



North Bucks Road Club

Premier Cycling Club for Milton Keynes & Surrounding Areas

Event Course Description & Risk Assessment

Course Name, Code & Distance: Beachampton – F5v/5 – 5 miles

Area: Into and alongside the villages of Nash and Beachampton. Located to the north-west of Milton Keynes.

Meeting point: Calverton Road Car Park, Stony Stratford.

(<https://w3w.co/thanks.overpower.pocketed>) The meeting point is 2.1 miles from the course start.

Topography: Undulating.

Online Route Map:

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41976593>

Start Point:

On Thornton Road adjacent to the church.

Route:

From the start point, proceed northwards towards the village of Thornton.

Distance (miles)	Location
0.0 (0.0km)	Start Point, opposite church on Thornton Road.
1.46 (2.36km)	Turn left (give way)
2.28 (3.67km)	Turn sharp left (join minor road) towards Nash
3.36 (5.4km)	Turn left towards Beachampton (give way)
5.09 (8.19km)	Finish

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Finish Point:

The finish is located on Stratford Road (Beachampton Main St), just before the left turn towards Thornton. Riders to proceed straight on back to Stony Stratford. For two lap events, rider to turn left to repeat the course.

Car Parking:

Off road parking is available at the Calverton Road (Great Ouse) car park.

Related Info:

Please check the risk assessment prior to riding, especially if this is your first time on this course.

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Risk Assessment

General Considerations:

Our time trials and cycling events are held on open roads and as such, the rules of the road MUST be obeyed by all riders at all times.

All riders must wear an approved cycling helmet. Riders must have front and rear lights fitted to their machine.

We encourage riders to ensure they have fully checked their bike to ensure it is road worthy. Prior to your start time it is advisable to quickly re-check; brakes, chain, pedals, gear shifting and tyre pressure.

Riders should ensure they are familiar with the course, turn points and the start and finish point to avoid confusion and irregular movements whilst on the carriageways.

When riders are passing another competitor (or road user), please pass considerately and at a safe distance. Remember to check for cars making the same overtaking manoeuvre.

All riders should clear the finish line promptly and take extreme care if turning in the road.

Consider your competitors when warming up. Keep the course free once the first rider has started.

Course Specific Considerations:

Date of Assessment: 4/12/22

Course Description:	<i>Into and alongside the villages of Beachampton, Thornton and Nash. Located to the north-west of Milton Keynes.</i>
Traffic Flows:	<i>Very low on the majority of roads used.</i>
Course History (previous issues, rider feedback etc):	<i>A similar course was used some years ago by NBRC for TTs. No known accidents or incidents.</i>
General comments	<i>This is an undulating "sporting course". Except where noted, road surfaces are reasonable to good. The section from Nash to Beachampton forms part of our Stony Stratford 11.4 mile course. This course is intended for early season events to encourage newcomers and for use over two laps as a 10 mile course.</i>

Key Identified Risks:				
Distance (miles)	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Measures to Reduce/Control Risk	Level of Risk

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0.0	Start Point, opposite church on Thornton Road.	Riders warming up, riders lining up.	Cycle warning signs.	Low
1.46	Turn left (give way)	There is a short descent to this T-junction Immediately after the turn and occasionally between this turn and the next, there are poor quality tarmac patches. Occasional gravel build-up following heavy rain.	Riders made aware at sign on. Signage warning drivers coming from the right (i.e. from Thornton).	Low
2.28	Turn sharp left (join minor road) towards Nash	This is a sharp turn	Riders made aware at sign on. Signage warning drivers coming from ahead	Low
3.36	Turn left towards Beachampton (give way)	Sharp left turn onto Stratford Road	Riders made aware at sign on. Signage warning drivers coming from the right (i.e. from Nash) and from Whaddon.	Low
5.09	Finish			Low

Original risk assessment December 2022

Risk Assessment Reviews

Date	Comments	Author
8/2/2023	Reviewed and updated by RDCS.	RDCS
5/11/2023	Course checked by MH; No 20mph zones. Beachampton and Nash have 30mph zones.	RDCS

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