

# North Bucks Road Club

Premier Cycling Club for Milton Keynes & Surrounding Areas



## Event Course Description

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### **Course Name, Code & Distance: Cranfield – F5cr/10 – 10 miles**

**Area:** Into and alongside the villages of Cranfield, North Crawley and the outskirts of Newport Pagnell. Located to the north-east of Milton Keynes.

**Topography:**

Undulating with a general descent to the turn.

**Online Route Map:** <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/49132576>

**Meeting Point:** Car parking available on Cranfield University campus (for example by the sports centre)

**Start Point:**

START: 50 yards beyond the entrance to Wharley Farm, College Road

**Route:**

- **Start** - 50 yards beyond the entrance to Wharley Farm
- From the start point, proceed northwest to
- 0.6 miles – **Left turn** on to Cranfield Road (care)
- Proceed to North Crawley.
- 5 miles Turn at the North Crawley Road/ Renny Park Road roundabout.
- Retrace through North Crawley
- 9.5 miles Turn left onto Astwood Road.
- 10.5 miles **Finish** opposite the BikeBus entrance.

**Car Parking:** Car parking available on Cranfield University campus (for example by the sports centre)

**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:

Please be mindful of riders and other road users when in the vicinity of the meeting point and start area

Road surfaces are generally in good condition, however there may be some notable potholes and rough tarmac in places.

Traffic levels will vary from low to moderate. Expect higher volumes of traffic near the turn.

Give way to oncoming cars from the right at 0.6 miles (left turn onto Crawley Road, and to traffic already on the turn RAB.

There are various side roads, farm entrances and lay-bys along the route, please be mindful of these.

Take caution when passing the finish line for other cyclists, horses, spectators and cars.

Distance (miles)	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
0.0	<b>START: 50 yards beyond the entrance to Wharley Farm</b>	Riders warming up/ lining up Traffic exiting Wharley Farm - do not block entrance	Low	2 warning signs, one before and one after start to warn oncoming traffic
0.6	Turn left at College Road/ Crawley Road junction	Public awareness	Low	Sign Riders warned
1 -1.2	Crawley Road - Near Shire Lane	Poor and deteriorating road surface with sunken drains	Low	Riders warned

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2.1	North Crawley High Street	Cars often parked on left hand side of High Street, forcing riders to pull out around them	Med	Riders warned
2.3	North Crawley High St and Folly Lane junction	Public awareness	Low	
2.4	North Crawley High St and Chicheley Road junction	Public awareness	Low	Sign
4.8	<b>Newport Pagnell</b> Jenna Way	Public awareness	Low	None out of office hours
4.9	Howard Way	Public awareness	Low	None out of office hours
5	North Crawley Road/ Renny Park Road roundabout (turn)	Public awareness	Low	3 warning signs covering Renny Park Road, North Crawley Road (Newport Pagnell side) and Morello Way
5.1	Newport Pagnell Household Waste Recycling Centre	May be open until dusk in the summer months.	Low	Riders warned
7.6	North Crawley High St and Chicheley Road junction	Public awareness	Low	Sign
7.7	North Crawley High St and Folly Lane junction	Public awareness	Low	
9.5	Turn left onto Astwood Road	Public awareness	Low	2 warning signs – Crawley Road (Cranfield side) and Astwood road (after turn)
10.2	Bourne End Road	Public awareness	Low	Sign
10.5	<b>Finish:</b> Opposite the Bikebus	Public awareness	Low	2 warning signs, one before the and one after the finish to warn oncoming traffic

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## Risk Assessment Reviews

Date	Comments	Author
25/11/24	Reviewed and updated by RDCS from original document prepared by TeamMK	RDCS
25/11/24	Reviewed and updated by RDCS with consideration of speed limits. No 20mph limits are present on this course.	RDCS

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