

Guidelines for Club rides

When is the next Club ride?

Rides will be published on the Club website and where possible circulated to members by email, also published on the Club forum and possibly on Facebook.

Where and what time?

Departure point and time will be published, along with destination and an approximate route.

Is it still on if it rains?

Route may change and are subject to weather and conditions. Rides are on unless advised otherwise. If no one turns up to a ride, the Ride Captain has the right to cancel a ride. Assuming the Ride Captain turns up.

Where are we going?

Ride Captain may or may not provide a map. The Ride Captain may appoint a Ride Leader. It's the Ride Leader's responsibility to know the route. Assuming that the Ride Captain knows it.

How will we know what's going on?

The Ride Captain will give a briefing before departure. Listen up. They will give details of the route, the coffee stops, the lunch break and fuel stops and any hazards that they're aware of. They will also advise what the format of the ride will be.

What time should I get there?

Please be on time for the published departure time, with a full tank of petrol and correct tyre pressures, and dressed appropriately. We're not stopping for you if you decide it's too hot or too cold or wet and you want to get changed. Wait for the next scheduled stop.

How should I ride in a group?

Always keep a safe distance between you and the rider in front. When riding in a group, it's a good idea to adopt a staggered formation. In other words, ride to the left or right of the person in front of you. That way if they slow or stop or fall over you won't be up them.

How will we know where were going?

On rides up to 10 people attending, we'll adopt the Buddy system. That means keeping an eye on the person riding in front of you and keeping an eye in the mirrors for the person riding behind. If the person riding behind you goes out of sight, slow down or pull over until you see them. If the person in front of you is riding too fast for you, that's ok they'll eventually slow down or stop.

If you decide to overtake, that's ok but keep the person you've just overtaken in your mirrors. Eventually everyone in the group will find their own pace. If you overtake the leader you're on your own. Best to stop at any deviation or intersection and wait for the leader to catch up.

On rides where 10 or more riders are attending, we'll adopt the Cornerperson method. That means the Ride Leader will appoint a Tail End Charlie (or Charlene) who will be the last rider in the group. The Ride Leader will, at deviation or intersection, slow down and wait for the second in the group, then point to the corner. The second in the group will stop at the corner in the direction of the route, with their indicator on in that direction and wave the rest of the group on. When the person stopped sees the Tail Ender, they may proceed. As per the Buddy method, if you pass the Ride Leader, you're on your own. Wait up at the next intersection. If the group gets too big or too spread out, we may split the group into two and have two Leaders and two Tail Enders.

What if I break down?

In either case, if you break down or fall over, someone will notice and we'll attempt to help you. If you run out of fuel, you're a dickhead and we'll leave you behind.

Is overtaking OK?

If you feel the need to overtake, that's fine, do so safely and politely. Never pass on the left unless you're on a multi lane road. If someone is up your clacker and wants to pass, pull to the left and wave them

through. If you want to pass, always give the person you're passing plenty of room. In any case, when you're passing always check there's not another rider behind you about to pass and always indicate.

Can I leave the ride early?

If you're leaving the ride early, please let the Ride Leader or the Tail End know at the next break, before leaving.

Did I enjoy myself?

Yes, if you followed the guidelines and didn't break down, you had a great day. See you on the next ride.