

Course/Road(s) Assessed: R25/3H (Revised) **Course:** Local to Rhigos

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Course Description:

START on access road to Hirwaun Industrial Estate (E 293120/ N206180 OS Sheets 170/160) 8 yards north of lamp column No.1 and 30 yards north of junction with unclassified road (old A465 Hirwaun to Rhigos). Proceed south to junction with unclassified road and bear left to roundabout with A4061 (Rhigos mountain road) where take second exit (straight on) to continue on A4061 to Hirwaun roundabout (1.306 miles). Take first exit westbound along the A465T dual carriageway to Blaengwrach roundabout (McDonalds) 7.169 miles. Take second exit (straight on) on A465 to Resolven roundabout 10.183 miles. Here take third exit, follow the A465 to exit at the next junction at Aberdulais (sp Seven Sisters), climbing to the Tonna roundabout 15.063 miles. Now take first exit on B4434 to Aberdulais Interchange where circle and take fourth exit down slip road to rejoin the A465 eastward.

Continue to Resolven roundabout 19.719 miles taking second exit (straight on) to Blaengwrach roundabout (McDonalds) 22.764 miles. Take second exit continuing on A465, passing over river bridge and the Glynneath interchange to FINISH in the SECOND layby on the left at a point 25 yards west of the 'Take Litter Home' sign and opposite the emergency telephone point. 25.014 miles.

Traffic Flows: Light on Unclassified Road, Light on A4061, Light/Moderate on A465 Dual Carriageway

Course/Event History: Very fast course. Very popular, very high use. Marshals are not allowed on A465T.

Key Identified Risks

| Distance | Location | Identified Significant Risk/Hazards | Level of Risk Low/Med/High | Measure to reduce Risk (if applicable) |
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| 0 miles | START: on access road to Hirwaun Industrial Estate (E 293120/ N206180 OS Sheets 170/160) | Traffic passing riders waiting to start. | LOW | Sign at side of road 20 metres north of start to inform vehicles of cycle event. Officials to wear high visibility jackets / bibs. Riders to wear fluorescent numbers on their backs to attract attention. |
| 0.02 miles | Proceed south to junction with unclassified road and bear left | Riders meeting traffic at T junction | MEDIUM | Signs 50 metres either side of junction. Marshal with hi viz jacket |
| 0.7 miles | Continue to roundabout to join A4061 (Rhigos Mountain road) to take 2 nd exit (straight on) | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | MEDIUM | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads |
| 1.3 miles | Hirwaun roundabout, take 1 st exit on A465(T) dual carriageway westbound | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | HIGH | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads. Large warning signs on westbound A465T |
| 7.1 miles | Blaengwrach roundabout (McDonalds), take 2 nd exit (straight on) | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | MEDIUM | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads |
| 10.1 miles | Resolven roundabout take 3 rd exit (straight on) | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | MEDIUM | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads |
| 14.5 miles | Take exit slip to Aberdulais roundabout (signpost Seven Sisters) | <i>Sighting of Direction arrow (for riders)</i> | LOW | <i>Direction arrow placement - access must be made from Station Road (2nd exit Tonna roundabout, take next left) by</i> |

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| | | | | <i>Aberdulais Royal British Legion. Climb embankment alongside canal to locate arrow on countdown marker post on A465T – take care!</i> |
| 15.0 miles | Climb loop to Tonna roundabout take 1 st exit | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | MEDIUM | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads |
| 15.1 miles | Aberdulais interchange take 4 th exit | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | HIGH | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads. Marshal with hi viz jacket on exit |
| 15.2 miles | enter slip road | Join dual carriageway (A465T) at spear point junction | HIGH | Large Warning Sign on Dual Carriageway 100 metres before junction |
| 19.7 miles | Resolven roundabout take 2 nd exit (straight on) | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | MEDIUM | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads |
| 22.8 miles | Blaengwrach roundabout (McDonalds), take 2 nd exit (straight on) | Traffic approaching/at roundabout | MEDIUM | Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads |
| 23.8 miles | Glynneath interchange, continue on A465 (T) | Remain on major road | LOW | Direction arrow (straight on) Warning sign on Glynneath on-slip. |
| 25.0miles | FINISH in second layby 25 yards west of 'take your litter home' sign opposite emergency phone | Parked vehicle in layby for finish time keeper. | LOW | All riders to continue past finish without stopping (clearway). |

NOTES:

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken.
 2. The small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.
 3. No turbo training devices within 100 yards of dwellings.
 4. No warming up on the course once the event has started
 5. No U Turns within sight of start/finish TK
 6. Antisocial Behaviour will not be tolerated
- Course Regulations R25/3H**
7. Do not park in or within the vicinity of Halt Road, Rhigos