

The Midlander Super Grimpeur 300

7am Saturday 28th June 2008

304km (4.25 AAA)

Organised by Peak Audax under Audax U.K. regulations

Climb 5390m Speed 14.4kph – 30kph

Start 7:00 St James Church Hall, Mere Green Road
Sutton Coldfield

Entry: £8.00 (£6 for relevant AUK, CTC, BCF members)

Emergency contact: **07766 157444** (Please phone if you intend not to finish.)

1. Sutton Coldfield – Uttoxeter (41km)	
0.0	R from Church Centre no \$
0.3	3 rd exit at RBT \$ A5127 Lichfield
	Follow A5127 through all roundabouts to Lichfield
9.8	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A5127 City Centre
10.6	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A51 Rugeley
10.9	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A51 Rugeley
12.8	SO @ Traffic Lights
13.6	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A515 Ashbourne
21.6	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A515 Ashbourne
23.6	In Yoxall L \$ “Recycling Facilities”
25.0	R @ T \$ Upper Hoar Cross Road
25.9	L @ T \$ Upper Hoar Cross
28.5	L @ T \$ Abbots Bromley
28.7	1 st R \$ Thorney Lanes
30.7	SO @ X roads \$ Thorney Lanes
33.1	L @ Grass Triangle \$ Thorney Lanes / Buttermilk Hill
35.7	SO @ X roads \$ Uttoxeter
38.8	L @ T \$ B5017 Uttoxeter
40.0	1 st exit @ RBT and 3 rd exit @ RBT Over bridge 1 st exit @ RBT \$ Town Centre
40.5	2 nd L \$ Market Place
40.6	1 st L to CONTROL Waterloo Coffee House Open: 08:22 Close: 09:44

2. Uttoxeter – Longnor (47km)	
40.6	Leave control and R @ T
40.7	L @ T \$ A50 Burton
40.9	L \$ B5027 Stone
41.3	R @ T \$ Library
42.1	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ Ashbourne
42.5	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ Ashbourne
42.8	1 st L \$ Spath, Stramshall
43.4	@ Stramshall BS R \$ Creighton Lane
45.8	L @ T no \$
47.5	L @ T \$ B5030 Ashbourne
49.8	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ B5030 Ashbourne
53.8	L \$ Stanton
57.0	R \$ Mayfield
57.2	R @ T
59.8	L @ T \$ A52 Leek
63.9	R \$ Ilam
66.3	L @ X roads \$ Ilam
72.6	L @ T \$ Wetton
74.2	@ Royal Oak PH R \$ Hulme End
76.3	L @ X roads \$ Hulme End
77.1	R \$ Hartington
79.1	R @ T \$ B5054 Hartington
79.6	L \$ Sheen, Longnor
81.2	R @ T \$ Longnor
86.6	L @ T \$ Longnor
87.1	Control on R Longnor Craft Centre Open: 09:54 Close: 12:48

3. Longnor – Holmfirth (66km)	
87.1	R from Control , R \$ B5053 Buxton
89.1	By grey telephone box L no \$
93.3	L @ T \$ Axe Edge Moor
95.8	SO @ X roads with A53 \$ 7.5T max
97.9	L then imm. R no \$ over A54
98.1	L @ X roads no \$ onto A537
101.2	L \$ 7.5T max
102.9	INFO CONTROL by tel. box
103.9	SO @ X roads \$ Saltersford
106.6	R @ grass triangle \$ Saltersford
108.8	L \$ Kettleshulme
110.9	R \$ Whaley Bridge (sign defaced!)
112.5	R @ T \$ B5470 Whaley Bridge
114.1	SO @ TL \$ B5470 Chapel En Le Frith
114.3	1 st L before antique shop \$ Old Road
114.8	R \$ Bings Road
116	L @ T no \$
116.4	R @ T \$ B6062 Chinley
118.5	After shops, L on RH bend then imm. R @ T by war memorial \$ Maynestone Road
121.1	L @ T onto A624 no \$ to Glossop
131.0	SO @ T. Lights in Glossop \$ Norfolk Street
139.6	R @ T \$ A628 Barnsley
140.6	L \$ A6024 Holmfirth and CLIMB!
152.5	R @ TL into Holmfirth
152.6	1 st R no SP
152.6	Control on L Riverside Café (up steps!) Open: 12:04 Close: 17:08

Holmfirth – Bamford (36km)	
152.6	R from Control and R @ T no \$ Imm R \$ B6106 Hade Edge
160.8	R @ X roads \$ A616 Sheffield
163.0	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A616 Sheffield
164.9	R \$ Strines , Derwent Valley (follow signs to Strines)
168.7	R @ T no \$
182.8	R @ T \$ Bamford
185.7	L @ T. Lights \$ A6013 Bamford
188.9	L \$ Brentwood Road
	(by Ye Derwent PH)
189.0	Control on R Bamford Memorial Hall Open: 13:18 Close: 19:36

Bamford – Ashbourne (63km)	
189.0	L from Control Imm L @ T no \$
190.0	R @ Traffic Lights \$ A6187 Hope
194.1	In Hope , R \$ Edale
204.9	INFO CONTROL on L on Nat. Trust sign at top of Mam Nick
205.3	L @ T \$ A6187 Sheffield
209.5	L \$ “7.5T Except for Access”
212.1	R then Imm. L @ Traffic Lights \$ Smalldale
213.2	L on RH bend \$ Wheston
216.4	L @ T \$ Wormhill
220.4	R @ T \$ B6049 Bakewell
222.1	L \$ Priestcliffe
223.3	L & Imm. R (2 nd R) \$ Taddington Village
223.9	R \$ Monyash
226.3	SO @ X roads \$ Monyash
226.5	L \$ Monyash
228.8	In Monyash SO @ X roads \$ Newhaven
231.9	L then imm. R over A515 \$ Pilsbury **
233.1	L @ T \$ Hartington
236.7	SO @ staggered X roads \$ Heathcote
241.5	R @ T \$ A515 Ashbourne
252.4	In Ashbourne , R onto Market Square
252.4	Control on L Ashbourne Ex-Servicemen’s Club Open: 15:24 Close: 23:48
At this control. Use the left-hand side entrance to the club. The barstaff will stamp your card for you. There are cakes and other pastries in the function room, the bar is serving tea, coffee and soft drink. The chip shop next door is recommended.	

** There is nothing to stop you at this point simply turning L onto the A515 and heading straight to Ashbourne. However if you do, you miss a very pleasant downhill run through Long Dale. I’ll leave it for you to decide

**You have a choice of route from Ashbourne to Mere Green.
The main road route or the minor road route.**

3. Ashbourne – Mere Green: Minor Roads (61km)	
252.4	R from Control and R onto A515 follow one-way system
252.6	R @ T \$ Shaw Croft Parking
253.1	R @ Traffic Lights \$ Through Traffic
253.3	At T Lights take minor LH turn, in front of Plough Inn. (One Way St) (NOT (A52) Derby)
253.8	SO mini RBT \$ Golf Club
254.0	1 st exit @ RBT no \$
256.5	R @ T \$ Edlaston
259.6	R @ T \$ Alkmonton
269.2	L @ T \$ Hatton
269.4	L @ T \$ A511 Burton on Trent
269.7	2nd exit @ RBT \$ A511 Burton
270.1	1st exit @ RBT \$ A511 Burton
271.8	R @ T. Lights \$ A511 Burton
272.8	SO mini RBT \$ A511 Burton
273.4	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ Tutbury
273.9	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ Ludgate Street
280.0	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ Barton u Needwood
285.0	R @ T \$ Yoxall
288.3	L @ T \$ A515 Lichfield
289.8	1 st exit @ RBT \$ A515 Lichfield
297.5	L \$ Grange Lane (opp bus stop on R)
298.3	SO @ X Roads \$ “20 Zone”
298.8	R @ T no \$
299.1	1 st exit @ RBT \$ Beacon Street
300.3	3 rd exit @ RBT no \$
300.6	1 st exit @ RBT \$ A51 Tamworth
301.0	3 rd exit @ RBT \$ A461 Walsall
301.2	1 st exit @ RBT \$ Chesterfield Road
301.8	On LH bend take cycle path and cross road, SO \$ Wall
305.6	L @ T \$ Shenstone
306.7	3 rd exit @ RBT \$ A5127 Sutton
307.2	L \$ Little Hay (Park Lane)
308.5	R @ T \$ Little Hay
310.6	SO @ X Roads \$ Mere Green
312.7	L @ T no \$
313.1	1 st exit @ RBT \$ B4151 Tamworth
313.5	Control on L St James Church Hall Open: 17:28 Close: 03:56

3. Ashbourne – Mere Green: Main Roads (54km)	
252.4	R from Control and R onto A515 follow one-way system
252.6	R @ T \$ Shaw Croft Parking
253.1	R @ Traffic Lights \$ Through Traffic
253.0	SO @ T. Lights \$ (A515) Lichfield
253.2	SO @ mini RBT \$ A515 Lichfield
253.9	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A515 Lichfield
267.6	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A515 Lichfield
267.8	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A50 Stoke
269.9	1 st exit @ RBT \$ Sudbury Village
272.3	R @ T \$ A515 Lichfield
285.0	1 st exit @ RBT \$ A515 Kings Bromley
293.0	1 st exit @ RBT \$ A51 Lichfield
293.8	SO @ TL \$ A51 City Centre
295.6	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A51 Tamworth
296.1	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ A5127 Sutton Coldfield Follow A5127 through all roundabouts to Sutton Coldfield
306.2	2 nd exit @ RBT \$ B4151 Tamworth
306.6	Control on L St James Church Hall Open: 17:28 Close: 03:56

Can't decide which route to take?

I advise you use the minor roads route to the left. It uses good-quality minor roads, so you don't have to worry about muck, gravel or potholes. It's a pretty and scenic route, with very light traffic.

The major roads route is a little dull, and the traffic will be heavier. However if you want to get back as quickly as possible, and don't mind the extra traffic, then I include the directions above.

The opening times for the final control are based on the minor roads route.