



RIDER GUIDE

Sunday 28 June 2026 | Peebles Cycling Club

REGISTRATION 7:30-8:30 Kingsmeadow	FIRST RIDERS From 7:45 Groups of around 10	FINAL STARTS Long 8:30 Short 9:00	TARGET FINISH By 4:30 Neidpath / Haylodge
EVENT CONTACT Pete Dixon 07970 948 647	ROUTE TYPE Open road Self-guided	GPX/MAPS Required Limited signage	NUMBER BOARD Handlebars Must check in

MUST READ

This is an open-road sportive, not a race. Riders must obey the Highway Code, ride within their ability, load the GPX route, and take responsibility for navigation, clothing, food, drink and basic mechanical issues. Apart from the first short/long route split at Traquair, do not expect marshals at junctions across the route.

Start / registration	Kingsmeadow Car Park, Peebles https://maps.app.goo.gl/QGhZSsW7WQthYfD57
Finish	Neidpath / Haylodge Car Park, Peebles https://maps.app.goo.gl/ta4BmuzBrTHbRHim7

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Start/finish, parking, toilets and food

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START AND FINISH HAVE CHANGED FROM 2025

The start and finish are in different Peebles car parks this year. This keeps the event away from busier town-centre roundabouts, pedestrian crossings and navigational pinch points.

PARKING

Please use the public car parks as your first option. All listed car parks are free on Sundays. There should also be some on-street parking, but please park considerately and avoid blocking residents or businesses.

CAR PARK	FULL LINK
Edinburgh Road	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory-record/12900/edinburgh-road
Kingsmeadows	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory-record/12904/kingsmeadows
Neidpath / Haylodge	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory-record/12905/neidpath-hay-lodge-
Greenside	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory-record/12901/greenside

TOILETS

The public toilets at Kingsmeadow are closed for the foreseeable future. We have hired one standard portaloos and one accessible portaloos for the start area. The main public toilets at Neidpath / Haylodge will be open from 7:00am, including the accessible toilet.

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory-record/67566/peebles-hay-lodge-park>

FOOD BEFORE THE EVENT

Please bring enough food and drink to get to the first feed station. If you have a last-minute fueling panic, the BP garage at the east end of Peebles High Street is well stocked and has a toilet. Tesco and Sainsbury's do not open until 8:00am on Sunday, which is likely to be too late for most riders.

REGISTRATION AND START

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Sign-on, rider numbers, start groups and start-line support

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS
7:00am	Public toilets at Neidpath / Haylodge open
7:30am	Registration opens at Kingsmeadow Car Park
7:45am	First rider groups start
8:30am	Registration closes and final long route group starts
9:00am	Final short route group starts
4:30pm	All riders should aim to be finished

REGISTRATION

At registration, you will be asked to confirm whether you are riding the short route or long route. It is fine to change from the route you originally signed up for, but please decide at registration and then stick to that route. You will be given a rider number board, which must be attached to your handlebars. Please stop at feed stations so volunteers can record your passage and check in at the finish.

We'll need to take emergency contact details from you, so please have one ready.

We'll have the phone number for event HQ printed out, so you can take a photo of it before you depart.

MECHANIC



Tom from Peebles Bike Repairs will be set up for last-minute checks such as brakes, gears and tyres. This is not a full workshop service!

<https://peeblesbikerepairs.co.uk/>

CAFFEINE



The Adventure Beans van will be at the start with hot drinks for a final start-line boost.

<https://www.adventurebeans.co.uk/>



CHARITY FUNDRAISING — FREE PRIZE DRAW

We are proudly supporting the Adaptive Riders Collective. Enter the free prize draw on the day for a chance to win one of 10 custom PCC Le Tour de Tweed Valley mini milestones, kindly sponsored by **Cullen Kilshaw**. Donations to ARC are welcome but are not required to enter and do not affect your chance of winning.

Draw at the finish. Winners must be present to collect; we are unable to post prizes after the event.

ARC: <https://adaptiveriderscollective.org/>

ARC donations: <https://givewheel.com/fundraising/11609/help-arc-grow-your-ongoing-support-matters/>

Cullen Kilshaw: <https://www.cullenkilshaw.com/>

Note to ARC Riders: If you have assistance riders with you, they can enter the event for free – just contact sportivepeeblescc@gmail.com



10 PRIZES



START GROUPS

This is an open-road event, so there will be no mass start. Riders will be set off in groups of around 10 at roughly three-minute intervals. This year we are trying a more structured approach than just fully mixed groups. This is so solo riders and small groups have a better chance of finding others riding at a similar pace. No one wants to be pushing wind all day!?

We'll try to:

- Separate you into short route and long route groups.
- Loosely group yourself by anticipated average speed.
- Signs at the start will help you find people at roughly your pace.
- This is not strict. Join any group and settle into your own rhythm.

ROUTES, NAVIGATION AND FEED STATIONS

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Load the GPX, expect limited signage, stop at feed stations

LIMITED SIGNAGE

The sportive is primarily self-guided. Please load the GPX route to your device before the event or carry a reliable map/phone backup. Apart from the first short/long route split at Traquair, there will not be marshals at junctions across the route.

ROUTE FILE	FULL LINK
Short route - Garmin	https://connect.garmin.com/app/course/436784041
Short route - Strava	https://www.strava.com/routes/3464910995364250378
Long route - Garmin	https://connect.garmin.com/app/course/436784655
Long route - Strava	https://www.strava.com/routes/3464910579530702724

FEED STATIONS

Snacks and drinks will be available at the feed stations. Please stop, get your carbs, say hello to the PCC volunteers, and make sure your passage is recorded. First aid kits and first aiders will also be available at the feed stations.

ROUTE	FEED STATION	DISTANCE
Short route	Temple Village Hall	44 km / 27 miles
Long route	Fountainhall Village Hall	70 km / 44 miles
Long route	Temple Village Hall	99 km / 62 miles

FEED STATION	FULL LINK
Temple Village Hall	https://maps.app.goo.gl/DSsDdy1xYvqAKBx57
Fountainhall Village Hall	https://maps.app.goo.gl/AkqpS1z2Q54QL9Dc9



Stop and say hi to the PCC volunteers.



Finish-area drinks and bottles

RIDER RULES AND SAFETY

Open-road riding, group etiquette and Borders road conditions

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THIS IS NOT A RACE

Timing, groups and feed stations are there to help the event run smoothly, not to encourage racing. Please ride within your ability and adjust your speed for weather, traffic, road surface and visibility.

ESSENTIAL RULES

- Helmets are mandatory. No helmet, no ride.
- No tri-bars or aero bars, please.
- Obey the Highway Code at all times.
- Ride within your ability and the conditions.
- Be considerate of residents, walkers, horse riders, drivers, farmers and other cyclists.
- Do not litter. Use jersey pockets and feed station bins.

RIDING IN GROUPS

- Do not overlap wheels.
- Call out potholes, gravel, parked cars, oncoming traffic and hazards.
- Single out on narrow roads, through villages, around horses and when traffic is trying to pass.
- Do not surge through villages or past other road users.
- If the group is too fast or too slow, let it go and ride at your own pace.

BORDERS ROAD CONDITIONS

The roads are **not** Tour de France ready yet! Anyone who has ridden in the Borders will know that unfenced roads are common. Please expect sheep on the road, cattle grids, gravel, potholes, muddy sections, blind bends, crosswinds and fast descents. Take particular care on descents, especially if wet or muddy.

WEATHER CHECK

We always plan a glorious day, but we do not always get the final say. Please check the forecast and carry a waterproof or windproof layer if conditions look changeable.



Be self-sufficient, know what to do, check in at the end

BIKE PREPARATION

Please make sure your bike is in good working order before the event. Check brakes, tyres, gears, chain and bolts in advance, and address any issues before the day.

Recommended kit:

- Helmet - mandatory
- Rider number board
- Fully charged phone
- Loaded GPX or map backup
- Spare tube, tyre levers and pump/CO2
- Multitool and bike-specific spares
- Food to reach the first feed station
- Two bottles
- Waterproof or windproof layer
- Small personal first aid kit, including plasters, wound dressing and foil blanket if available
- Any personal medication you may need

ON-COURSE MECHANICAL ISSUES

You need to be self-sufficient for punctures and minor mechanical issues. Please stop to assist any rider you see in difficulty where it is safe to do so.

We will have a few motorbike marshals and a sweeper vehicle behind the last rider, but it could be a long wait.

SERIOUS INCIDENT PROCEDURE

For serious incidents, injuries, collisions or medical emergencies, call 999 first. Once emergency services have been contacted, please notify the event team so we can assist, locate the rider and manage the event response. Use what3words, a road name, nearby junction, village, landmark or GPS pin to describe the location.

<https://what3words.com/>

IF YOU RETIRE

If you abandon the ride, you must tell the event team. Please do not simply go home without checking in. If we do not know you have retired safely, we may think you are still missing on the route.

You can tell one of the motorbikers, a volunteer at the Feed Station or call 07970 948 647

SWEEPER VEHICLE

A sweeper vehicle will follow behind the last rider. All riders should aim to complete their course by 4:30pm. Riders falling significantly behind the expected schedule may be advised to shorten the route or accept assistance from the sweeper vehicle.

FINISH AND AFTER THE EVENT

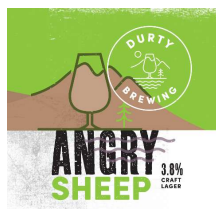
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Check in, collect your pizza, enjoy Peebles

FINISH

Well done - you made it. Please check in with the finish marshal at Neidpath / Haylodge so we know you are safely back. We will have the famous Franco's pizza waiting for you, plus a beer from Dirty Brewing.

<https://dirtybrewing.com/>



AFTER THE EVENT

Still plenty of treats to be had in Peebles if you are staying around afterwards.

- Cocoa Black - Chocolate Masters
- Coltman's Deli - bonus sandwich territory
- The Milkman - final caffeine shot?
- Mr C's Ice Cream Parlour - Coltman's Ice Creams is no longer open
- Franco's - book in if you want a proper feed

FINAL NOTE

Enjoy your ride. It is not a race, so take in the scenery and the camaraderie of your fellow riders. Stop and have a blether at the feed stations, look after each other, and help us keep the event friendly for riders, volunteers and local communities.

See you at sign-on.

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