

## howies Dyfi Enduro 2012 FAQ

- **When?** - Sunday May 6th 2012. Compulsory rider safety briefing 10.40. Start time 11.00
- **Where?** - Machynlleth, mid-Wales. If you are not camping please use the main car park off of Maengwyn Street at SY20 8DZ. Please do not leave empty parking bays between cars, we will need every space.
- **Where do I get my number & T Shirt?** – They can be collected from 13.00 until about 18.00 on Saturday, when you sign-on at the event HQ. Signing-on will also be open from 08.00 to 10.00 on Sunday morning. Please ensure you know your number when you come to sign-on.
- **Can my buddy collect my number?** - Sorry no, every rider must sign the disclaimer.
- **Can I still order a T shirt?** - If you didn't order one when you entered you can order and pay for one at the event, we will post it to you once its been printed.
- **Will I get lost?** - We hope not, just follow the yellow arrows, they will be placed at every junction.
- **Is it a race?** - No, its a endurance challenge, to be completed in your own time. The route follows everything from A-roads, to 6" wide forest single-track. Its all public access, and while we do our best to keep other forest users away from the route you may still meet horses, motorcycles or 4x4s, so ride aware.
- **Where is the start?** - The start will be 200m from the main car park, in the camping and event HQ field.
- **Why are there 2 finishes?** - You will be signed off the course, and time of day noted, as you leave the forest. This is a closed area, we ask that supporters cars do not drive up the forest road to the finish. You will then have a 4 mile ride back to event HQ on way-marked back lanes. The official finish is back where you started at event HQ, this is where prizes are handed out, so please make sure you come back in under the banner.
- **What happens on the road section?** - There will be a lead car & motorcycles , controlling the pace, and a sweeper car at the rear, we aim to keep everybody grouped together, occupying only the left side of the road for the 4 miles of tarmac before the start of the forest trail. We are lucky to be able to do this on a major A-road, and it will only continue if you, the riders, follow three basic rules. Keep inside the white line at all times. Do not use the pavement. Don't be a twat.
- **Do you publish results?** - We will publish a list of riders, in the order that they finished, we will also list the time of day when they cleared the course, this will also tell you if they took the longer or shorter route.
- **Where's the hospitality?** - There will be a well stocked free food and drink station at around half distance.
- **What if I fall off?** - There will be at least one ambulance in the forest while the event is in progress, and one mobile medic on a quad bike, there will also be first aid staff at the event HQ. Local Hospitals are Machynlleth and Aberystwyth. If you see an injured rider, once you have stolen his food & tubes, please inform the next event marshal you see.
- **What if my bike breaks?** - You are expected to carry basic tools and a couple of spare tubes, some course marshals will have spare tubes, which they will swap for punctured ones. There will also be a sweeper van following the closing motorcycles, they will transport damaged bikes and riders back the event HQ.
- **What about under 16's?** - We have safety obligations to our insurers, and land owners, this means that under 16's can not take part in the event. That includes riding 'unofficially' with a parent but without a number.

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- **Can I come back & ride the course?** - Yes, by all means, but please be aware that the section through the open is field is private land, and open to us only on the day of the event by prior agreement with the landowner.
- **Can I ride a funny bike?** - You can ride a mountain bike with 24", 26", 650b, 29" or even 700c wheels. If you are sure you are capable you can ride a unicycle or tandem. For arbitrary durability related reasons we do not allow cyclocross bikes, tourers, hybrids, shoppers or ebikes.
- **Will I need two brakes?** - Yes, most likely, your bike must be safe, and in good mechanical condition.
- **Do I need a helmet?** - Yes, absolutely no exceptions.
- **Can I ride in a mankini?** - As long as the police don't mind you can wear what you like, but, expect anything from warmish sunshine, to hail and rain, so ensure you bring adequate clothing for nasty weather. Remember if you break your bike or legs you could be waiting around to be picked up.
- **I have entered, but can't ride, can I give/sell my place to a mate?** - Yes, there is a link in your confirmation email, use it to edit the rider details yourself, up to one week before the event.
- **I don't want to come any more, can I have a refund?** - Sorry no, see above.
- **I didn't get in, can I turn up on Sunday and bribe you?** - Sorry, but we will not be taking entries on the day.
- **What about camping?** - Its free, turn up from 17.00 on Friday, There will be toilets in the field, and showers will be available in the rugby club & leisure centre (£1) next to the event field. You are welcome to stay until mid day Monday. Please keep dogs on a lead. No fires & BBQ's must be raised off the grass.
- **Rubbish** - Last year the skip was a bit of a mess, this year we will recycle as much as possible, please sort your recyclables at the waste drop off.
- **What do you do with all the money?** - We piss it up the wall when you've all gone home...
- **No really?** - The truth is, once we have paid for the 'stuff' needed for the event there is not a huge amount left. Some is retained, to cover costs just in case only 25 people turn up next year, and the remainder is used to support worthy causes. The event has helped finance Dyfi Mountain biking web site, helped extend the Climax trail in the Dyfi forest, and has donated money to several charities and events.