

Portsmouth North End Open TT 2021

Last year was the club's 120th anniversary, so to celebrate our heritage we are bringing back an old sporting course. We are not sure of the exact course used in this 1939 photograph above (taken from cycling weekly) but the 2021 course, the P845-40k, will pass this junction.

Entry is FREE for all PNECC Members!

Sign on is open and is done through the CTT website:

Club members : Cycling Time Trials: Portsmouth North End (Sporting 25)(Semi-open)(Promoting club members only)

Non club members : Cycling Time Trials: Portsmouth North End (Sporting 25)

The Course: P845-40K

Starts 1km west of Funtington in Woodend road. Pass through Chichester, Lavant, Chilgrove, descends down Long Harting climb, takes a sharp left up Short Harting Climb, passes through Compton, West Marden, Racton, runs South of the airfield on Common road, through Funtingdon, ends at the Layby just West of the start



See TTresults.co.uk for an interactive map of the course

or check out the Strava segment: https://www.strava.com/segments/28352594



Start Finish:

The HQ:

West Stoke Village Hall,

Downs Road,

PO18 9BG

Sign on and results will be set up outside. Please bring a mask, a pen for sign on and pins for your number. There is one unisex toilet in the hall which you are free to use. Due to the small size of the venue we will restrict the total number at the HQ to 30 more details to follow on the start sheet. There will not be a prize presentation, but the Results will be loaded up to the club's TTResults.co.uk website every 20mins so if you head to the HQ after finishing you should be able to see your time and the time of riders in front of you.

Prizes:

There will be a modest prize, the exact size to be determined once we know the size of the field.

Equal prize money for: Male 1st, 2nd, 3rd Female 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male Road Bike 1st, 2nd, 3rd Female Road Bike 1st, 2nd, 3rd Fastest Vet on standard, Fastest Juvenille

Fastest PNECC rider will get the club's open TT Trophy for the year

Course Record:

Rob Hayles 57:11 - 2nd February 1997

Course tips:

The course involves a steep twisting decent through a forested area and takes a sharp left turn before the bottom of the decent. Riders should familiarise themselves with the decent and the turn. Riders should consider trying the decent on the bike they intend to use on the day. (how good are your brakes on your TT bike?)

The maximum gradient on the climb is 17.2% and you will need to climb this after a +30min max effort. The minimum gear ratio on your cassette is worth considering, riders may want to consider swapping cassette or wheels if their TT bike has a small cassette.

Course safety considerations:

- We would recommend taking the most direct route to the start via the unnamed road and B2178 and avoid Woodend Road and the west section of Down Road.
- Look out for equestrians on way to start.
- no U turns in sight of Timekeeper Please.
- Beware of drivers joining highway without exercising due care and attention from: the pub at East Ashling, St. Paul's Road (B2178), Traffic coming from right at Lavent, Downs Road (opposite Church), White Horse pub, Fox and Hound Pub Funtington and car park oposit,
- There are 3 pelican crossings, one on the approach to Chichester and 2 on the way out, riders must stop when lights are Red.
- Chichester Northgate RAB has a narrow cycle lane, less than 1 metre, painted on carriageway Sub-standard design, well below minimum criteria, makes cycle lane hazardous. Road wide enough to ignore cycle lanes.
- Fork road to East Marden, danger of oncoming drivers swinging across path of riders.
- Climb up Harting Hill Deer crossing road.
- Top of Harting Hill Car park & vantage point Popular venue for walkers.
- Descent of Harting Hill Fast descent to T-junction.
- T-Junction with B2146 Sharp Left turn to commence steep climb up Tower Hill.
- Oldhouse Lane Popular bridleway crossing Beware of equestrians.
- Walderton to Lordington Popular with equestrians.
- T-Junction with Emsworth Common Road Left Turn on to major road.
- No times to be given to riders at Finish.
- Riders must not cross the B2146 at the Finish Area.
- At finish return via Woodend Road if riders are still starting.

Parking:

There is limited parking at the HQ. We would recommend that riders part at Kingley Vale car park. There is a large layby at the finish line which can be used for parking, please leave 4 spaces at the East end for the time keeps and be extra careful to lookout for riders when arriving and leaving. Please do not park on the verge on the actual course. You can also park at Fishbourne Roman Place, although this is 3.3miles from the HQ