



University of Bristol Cycling Club
Belmont Hill Climb

Saturday 5th October 2024

Course: UH45

HQ: WI Hall, Station Road, Backwell,
Bristol, BS48 3QW

All riders must have a hard-shell helmet, front and rear lights. Please remember to sign in and out at the HQ.

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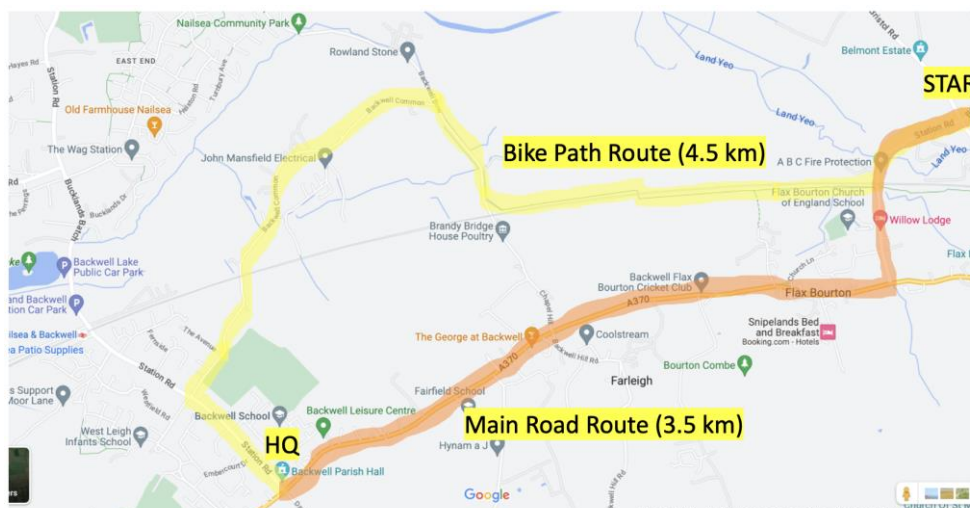
Firstly, thank you for entering the event, this is the 11th year running of Belmont Hill Climb and the 4th year of closed road riding on the hill. The costs surrounding the road closure mean we require a large number of entrants so your support is really appreciated. As a closed road event we really encourage riders to bring friends and family along to support rider on the hill. We'll have some music and commentary to help bring the good vibes too. Other than that, there are a few bits of admin surrounding the event so please read this in full.

HQ: This year's HQ is the same as last year (but different to years before that) and will be at the WI hall in Backwell (WI Hall, Station Rd, Backwell, Bristol BS48 3QW). HQ will be open from 8:15am. Please be respectful of the locals when parking and ride out if possible. Please note everyone must sign in and sign out at the HQ so give yourself plenty of time to sign on, pin a number on, and make your way to the start. There will be plenty of cake and coffee at the HQ after the race with donations welcome. Please remember to sign out after the race otherwise you will be marked down as DNF.

To start: There are two routes from the HQ to the start, a slightly shorter main road route (3.5 km) or a slightly longer route along the bike path and quiet road (4.5 km). I would recommend the longer route. Both routes can be found here:

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3143962196091906056> (Bike Path)

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3143962466922911752> (Main Road)



Route: The Course is the UH45:

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/course-details/uh45>

<https://www.strava.com/segments/10654613?filter=overall>

Road Closure: The road will be closed from just after 8:30 until the end of the event. **If you wish to recce the climb this must be done before the first rider sets off at 9:00.**

In a slight break from tradition, the first rider off will not be a youth rider. This year we have two legends of UOBCC and former winners themselves, Andrew Kirby and Kate Mactear getting married on the same day as the hill climb. To allow them and their guests plenty of time to get to the wedding, they will be hitting the hill first, with the youths just after. We wish them all the best on the day! There will then be a pause after these riders to allow them to descend the hill.

The senior and junior riders will start from 10:01. Once finished, please be mindful that riders racing will be expected a closed road and may well be on the wrong side of the road. We ask riders to follow the road diversion back after they have finished or to descend the hill on foot.

Prizes and Results: We aim to do the youth prize presentation at around 10:15, there will be medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd of each age category for male and female.

Kalas, our club's kit sponsor, have kindly donated prizes for the event which will be given out to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st team (teams of 3 for male and 2 female). Winners of men's and women's competitions will also take home the prestigious King/Queen of Belmont Trophy.

Course Records:

Solo Male, 2:45.7 Sam Lindsey, 2018

Solo Female, 3:15.8 Illi Gardner, 2022

Photos: Charles Harris will be taking photos on the day. These will be made available after the event.

Finally, a massive thanks to timekeepers Rob and Mary-Jane Hutchinson and the volunteers which make these events possible. Hope you all have a good ride. Let me know if you have any questions about the day by either emailing evanvdavies@gmail.com or phoning 07722 416842.