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

Overview

This Tab assesses the risks specific to the 'Steep' 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 Intermediate and Fast groups.

Route Description

This route heads North East from Wickham, through Soberton and ascends Old Winchester Hill before descending to East Meon.

The route then heads through Stroud and Steep where is ascends Stoners Hill (also known as 'Little Switzerland'), heading North West crossing the A32 and joining the A31 at Ropley.

The route then heads South West to Bramdean and Cheriton, then back over the South Downs past the Milburys Pub to Bishops Waltham

Then returning to Wickham via Swanmore

Route Statistics

Distance	45 miles
Height gained	2,600 feet
Maximum gradient	10%

Risk Assessment

ID	Description of Hazard	Location	Distance into route	Level of Risk	Mitigation	Action
1	Steep descent	Descent from Old Winchester Hill into East Meon	10 miles	Medium	Riders should take particular care here. This hill offers good views and is reasonably wide. Riders are able to see that they are descending a significant hill and should ride at a speed that they feel is safe. If practical the ride leader should give a verbal warning on approaching this hill.	All riders
2	Fast approach to 'A' road that is not well signed	Descent to the A32 near East Tisted	22 miles	Medium	Riders should take particular care here. If practical the ride leader should give a verbal warning on approaching this hill.	All riders
3	Steep descent	Descent of Beeches Hill towards Bishops Waltham	38 miles	Medium	Riders should take particular care here. If practical the ride leader should give a verbal warning on approaching this hill.	All riders