bend approx. 130 yds from finish on 25% gradient		LOW	Riders to keep left. Marshall placed on bend opposite the Apex wearing Hi-vis. The Marshall will have good visibility of both directions of the course and will provide a visual marker of hazard ahead to oncoming vehicles.
0.59 miles	Finish BEFORE with cattle grid signpost GR ST149373		LOW	Officials to wear Hi-vis and will sit off the road on the raised bank on the LH side of road. Cycle Event warning signs placed approx. 100yds from finish warning traffic approaching the course. No vehicles to be parked at the finish. Instructions on start sheet and at event HQ warning riders to take care when turning round at the top of the hill to descend.
	Riding from Finish back to HQ.	Very steep descent. Passing vehicles. Riders on course competing	LOW	Instructions on start sheet and at event HQ warning riders to descend the hill with care, keeping to the LH side, to be aware of riders still competing and aware of traffic coming in both directions.

The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities 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.

Date of original assessment: 28th November 2021