# Assessment of Risks Applicable to the FWCC Club Run Route Known as 'Northington'

**Overview**

This Tab assesses the risks specific to the 'Northington' FWCC club run route and should be read in conjunction with the generic club run risks Tab
This route is one of the longer routes and is used generally by the Fast and Intermediate groups. (To be paired with Bramdean)

**Route Description**

This route heads North from Wickham, through Swanmore, climbing the South Downs to Beacon Hill and then descending to Cheriton and then Tichborne.
The route then passes to the West of Alresford heading towards Itchen Abbas and then North again over Northington Down.
Turning South at Totford, the route passes through Alresford and on to Brockwood Park, West Meon and East Meon.
It then climbs the South Downs again to The Sustainability Centre (café) and returns to Wickham via Soberton

| **Route Statistics** | |
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| Distance | 50 miles |
| Height gained | 2,600 feet |
| Maximum gradient | 9.0% |

**Risk Assessment**

| ID | Description of Hazard | Location | Distance into route | Level of Risk | Mitigation | Action |
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| 1 | Long descent on a minor road with bends and gravel in places | Descent from Beacon Hill to Cheriton | 8 miles | Medium | Riders should take care and not traval faster than is safe. The main descent is about 4 miles long. The ride leader should encourage rides to descend at a steady pace. | All riders |
| 2 | Steep descent | Approaching Totford | 21 miles | Medium | Riders should take care and not traval faster than is safe. If possible the ride leader should warn other riders. | All riders |
| 3 | Long descent on a minor road that is narrow in places | Descending towards Soberton | 42 miles | Medium | Riders should take care and not traval faster than is safe. If possible the ride leader should warn other riders. | All riders |