

Sunday 15 September 2024 on the UH18 & UH10 courses

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Minehead Cycling Club.

Event information

Porlock Hill A39 Climb, Course UH18 Course Description:

Start: Outside the Ship Inn opposite the junction of the A39 with the Toll Road. The climb continues steeply up the A39 taking you out of the village including two 25% hairpins in the first mile. After that, the gradient eases off, continuing to ascend including over a cattle grid. That can be slippery if wet. The finish is approximately 200m beyond the cattlegrid at a lay-by on the south side of the road.

Porlock Toll Road Climb, Course UH10 Course Description:

Start: Opposite the Village Hall entrance at the bottom of the Toll Road. Continue up alpine style including two hairpins for 4.2 miles to the finish which is approximately 200 metres short of the road junction with the A39 Porlock to Lynmouth road. The finish is located by a defined dip in the grass bank on the left and opposite a similar gap in the beech hedge with a dip on the right. Please note that there is a cattle grid after approximately 2.25 miles which can be slippery when wet.

Timekeepers:

UH18 & U10

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Important Course Information:

The main A39 Porlock Hill road will NOT be closed to other traffic for the event, additionally it is on a bus route that runs approximately on an hourly basis. Rider start times have been worked to avoid the bus ascent on the assumption it runs to times tabled. Please ride responsibly at all times and with consideration for other road users. Rather than descending the A39 after your ride please continue approximately 1 mile where the top of the Toll Road meets the A39 (you will see the Toll Road finish set up) and descend the Toll Road back to Event HQ.

The Toll Road will be closed to vehicles from 8.00am - 3.00pm, closure starts from just before the Toll Road start line to the finish. Therefore you can warm up on the Toll Road where the Event HQ is close to both event starts if you wish. Please be aware there are residents whose properties are located close to the course who may require access to the Toll Road during the event and while Minehead CC have made residents of the Toll Road aware of the event there may be occasional cars in or out to be managed, therefore, please respect their needs and ride in accordance with the Highway Code.

When descending ride slowly and keep to the left hand side. Keep to the left of cones and obey marshals instructions.

Competitor Notes, please read with map above:

1. On entering the Porlock Village you will be directed to Porlock Recreation Ground where competitor parking, with toilets and limited changing facilities are located. Porlock Recreation Ground is approximately 500 m along Parsons Street, to the south west side of the Church in the centre of the village. Postcode TA24 8QJ. Please park in rows as directed.
2. Event HQ will be at the Porlock Village Hall situated at the junction of the Toll Road with the A39 at the west end of Porlock, see map above. Please allow 5 minutes to ride from the Recreation Ground to the start. **There are limited toilets facilities at the Village Hall and NO parking.**
3. Signing on and race numbers for both events will be available at the Event HQ, Porlock Village Hall Car Park from 7.30am on the day. **If entered into both events, competitors will receive two numbers, one for each event.**
4. Please remember if you do not sign on, no ride. As recent CTT guidance please also SIGN OUT at the Village Hall once you have completed your ride.
5. **If you are under 18, a completed and signed parental consent form will need to be provided when you sign on. Please download a copy of the Parental Consent Form before coming to the event from the Porlock Hill Climb or CTT website. <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/documents/index/guardians>**
6. We respectfully ask spectators and supporters to give consideration to other participants of the event, riders and marshals, as well as local residents or other Toll Road users. We are fortunate to be allowed to close the Toll Road for the event and this continued support relies on treating other users with respect.
7. Please do not warm up on the courses during the events. You are welcome to ride the courses prior to this but please be mindful that both roads host other traffic and be aware that there is a **£1 Toll Road fee.**
8. Results will be circulated via the CTT website and on the MCC Porlock Hill Climb Facebook page, as soon as we are able and the results verified. If they are not posted as swiftly as you would like, please bear with us.
9. Many competitors will wish to use their garmins or other personal timing devices during the events. You are free to do so, provided use does not impact or impede the enjoyment of the event upon other riders or members of the public. However, no times other than those confirmed by the event timekeepers will be accepted and the timekeepers decision is final.
10. Prize giving will be at the Event HQ, Porlock Village Hall from 13.30pm. If you are unable to attend the prize giving, we will aim to post prizes provided we have details of where to send them. Please bear with us if these take a few days to reach you.

Prizes for each event: GUIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Senior Men	£50	£30	£20
Women (Overall)	£50	£30	
Juveniles & Juniors	£20	£10	
V40 men	£40	£20	
V50 men	£40	£20	
V60+ men	£20		

Prizes for 2024

Allocation of the prize fund is based upon the number of entrants in each category in each event and therefore may be adjusted subject to entries received. If there is only one entrant in a category, the category will be combined with another.

Combined Prizes for both Hills

	1st	2nd	3rd
Men (Overall)	£50	£30	£20
Women (Overall)	£50		

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Hill Climb Epilogue! MCC's Ride for Scott: This year we are holding a fun ride up to the Toll Gate after the Toll Road Event. This is a informal event, open to all taking advantage of the closed road. Entry is free, however Minehead Cycling Club are raising funds to support cycle rehabilitation for Scott Huish an MCC member who is recovering from a stroke in his 40's , so please come along, make the most of a car free road, and ride of a good cause.

Donations on the day or via Just Giving ink: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mineheadcyclingclub-mcc?fbclid=IwY2xjawEvLhZleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHaTx7JywN1gZ5WHeaTt_NKFAVx-YCpBe6HMjybCozHgi1mgaRXt82AExRQ_aem_jZbmIE-cAzEv2sezmpPF-0A

Exmoor Adventures: Are an outdoor adventure and E bike hire base that will be on hand at Event HQ. Come & try an E bike for the 'Ride for Scott' or book up for another adventure on your return visit to Exmoor. <https://exmooradventures.co.uk>

Picnics and safe play area: Porlock Parish Council are making available their secluded picnic area to the rear of Porlock Visitor Centre, this can be accessed through the gate on the east side of the Visitor Centre and is a real gem.

Porlock Ladies - for wonderful refreshments and steadfast support of the event over the years. However if you don't fancy their cakes and tea, try **Edwardos Cafe & Pizza** which will be open throughout the day. See their location on the map above. <https://www.porlockpizza.co.uk>

For more exotic refueling try **The Kitchen at Porlock Bay Oysters at Porlock Weir**, who have kindly contributed to the prize fun. https://www.porlockbayoysters.co.uk/?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAACU3MSUGnNgukCvs41m2qMq6cn_WH&gclid=CjwKCAjwodC2BhAHEiwAE67hJLkuopOaysuKZ-7vS61dQsnovQMYIBEaVz0OBq25BcYLdkHla1xH6xoCrmYQAvD_BwE

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The timekeepers: James Benning & Nigel Bennett of North Devon Wheelers who have given up their time to support the event.

Porlock Manor Estate - for closing the Porlock Toll Road and allowing MCC use it for the event.

Date for your diaries: Next years event will be held on Sunday 21st September 2025.