



# Golden Valley Classic Trail Report



## Xmas Trial Cowcombe Woods 27/12/2015

### Pre trial report: 12/12/15

Walk around the woods meeting at the escape road at the bottom of Cowcombe Hill at 12:30

We all met at the escape road at 1230hrs. The plan being to site the sections and clear any timber from the sections and routes between them. The weather was warm and dry, while conditions under foot were sticky a few dry days will see the sections dry out nicely, so fingers crossed with quite a few days to go we can have a good surface to run on. The wood itself has had a lot of work done in it, which has opened it up and let appreciably more light in. This is a fun trial so the sections will be quite manageable. There will be the normal Christmas fare so do not run off, stay and have a chat. Fingers crossed for good weather, watch out for the next update on Boxing day after the marking out and if your free come along and help mark out.

### Marking out report: 26/12/15

Boxing day 09:00 meeting at the escape road at the bottom of Cowcombe Hill

Today the intrepid markers out met at the escape road and split into three group. The conditions in the sections are not to bad and after a few riders through them it should be fairly well clear. The tracks are all clear, the first piece of track as you leave the field has been cut up by the logging crews so go careful here. The rest of the tracks although muddy are OK and as they all have good ground under will be fine to ride. We have made for an openish course as the conditions may be testing if we have rain. As this is written the forecast for 27th is light rain in the morning clearing. This should not change the conditions within the wood which should make for an enjoyable days trialing. Don't forget there will be pies, cake and drinks after the event so please stay to have a chat. See you at the start.

**Request from the Committee: Can Riders please park in the layby's locally and ride their bikes or drop them off at the event if possible as parking will be restricted because of the wet conditions. There is limited hard standing for larger vans and 4x4 up the track. Please follow the club officials directions. There is a layby just off the Aston down roundabout at the top of Cowcombe hill on the Stroud Cirncester Road for those wishing to drop their bike or ride if the bike is taxed.**

### After trial report: 27/12/15

After many days of rain, the Xmas trial started on what turned out to be a slightly better day. Although the morning session started in a drizzle and light rain the conditions were actually better than expected. The turn out was good with 57 intrepid riders and passengers. As normal most of the sections in Cowcombe provided some good grip perhaps catching a few



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riders out on the first lap. Especially after the slippery first two sections, which had taken a toll on the competitors points totals, the tracks were rather a mess owing to the loggers equipment. There were a pleasing amount of cleans on the results sheets of most observers. This reflected the general feeling that it had been an enjoyable day the sections were safe but still could be a challenge, which a couple of riders discovered. The following riders won their classes with some low scores when you take into account the weather before and on the day. Experts: M Willmore class B, B Willmore class G, N Tomkins class H, E Watmore class K. The Clubmen: D Shaw class A, R Jones class B, A Glading class C, A Robertson class D, P Barnett class F, C Cook class G, R Dyer class H, Hannam/Smith class I, I Watmore class K, B Wear class T rounds up the results well done all and a big thank you to the ladies and everyone who provided the after event cakes and hot drinks. Please refer to the results sheet for your scores. Once again the club would like to thank the Landowners, Observers and Neil for the results.