



# 2019 CLEE HILLS CLASSIC TRIAL

## ROUTE BOOK FOR CLASSES A-C,7&8

**Route Marking :** Coloured cards are used sparingly to indicate the route:  
 Red = Right      Blue = Left      White = Straight-on.

**Abbreviations :** @ = at      PH = Public House      Q = Quiet  
 L = Left      R = Right      SO = Straight on  
 [sp = Sign Post]      T = T Junction      X = Crossroads  
 # Fails route rejoins main route at this point.

**Route Alternatives:** To allow for possible adverse weather, 2 sets of 'back up' route alternatives are prepared in this book, ie Ratlinghope Loop and for the Long Mynd. Please check the status of each option after signing on. The alternative routes are on Page 9.

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTE :** Competitors are earnestly requested to drive with care and restraint especially along the narrow lanes. Although the event is not timed it is important that everything runs roughly to time, therefore competitors are asked not to wait for their friends but to move on to the next section, let them catch you up. Be courteous, and give way to other road users where necessary. Any report of bad driving will result in EXCLUSION. The future of Classic Trialling may depend on your high standard of driving.

**Start Lines :** Some sections will have different start lines for different classes. These will be clearly marked with the appropriately coloured disc. If in doubt, ask the start marshal.

**Tyre Pressures :** Motorcycles : NONE

Cars : Different pressure limits apply to different classes at some sections: these are shown in the route book. **Any changes will be posted at the start**

**Observed Test :** Failure to complete a special test correctly incurs a penalty of 3 points and a time equal to the slowest in the class + 10 seconds.

**Noise Check :** An official noise check may operate at a point around the route.

From start, **R** out of pub car-park and shortly **R** onto main road. Immediately **L** at R'bout onto A49. Continue on A49 following all **Shrewsbury signs** for approx.. 15 Miles through Onibury & Craven Arms to Church Stretton. [Fuel available] At Traffic Lights. Filter **L** [sp **TOWN CENTRE**] **R** at **GIVE WAY** and in 1 Mile **L** into obscure road [sp **VILLAGE HALL, YHA**] **CARE & Q**. In 0.1 miles, at **NO THROUGH ROAD** sign and yellow grit bin, immediately fork **R** into track:

Section 1: <b>CASTLE HILL</b>	In charge :
Map Ref <b>137 / 458 955</b>	
First Competitor Due: <b>09:08</b>	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits : Road pressure – no adjustment</b>	Score
<b>Restarts: None</b>	
Section Description : <b>Mud, rock slab, between very high banks</b>	
Legal Status : <b>National Trust Bridleway</b>	First Used
	<b>1939</b>
Special Instructions : <b>Not Sub-divided. Failure = 6 points</b>	
Fails : <b>Roll back for another go. Otherwise marshals' push or Land Rover tow.</b>	
Distance to next section : <b>6 miles</b>	

Proceed to tarmac road. **SNOW ROUTE No 1 STARTS HERE** (go to page 9)  
 No tyre pressure adjustment until Long Mynd Gliding Club  
 At tarmac road, **L** up hill, with **CARE**, past brown sign for Jinlye Guest House. Keep **SO** for 1.3 miles over cattle grids. At **X**, **L** [sp **HIGH PARK, RATLINGHOPE**]. **SO** for 3.7 miles. **Slow over third cattle grid!** On approaching Ratlinghope Church at sharp left turn, by village notice board, **R down track** [sp **NO THROUGH ROAD**]. **Keep off the soft verges.** Very slow and **Q** past cottage. **SO** through gate – please **CLOSE** – to:

OT1: <b>RATLINGHOPE OBSERVED TEST</b>	In charge :
Map Ref <b>137 / 401970</b>	
First Competitor Due: <b>09:33</b>	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits : Road Pressures, no adjustment of tyres until Long Mynd Gliding Club</b>	Time
Section Description : <b>Hard track with ford</b>	
Legal Status : <b>Public Highway</b>	First Used <b>1939</b>
<u>Special Test Instructions :</u> <b>'Bikes :</b> From front wheel on Line <b>AA</b> , drive forward to stop astride Line <b>BB</b> (foot to touch the ground), immediately forward to stop astride Line <b>CC</b> <b>Cars only:</b> From front wheels on Line <b>AA</b> , drive over Line <b>BB</b> , Reverse and stop with all wheels behind Line <b>BB</b> . Drive forward and stop astride Line <b>CC</b>  Timed from drop of flag until front wheel(s) cross Line <b>CC</b>  <b>A FAIL will be recorded if:-</b> 1 <b>Driver/rider starts before drop of flag.</b> 2 <b>Car/Rider hits/touches any of the poles at lines AA , BB or CC</b> 3 <b>Not completing the test as defined, including over-running line CC</b> 4 <b>Rider does not put foot on ground when astride BB</b>	

Follow track over hill; at summit keep close to fence on right. Descend carefully to tarmac road closing all gates. At tarmac road **L**, and **immediately R** to Near Gatten. **SO** to

Section 2: <b>GATTEN's GAMBLE</b>	In charge :	
Map Ref <b>137 / 393 981</b>		
First Competitor Due: <b>09:48</b>		
<b>Tyre Pressure limits :</b>	<b>Road pressure, no adjustment.</b>	Score
<b>Restart:</b>	<b>None</b>	
Section Description :	Stony track	
Legal Status :	County road	First Used 2001
Special Instructions	Not sub-divided.	Failure = 6 points
Fails :	Towed to top	
Distance to next section :	9.3 miles	

From top of section, follow track down to Far Gatten Farm. Track becomes rutted – CARE down track. CLOSE GATE. **Slow & Q** through farm. **SO** (leave remaining gates open unless advised) to tarmac road where **L**. After 0.7 miles, **L @ T**, descend steep hill. **R @ T**. **SO** for 2.1 miles, and take 2<sup>nd</sup> left turn, after obscure pale-coloured bungalow on left, uphill [**no sp**]. Ignore road in from **L**, **SO** to **T** where **R** [sp in opposite direction Adstone]. Soon, at start of village, **L** [sp **Prolley Moor, Medicote**] and descend 'Dangerous Hill' ! **SO** to cross roads:

SNOW ROUTE 2 STARTS HERE (Page 9)

**SO @ X**. Keep **L** at sharp corner (track in from **R**) [sp **Medlicott**] and very soon fork **R** through gate (**PLEASE CLOSE**) up track. Continue on track for 1 mile to tarmac road (at car park), where **R**. After 1.2 miles fork **L** into Gliding Club entrance. Reduce your tyre pressures here to minimize any damage to the historic Portway track: refer to PRIORS HOLT 4 for tyre pressure limits.

We have special permission to use this track, so please drive very slowly, stop and give way to all other users, whilst also enjoying the views.

Continue **SO** through two gates (please close) and **L** through gate (please close) at **X**. **SO** through 2<sup>nd</sup> gate (please close) into PRIORS HOLT plantation. This is a BRIDLEWAY. Continue at maximum 15mph. At major cross tracks **R**, following signs to "PH4".

Follow main track through woods / felled trees, CARE - competitors in opposite direction. At next main cross tracks, **R** and follow track downhill through gate (please close), continue down track to:

## SNOW ROUTES REJOIN MAIN ROUTE HERE

Section 3:	<b>PRIORS HOLT 4</b>	In charge :
Map Ref :	137 / 402 895	
First Competitor Due:	10:18	
Tyre Pressure limits :	Class 7 - 12 psi    Class 8 - 16 psi	Score
Restart:	On Upper Line. B1/2, 7,8    Lower A, C	
Section Description :	Straight Climb up gulley	
Legal Status :	Private – Forestry Commission	First Used 2016
Special Instructions:	Subdivided 12 - 1	
Fails :	Land Rover tow or reverse to foot of section. Continue along main track.	
Distance to next section :	0.5 miles on Forestry tracks	

Clears: **L** at Summit, follow arrows to:-

Section 5:	<b>PRIORS HOLT 6</b>	In charge :
Map Ref :	137 / 406 894	
First Competitor Due:	10:34	
Tyre Pressure limits :	Class 7 - 12 psi    Class 8 - 18 psi	Score
Restart:	None	
Section Description :	Gentle climb; Muddy	
Legal Status :	Private – Forestry Commission	First Used 2016
Special Instructions:	Subdivided 12 - 1	
Fails :	Land Rover tow or reverse to foot of section	
Distance to next section :	1 mile on Forestry tracks	

At end of section turn **R** onto main track (competitors in opposite direction). **SO** passing previous section and return through gate to cross tracks, where **L**, to next major cross tracks where **R** downhill, following “Exit” signs. Bear **R** at junction and continue downhill following “Exit” signs. After long left-hand corner, turn **R** at arrow to:

Section 6:	<b>PRIORS HOLT 1</b>	In charge :
Map Ref :	137 / 412 901	
First Competitor Due:	10:52	
Tyre Pressure limits :	Class 7 - Free    Class 8 - 18 psi	Score
Restart:	None	
Section Description :	Stony surface, RH bend soon after start, then straight, steep and bumpy	
Legal Status :	Private – Forestry Commission	First used 2004
Special Instructions:	Differential start lines. <b>See special note in Final Instructions ref Score Deduction on this section.</b>	
Fails:	Land Rover tow or reverse to foot of section. Downhill on main forest road	
Distance to Next Section:	8 miles	

Immediately after section ends, **keep R** and slowly descend bumpy track (original PH 2). **R** downhill and pass foot of section.

# **BRIDLEWAY – 15 MPH max to exit.** Continue downhill to exit gates closing both gates. Care – possible two-way traffic. **SO @ X** to main road where **R [No sp]** (B4370), downhill for 1.3 miles to T where **L [sp CRAVEN ARMS ] SO** to main A49 where **R**. In 1 Mile at 3rd mini roundabout **L [NB Petrol on Right]** onto B4368 **[sp Bridgenorth]** At end of town and after crossing bridge, **L [sp Halford]** In 200 yards, **R** at **No Through Road** In 1 mile ignore left turn, then keep **L** at Fork. Soon **L** at Grass Triangle Care: Competitors in opposite direction. In 1.8 miles, at sharp corner, **R** onto forest track to:-

Section 9: <b>FLOUNDERS FOLLY</b>	In charge :	
Map Ref <b>137 / 459 852</b>		
First Competitor Due : <b>11:29</b>		
<b>Tyre Pressure limits : Free</b>	Score	
<b>Restart: None</b>		
Section Description : <b>Clay surface, no ruts, steepens</b>		
Legal Status : <b>Private Ground</b>	First used <b>2007</b>	
Special Instructions : <b>Kink L</b> at fork marker <b>See special note in Final Instructions ref. Score Deduction on this section</b>		
Distance to next section : <b>9 miles (fuel in 6 miles)</b>		

**If Snow Route used, possible Observed test here.**

Return to Forest entrance and **L** at tarmac lane. Continue for 1.8 miles (CARE, competitors in opposite direction) through Lower Dinchope, avoiding both Right junctions follow lane **[sp Upper Dinchope, Norton]**, over hill to B4368 where **L** with Care **[sp Bridgnorth B4368] SO** for 9 miles. Fuel available in Aston Munslow. keep **R** staying on the B4368 for 10 miles, through Weston, Monkhopton & Aston Eyre to Morville, where **R** onto A458 **[sp BRIDGNORTH]**. On leaving village, and just before de-restriction sign, fork **R [sp KINLET, HIGHLEY]** and continue for 0.4 miles to CONTROL @ X. Set tyre pressures at control.

When instructed, or if no one at Control, **R [sp THE LYE, MEADOWLEY, UPTON CRESSETT only]**. **GREATEST CARE** and very slow – narrow road with sharp corners, and two-way trials traffic. Continue **SO**, passing “No through road” sign. Keep road clear for local traffic. **SO** to:

Section 10: <b>MEADOWLEY WOOD</b>	In charge :	
Map Ref <b>138 / 675 929</b>		
First Competitor Due : <b>12:14</b>		
<b>Tyre Pressure limits : Class 8 – 12psi Others FREE</b>	Score	
<b>Restart: None</b>		
Section Description : <b>Mud ruts and tree roots.</b>		
Legal Status : <b>Private Ground</b>	First used <b>1947</b>	
Special Instructions : <b>No stopping to spectate after section.</b> <b>Please scrape off heavy mud before joining lane.</b>		
Fails: <b>Reverse to foot of section, where downhill #</b>		
Distance to next section : <b>8 miles</b>		

Clears: At top, **L** onto road and descend steep hill with CARE, passing foot of section.

# (Care : later competitors in opposite direction), retrace route to **X**, by control, where **L**. In 0.4 miles **L** onto A458 into Morville. **SO** on A458 for 4.7 miles to enter Much Wenlock. Petrol on R. (next petrol 14 miles). Stay on main road around Gaskell Arms hotel, and keep **R** uphill following A458. Half-way down hill, and shortly after bend sign, with CARE, fork **L** onto track to:

Section 11:	<b>THE JENNY WIND</b>	In charge :
Map Ref	127 / 605 001	
First Competitor Due:	12:37	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits :</b>	<b>Class 7 - 15psi</b>	<b>Class 8 - 18psi</b>
<b>Restart:</b>	<b>None</b>	
Section Description:	Soil over hard base.	
Legal Status :	National Trust	First used 1939
Special Instructions :	<b>Best behaviour please, minimum engine noise.</b>	
Fails:	Reverse to foot of section, continue along track, and shortly <b>fork L</b> up track and immediately <b>L</b> again.	
Distance to next section :	100 yards	

Clears: at summit, sharp **R** down track to:

Section 12:	<b>HARLEY BANK</b>	In charge :
Map Ref	127 / 604 000	
First Competitor Due:	12:47	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits :</b>	<b>None</b>	
<b>Restart:</b>	<b>None</b>	
Section Description:	Soil over hard base.	
Legal Status :	National Trust	First used 2008
Special Instructions :	Shorter Section for Cls A, C, 7: Keep SO at fork. <b>Marking for Cls A, C, 7 on Left; For Cls B1/2 &amp; 8 on R of Section.</b>	
Fails:	Reverse to foot of section, continue down track to 'Parking area' and <b>SO</b> up hard track. <b>This is a Bridleway. MAX Speed 10mph.</b>	
Distance to next section :	4 miles	

Continue to main track where **L** uphill. **Care** : Competitors from the right.

# Continue up hard track to top of hill. Follow track to hard road. **This is a Bridleway. MAX Speed 10mph, Please give way to other path users.** Through gate to tarmac lane (please close gate). Care on rejoining tarmac lane, locals are not used to traffic!

At main road, **R** at **T** onto B4371. Leave Much Wenlock. Continue **SO** for 3.5 miles. At dip in road, GREAT CARE turn **R** & immediately **R** downhill. Just before railway bridge **turn L** to cross over bridge.

Section 13A:	<b>EASTHOPE 1 (Cars only)</b>	In charge :
Map Ref:	137 / 563 959	
First Competitor Due:	13:32	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits:</b>	<b>Class - 7 Free                      Class 8 - 12 psi</b>	Score
<b>Restart:</b>	<b>None</b>	
Section Description :	Graded Mud, rutted, deep at top.	
Legal Status :	National Trust	First used 2004
Special Instructions :		
Fails :	Reverse to foot of section, continue along railway line.	
Distance to next section:	1.5 miles within these woods.	

At top, **L** onto hard track, descend to railway line ('Bikes joining from Left).

Section 13B:	<b>EASTHOPE 2 (Bikes only)</b>	In charge :
Map Ref:	137 / 566 961	
First Competitor Due:	13:18	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits:</b>	<b>None</b>	Score
<b>Restart:</b>	<b>None</b>	
Legal Status :	National Trust	First used 2004
Section Description :	Clay – Big Hole on Left. Left turn soon after start, then straight	
Special Instructions :		
Fails :	Reverse to foot of section, continue along railway line.	
Distance to next section:	1 mile within these woods	

At top of section, **L** onto hard track, Follow track down to railway line, where **R**. Continue along Railway Line for 0.6 miles; **Hairpin R** uphill at Arrow to:-

Section 14:	<b>MAJORS LEAP</b>	In charge :
Map Ref:	137 / 576 972	
First Competitor Due:	13:28	
<b>Tyre Pressure limits:</b>	<b>Class 7 - Free                      Class 8 - 12 psi</b>	Score
<b>Restart:</b>	<b>None</b>	
Legal Status :	National Trust	2004
Section Description :	Graded Mud	
Special Instructions :	<b>At SUMMIT turn round &amp; Return to Foot of Section</b>	
Fails :	Reverse to foot of section, continue along track.	
Distance to next section:	0.5 miles	

Shortly fork **L** uphill to exit woods.

With great CARE (fast traffic), turn **R** onto B4371 Continue for 2 miles to Longville At foot of Hill **L** [sp Hopescross; Shipton]. In 3 Miles to **T** where **R** onto main road (B4318) Continue on B4318 for 5.4 Miles passing through Hungerford, Munslow (Petrol on L) and Diddlebury. Pass The Sun Inn on **R**, then fork **L** onto B4365 [sp Ludlow], Over Racecourse to **T** where **L** onto A49 [sp Leominster]. **R** at 2nd R'bout, (by Motorhome sales) [sp Ludlow, Low Bridge] and immediately **L**. Follow road round to the Left into Finish. **READ NEXT PAGE**

REMOVE COMPETITION NUMBERS – please sign declaration below and hand in at signing-off.

**Sign Off in Lodge** : Please leave muddy boots in lobby or the shelter.

**We hope that you enjoyed the trial and we wish you a safe journey home. Please complete the Damage Declaration below.**

**If you retire, please complete the DAMAGE DECLARATION form** and post it, within 7 days, to :  
Mrs P B Toulmin, 4, Briery Lands, Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon, CV37 0PP.

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**DAMAGE DECLARATION**

**Name.....Competition Number.....**

**I have / have not** been involved in any accident involving another vehicle **or** damage to property.

**If you have, provide details.....**

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<b>ADVERSE WEATHER ‘BACK-UP’ ROUTE ALTERNATIVES</b>
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**SNOW ROUE 1 : RATLINGHOPE LOOP SNOW BOUND?**

YES - AVOID RATLINGHOPE & GATTENS GAMBLE SECTIONS

At the top of Castle Hill section proceed to tarmac road and turn sharp **R** down narrow lane, CARE. Turn **L** at the bottom of the hill onto B5477. **SO** for 1 mile then **R**, crossing bridges over stream then railway and stop at **T** with A49. **R** with CARE – FAST TRAFFIC onto A49. Proceed 4.4 miles to Marshbrook where **R** onto B4370 [sp **BISHOPS CASTLE, NEWTOWN and MARSHBROOK BUSINESS PARK**] and over level crossing. In 1.2 miles **R** [sp **HAMPERLEY, CHURCH MOOR and PRIORS HOLT**]. Care, competitors in opposite direction. In 0.4 miles **SO** [sp **CHURCH MOOR, PRIORS HOLT**]. **SO** up track into Priors Holt closing both gates. This is a Bridleway – continue at max 15 mph up to summit of hillside, passing Priors Holt Section 1, and bearing **L** @ major junction to continue up hill to cross track where **L**. At next main cross tracks, **R** and follow track downhill through gate (please close) to Priors Holt 4 section on R. Go to page 4 of this route book.

“Snow route” ends.

**SNOW ROUTE 2 : LONG MYND SNOW BOUND?**

YES – AVOID GLIDING CLUB AND PORTWAY IN APPROACH TO PRIORS HOLT SECTIONS

At cross roads, **TR** and very soon follow road to Left. **SO** for 3.5 miles, where **L** onto A489. **SO** for almost 2 miles, where **L** uphill onto B4370. After 1.4 miles and soon after church on right, and a crest of hill, obscure **L** [sp **Hamperley and Priors Holt**]. **SO** along narrow lane into Forestry Commission land (Priors Holt), closing both gates. This is a BRIDLEWAY. Continue at maximum 15mph. Follow main track passing “The Slab” and “Priors Holt 1” sections on left. Continue uphill for about 1 mile, bearing **L** at junction. At summit, and at main cross tracks, **L**. At next main cross tracks, **R** and follow track downhill through gate (please close) to Priors Holt 4 section on R. Go to page 4 of this route book.

“Snow route” ends.