**F2/15B (2025) Course description.**

(This course is essentially one and a half circuits of Hardwick/Madingley/Cambourne).

 **Start** at paint mark about 25 yards short of expansion joint in road surface of bridge where St Neots Road crosses over A428 dual carriageway just east of Highfields Caldecote. Proceed eastwards straight over (1st exit) Caldecote RAB to Hardwick RAB where take second exit to cross over A428 to next RAB, where take third exit onto A428 eastbound. Proceed on A428 to exit at A1303, signed Cambridge to:
**Turn** at Madingley RAB, taking fourth exit to re-join A428 westbound. Proceed on A428, past Hardwick to exit at Cambourne off-slip to:
**Turn** by taking third exit at first RAB, cross over A428 to second RAB, where take third exit to re-join A428 eastbound. Proceed on A428 past Hardwick and bear left onto A1303, signed Cambridge, to:
**Turn** at Madingley RAB (for second time), taking fourth exit to re-join A428 westbound. Proceed on A428, to exit at Hardwick, (after blue overbridge). At the roundabout take the 2nd exit onto St Neots Road (heading back towards the start) to
**Finish** after approx 0.6 miles on that road, prior to the BP garage.

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|  | Location | **Identified Significant Risk/Hazards** | **Risk LevelLow/Med/Hi.** | Measures to reduce Risk to Low(if applicable) |
| 1 | General requirements  | Time of road usage meets CTT Traffic Standards. | Low | Traffic counts to be carried out if instructed by District Committee. |
| 2 | General requirements | Vehicle drivers not observing competitors. | High | No competitor shall be permitted to start the event unless such competitor has affixed to the rear of their machine a working rear red light, either flashing or constant, that is illuminated and in a position that is clearly visible to other road users. |
| 3 | Before Start | Competitors riding from HQ and warming up. | Medium | Cycle Event warning signs as required at HQ. |
| 4 | Start | Competitor and/or pusher falling. | Medium | Cycle Event warning signs east and west of start location. Instructions on Start Sheet regarding conduct at start, prohibited areas for warming up and a warning that U-turns are not allowed within sight of the start. |
| 5 | Caldecote roundabout | Traffic turning at roundabout | Low | SMALL Cycle Event warning sign on road from Caldecote on approach to RAB. |
| 6 | Hardwick first roundabout, take, 2nd left to cross over A428 DC. | Traffic turning at roundabout  | Low | Cycle Event warning signs on ALL roads approaching RAB.Marshal wearing high-vis jacket to be stationed at exit from RAB. |
| 7 | Hardwick second roundabout, take 3rd exit to join A428 eastbound. | Traffic turning at roundabout  | Low | Cycle Event warning signs on ALL roads approaching RAB.Marshal wearing high-vis jacket to be stationed at exit from RAB.Cycle event warning sign on slip road. |
| 8 | Merge with A428 | Fast traffic on A428 dual carriageway | Medium | **LARGE** Cycle Event warning sign on the A428 prior to entry slip road. |
| 9 | Exit slip to Madingley | Traffic leaving A428 with riders. | Low | All traffic will have passed at least one Cycle Event warning sign.Cycle Event warning sign on the slip (ideally on right side for visibility). |
| 10 | TURN at Madingley roundabout. | Competitors negotiating RAB with traffic turning at RAB. | Medium | Cycle Event warning signs on the 3 roads approaching the RAB.3, preferably 4, marshals wearing high-vis jackets, at the roundabout. |
| 11 | Take 4th exit, onto A428 westbound slip road. | Merge with fast traffic on A428 dual carriageway | Medium. | Cycle event warning sign on slip road.**LARGE** Cycle Event warning sign on the A428 prior to entry slip road. |
| 12 | Proceed past off/on slips for Hardwick | Traffic joining A428 from Hardwick. | Low | Cycle event warning sign on slip road from Hardwick. |
| 13 | Layby on A428 | Traffic entering or leaving the layby | Low | None. A428 has priority. |
| 14 | Layby on A428 | Traffic entering or leaving the layby | Low | None. A428 has priority. |
| 15 | Exit A428 on slip road to Cambourne. | Traffic leaving A428 | Low | All traffic on A428 will have passed warning signs. |
| 16 | Cambourne south RAB at top of slip-roadTake 3rd exit to cross A428 | Traffic from right has priority. | Medium | Cycle Event warning signs on ALL roads approaching RAB.Marshal wearing high-vis jacket to be stationed at exit from RAB. |
| 17 | Cambourne north RAB. Take 3rd exit on to A428 eastbound slip road. | Traffic from right has priority | Medium  | Cycle Event warning signs on ALL roads approaching RAB.Marshal wearing high-vis jacket to be stationed at exit from RAB.Cycle event warning sign on slip road. |
| 18 | Merge with A428 eastbound | Merging with fast traffic on A428. | Medium | **LARGE** Cycle Event warning sign on the A428 prior to entry slip road. |
| 19 | Layby on A428 | Traffic entering or leaving layby | Low | None. A428 has priority |
| 20 | Layby on A428. | Traffic entering or leaving layby | Low | None. A428 has priority. |
|  | **Course now repeats items 9 to 20 one more time.** |  |  |  |
| 21 | Take exit slip to Hardwick RAB. | Traffic leaving A428 with riders. | Low | All traffic will have passed at least one Cycle Event warning sign.Cycle Event warning sign on the slip (ideally on right side for visibility). |
| 22 | At Harwick RAB, take second exit on to St Neots road westwards. | Competitors negotiating RAB with traffic turning at RAB. | Low | Cycle Event warning signs on ALL roads approaching RAB.Marshal wearing high-vis jacket to be stationed at exit from RAB. |
| 23 | **Finish** after approx 0.6 miles on that road, prior to the BP garage. | Riders stopping after finish. | Low | Cycle Event warning signs on St Neots Road east and west of finish area. |

Summary of ‘Warning Signs’

 2 at start (east and west)

3 on both Hardwick RAB approaches.

 1 at Hardwick entry slip, A428 westbound.

1 **LARGE** on A428 carriageway prior to rider entry

1 at Cambourne entry slip, westbound

4 at Cambourne RAB’s

1 **LARGE** on A428 carriageway

 1 at Hardwick entry slip, eastbound. .

1 on Madingley exit slip.

 4 at Madingley RAB turn

1 **LARGE** on A428 carriageway, prior to rider entry.

2 at finish (east and west).

.Summary of marshals/helpers.

2 at HQ for numbers and sign on.

1 at Start, as required (lights check)

1 at first Hardwick RAB to direct over A428

1 at second Hardwick RAB to direct on to A428

4 at Madingley RAB turn.

1 at Cambourne south RAB

1 at Cambourne north RAB.

Finish number checker(s) as required

Catering as required.