10 Mile Loop Ride Read Through

There is strictly <u>NO</u> Galloping allowed in Sutton Park!

Throughout this ride please be aware of low branches & challenging ground! & <u>ALWAYS</u> be aware of other park users!

Leave the venue and follow the track straight on through the wooded area and across the railway bridge following the track to the left after. Continue along the track and turn right at the bottom through a small ford (**passing a small pond on your right**) then take the next track on your left and then the left fork at the next junction. Keep on this track and continue to do so as it sweeps around to the right (**galvanised pony pen on other side of tree line**) and right again following the track as it runs parallel with the road on the other side of the tree line. You will come out at a small clearing with 3 track exits, take the 1st exit on your right, continue until you reach another junction with 4 track exits and then take your immediate sharp left.

Follow this track up until you meet an all purpose track and turn right onto it, (a small wooden bench will be on your left as you do so) follow this all purpose track and continue to stay on track as it changes to a rougher track and begins to descend slightly through another wooded area until you meet a tarmac rd, cross this road (this is only an access road with very little traffic and will not be manned) and bear slightly right onto grassland still descending slightly to another manned gate and go under the bridge. On the other side turn left and continue alongside the railway track until you reach another access road/car park with a small Bistro to your right, turn left here and then right and continue along the edge of the park. At the bottom of the open area turn right still following the tree line until another track is met where a left turn is made, continue on this track for a short while until markers indicate to turn right through a wooded area leading you to the top of the Sandbank Challenge (don't worry its not that bad!)

Here you will find a steep sandbank which you can either attempt or if you'd prefer not too follow the markers too a gentler gradient.

At the bottom of the sandbank turn left along a tarmac road and continue straight ahead toward a gate alongside a cattle grid, turn left just before the gate and after a few yards a marshalled gate on your right will be seen.

This is now a walk only section! This area of the park can be VERY busy!

Once through the gate keep to the left of the field until you reach the tarmac road near the Town Gate Café, turn right onto the tarmac road and a short distance later another marshalled gate will be seen. Passing through this gate cross the road, passing the visitor centre on your left.

Walk section now finishes!!

Follow the stream along and further down bear left over a small tarmac bridge and then immediately right through another ford, on the other side of the ford turn left along the tarmac road and continue on this none vehicle road through the woods which sweeps to the left at the top. Turn right at the next tarmac T junction at the top. Continue along this access road and then turn left at the next tarmac cross roads and follow this road straight down passing a lake on your right at the bottom, continue on passing the vehicle barrier until you reach a car park and then bear right along the ancient Roman Road following the tree line.

At the end of this tree line you will see a small wooden bridge continue straight on with the bridge on your left until you meet another track which you will turn right onto and continue along this very straight track passing through the disused rifle ranges followed by a small bridge and a short steep climb and on up towards the Jamboree monument. Just before the tarmac cross roads at the monument turn right up a grass track which runs alongside the tarmac road, continue on this track right to the top and then turn left across the tarmac road and into yet another wooded area and follow this tracks slight descent down to the next tarmac road.

Turn left at the tarmac and a short distance later bear right across the road heading up a slight incline through an area of gorse at the top of which you will meet another track, go straight across this track onto the large arena field and keep riding straight ahead. You will see the venue in the distance but PLEASE remember venues are always a walk only area

x2 for 20 milers

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