

# North Bucks Road Club

Premier Cycling Club for Milton Keynes & Surrounding Areas



## Event Course Description & Risk Assessment

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### **Course Name, Code & Distance: Stony Stratford F5u/10 11.4 miles**

**Area:** An out and back course from the south-west of Stony Stratford and through Beachampton and Nash.

**Topography:** Hilly first half with some inclines in excess 4%, mostly downhill return. Various bends on the course.

**Online Route Map:** <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44871376>

**Meeting Point:** Calverton Road car park <https://w3w.co/snuggle.fantastic.establish>

**Start Point:** On the Calverton Road, approx. 5 metres further on from Milford Avenue. In the south-east corner of Stony Stratford.

### **Route:**

From the start point, head along the road heading away from Stony Stratford.

- 0.2 miles – Stay on route and past the Y-junction and then follow the road towards Beachampton.
- 2.2 miles – Stay on route and past the Y-junction in to the village.
- Continue on Main Street and through the village towards Nash.
- 4.3 miles – (In Nash) Stay on route and take the sharp left hand bend. (Caution advised).
- 4.4 miles – (In Nash) Stay on route and take the sharp right hand bend. (Caution advised).
- 4.7 miles - Stay on route and past the Y-junction.
- 5.6 miles – TURN. At the roundabout (A421, Buckingham-Milton Keynes Road) take the forth exit to turn back on yourself and retrace along the route.
- 6.8 miles - Stay on route and take the sharp left hand bend. (Caution advised).
- 6.9 miles - Stay on route and take the sharp right hand bend. (Caution advised).
- 11.2 miles – Stay on route and past the Y-junction following the road to the left and proceed approx. 0.2 miles to the finish point.

### **Finish Point:**

Approximately 15 metre past the car park on the right of the road.

### **Car Parking:**

Parking is available close to the start and finish point on the Calverton Road. Further public parking is located close by in Stony Stratford.

### **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

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## 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:

Traffic levels are generally low.

Road surface is generally good. However there are some poor sections around Beachampton and Nash. Rider caution is advised on the sharp bends entering and exiting Nash. Gravel could be present.

There are a number of roads joining the course: these deliver little traffic onto the course.

The turn RAB is on the A421. This is a main A road, though for evening events traffic levels are moderate. Riders must take care and give way to oncoming traffic. Signs to be placed at each road entering the roundabout

There are various side roads and farm entrances on route, while these are little used please be mindful of these.

Take caution when passed the finish line and around the near-by located housing estate entrance road and car park.

<b>Key Identified Risks:</b>				
<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Identified Significant Risk/Hazards</b>	<b>Measures to Reduce/Control Risk</b>	<b>Level of Risk</b>
<b>0.0</b>	Start Point.	Riders warming up, riders lining up.	'Caution' warning signs placed before start.	Low
<b>0.2/11.2</b>	Outside Stony	Y – Junction.	Rider caution advised at sign on. Rider priority.	Low
<b>1.5/9.9</b>	Outside Stony.	Sweeping 'S' bends.		Low
<b>2.0/9.4</b>	Beachampton.	Poor road surface.	Rider caution advised at sign on	Low
<b>2.0/9.4</b>	Beachampton.	Housing side roads.	Low traffic, rider priority	Low
<b>3.0/8.4</b>	Outside Beachampton.	Entrance to business park.	Unlikely no business traffic evenings and weekends.	Low

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<b>3.9/7.5</b>	Outside Nash.	Staggered cross-roads.	Low traffic, rider priority	Low
<b>4.3/7.1</b>	Nash.	Sharp left hand bend. (Right hand bend on return).	Rider caution advised at sign on	Low
<b>4.4/7.0</b>	Nash.	Sharp right hand bend.  (Left hand bend on return).	Rider caution advised at sign on	Low
<b>4.7/6.7</b>	Outside Nash.	Y – Junction.	Low traffic, rider priority	Low
<b>5.6</b>	A421 roundabout.	Turn and give way at busier roundabout.	Cyclists warning signs at both ends of A421 sections of the roundabout.	Med
<b>11.4</b>	Finish point	Other riders in vicinity.	Rider caution advised at sign on.	Low

### Risk Assessment Reviews

Date	Comments	Author
5/11/23	Course checked by MH; No 20mph zones. Stony, Beachampton and Nash have 30mph zones.	RDCS

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