

Endurance GB South and West Wales Group

Pen Ddol Y Gader Ride – Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June 2017

Welcome to the Pen Ddol y Gader Ride on Llanllwni Mountain, Carmarthenshire. Thank you for your entry.

Rider Name:	Rider Number:	Class number:

Venue: The ride venue for this year is again at Bryn-Llewelyn Farm, Llanllwni, Pencader, Carmarthenshire SA39 9ED. OS Map No. 146, National Grid Reference SN 515 367. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE POSTCODE FOR SAT NAV**

Venue Directions:

Leave Carmarthen on the A485 heading towards Lampeter, you **MUST** stay on the A485 until you reach the village of Llanllwni where you will see a pink house on the right, turn right by this house, the ride will be sign-posted from the pink house. Some GPS will tell you to turn off too early and will bring you in the wrong way.

The final mile to the venue is on an unpaved road so please allow extra travel time (approx. 10mins).

Ride classes

Saturday		Sunday	
Class 1	2 day 130km (2x65km)	Class 13	80km
Class 2	2 day 105km (1x65 1x 40km)	Class 14	65km
Class 3	2 day 80km	Class 15 & 16	50km open and novice
Class 4	2 day 65km	Class 17 & 18	40km open and novice
Class 5	80km	Class 19 & 20	32km open and novice
Class 6	65km	Class 21	32 km Pleasure ride
Class 7&8	50km open and novice	Class 22	24km PR
Class 9&10	40km open and novice	Class 23	15km PR
Class 11&12	32km open and novice		

Block vet time

Saturday			Sunday	
Class 5	8.30-8.45am		Class 13	8.30-8.45am
Class 1, 2 & 6	8.45-9.00am		Class 1 & 14	8.45-9.00am
Class 7 & 8	9.00-9.15am		Class 15 & 16	9.00-9.15am
Class 3, 9 & 10	9.15-10.00am		Class 2, 3, 17 & 18	9.15-10.00am
Class 4, 11 & 12	10.00-10.45am		Class 4, 19 & 20	10.00-10.45am
			Class 21	10.45-11.15am
			Class 22 & 23	11.15-11.45am

Please read the Ride Safety Brief on the notice board before riding. This ride is partly over open hill and has occasionally suffered with marker vandals [both two and four legged ones]. It is most important that you carry your map and pay attention to which check points are on your route. There are repeat loops on some routes and the check point stewards are not able to give you directions. Please show your map to the timekeeper. **No map = No Start**

WARNING: THE ROUTE HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR!

New rules: **Medical cards** if used by riders must be left with the ride secretary, with your Rider No. and Name on the envelope please. **Blood tests now may be taken at any Endurance GB ride, at any level.**

Pre ride: Upon arrival at the venue, before unloading your horse, please go to the ride secretary's office (located in the barn on your left as you drive into the yard) and hand over your MasterCard. You must show both your horse's current registration card and your membership card. Check the notice board for any route changes and ride notices. Collect your bib, labels for yourself and saddle and a crew card to be displayed in your vehicle even if it won't be leaving the venue for crewing.

Please present your horse to the farrier before vetting. Horses must be presented for vetting in a head collar or a bridle but no saddle, no boots or bandages, and must be under control at all times. Please fill in the top sections of the vet sheet before presenting to the vets. You may start the ride within 30mins of vetting.

Vet Gates: All vetting is at the venue. Class 1 has 3 vet gates: one at the halfway point each day and one overnight. Classes 5, 6, 13 and 14 will have a halfway vetting. Classes 2, 3 and 4 all have an overnight vet hold.

If you are coming into a mid-way vet gate you proceed past the start/ finish and ride into the vet gate start/ finish in the vetting field. You will be given your times/ cards here. You may then proceed to the vet gate hold area and will have 20mins to pass the vetting. The 30mins (please check the board on check in as this may change depending on weather conditions) hold time will begin following successful presentation to the vet. You will re-start at the vet gate time keeper before setting out on course again.

If riding into an overnight hold, please finish at the main start/ finish and collect your time card. You must then present to the vet within 30mins. On the second day, you will start at the main start/ finish.

Crews: **Please observe a 5mph speed limit on the drive to/ from the venue.**

There are no restrictions to crewing on this ride, but we do expect you to treat riders and other road users with respect. Please park considerately, not blocking roads or entrances. The best points for crewing are near the checkpoints CP1, CP2 and CP3. Please take care when crewing near checkpoints not to obscure the vision of the checkpoints from approaching riders.

During the ride

Please note – during a ride your whereabouts are monitored on course. If you have an accident/ emergency/ need the farrier – telephone our emergency number [on map and labels]. We will send appropriate help. If you retire on course or take a short cut for some reason, **you must tell us or we will be looking for you!!** If you need assistance on course the checkpoints can radio the venue for you.

It is your responsibility to ensure all checkpoints have your rider number as you pass.

Any shoeing costs or veterinary treatment will be the responsibility of the rider and you must pay at the time or at the end of the ride.

End of ride procedure- for all riders: On arrival at the timekeeper, you will be given a vet card with your time in, (finish time). **You must present within 30 minutes of the time in.** Wilful late presentation incurs penalties under

Rule 14.7, so if a rider is late for vetting, the vet steward will note this in the comments on the vet sheet so that the Technical Steward can take the necessary action when completing the paperwork at the end of the ride.

Pleasure ride classes only need trot up at final vetting, again without the saddle.

At least 30 minutes after the post ride vetting you may return your number bib and collect your results. Please be patient if you have to wait longer, as it can get very busy!

Hats: Hard hats must be worn at all times when mounted with chin strap securely fastened. Hats must be of the following standard Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 with another standard from the below list, will be permitted.

PAS015:(1998 or 2011) , VG1 01.0404: (2014 - 12) , ASTM F1163:(2004a or 04a onwards), SNELL E2001, AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)

Only short whips are allowed, no long whips or spurs.

A copy of the risk assessment will be displayed on the notice board and a Ride Safety Brief. A first aider will be at the venue and will attend to any incidents.

Have a lovely ride, enjoy yourselves, and please say a big thank you to all our hard working volunteer helpers.

Rules/ Health and safety. This ride is run under Endurance GB rules.

Reservation of Right. The organiser has the right to: a) Cancel the ride or any class. b) Alter the advertised time. c) Refuse any entry without stating the reason.

Disclaimer of liability. Save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the Organisers and anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the Organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor Endurance GB, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury, or illness to horses, owners, riders, or spectators, Land or any person or property whatsoever whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or any other way whatsoever.

Health and Safety. The Organiser/ Organising Committee of this event has taken responsible precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organiser, Officials and Stewards.

Refreshments: There will be catering at the venue on both days.

Saturday evening barbecue: There will be a barbecue at the venue on Saturday evening. Please bring your own food for cooking on the barbecue, and your own drink for...drinking!

Accommodation: Camping and corralling / stabling is available at the venue. If you or your horse are staying overnight, please see attached note from the venue owners, Vicky and Tim.

Stabling / Corralling at Brynllewelyn for The Pen Ddol Y Gader Ride

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your horse to Brynllewelyn and hope you enjoy your stay with us.

Stables are available from 6pm on the day of arrival and will need to be vacated by 5pm on the day of departure.

Please note; we have a strict No-Smoking Policy on the yard.

Stabling

The stables are situated within a barn on the yard at Brynllewelyn. They will be numbered and a chart posted on or near the door so you will know which your allocated stable is.

Straw bedding is included, and you are welcome to use our home grown, organic haylage from the round bale at the rear of the barn at no extra cost. Please do not use the small baled hay.

There is a water tap/hose at the entrance to the barn, which can be used for hosing your horse off or filling water buckets.

The muck heap is directly outside the barn; please bring your own mucking out utensils.

When vacating the stables, please bank any clean straw at the back of the box and remove any damp straw and droppings.

Corralling

Corralling will be in field/s just beyond the yard, adjacent to the camping field. There will be a stand pipe/tap in both the fields.

Please bring your own fencing and mucking out equipment as we are not able to provide this. Corrals will need to be cleared of droppings and waste forage prior to departure. There will be a muck heap/point close to the edge of the field for this purpose.

We will have refreshments available to purchase on site, within an undercover seating area. The BBQ will be lit on the Saturday night, you are welcome to bring your own BBQ food to cook on it. We hope to make it a sociable evening and have a bit of music playing too, feel free to bring your favourite tipple.

We recommend you bring torches with you as lighting is very limited in the yard and there are no lights in the field.

If you wish to speak to us prior to your arrival please call Vicky: 07790001840

Regards, Vicky and Tim

