

## **THE GREAT BRITISH DIVIDE 2023**

### **TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RULES**

#### **WHAT AND WHEN**

The Great British Divide is a self-supported ultra-distance bikepacking adventure ride. It is approximately 70% off road and requires a mountain bike or 'monster cross' style bike to complete.

Registration for the Full Route will be at the Pedalar on the Port, Clock Tower, Esplanade, Dover CT17 9BX which will open on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 14:00.

For the Short(er) Route, Registration will be at The Old Station Hub, Station Road, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys, Wales, LD3 7YP which will open on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 14:00.

To keep things paperless, you will need to e-mail copies of your insurance for our records together with a signed copy of this document to us by the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023. You will be issued with your starter pack and Spot Tracker – please ensure you have your cash deposit for this at registration.

The Full Route adventure starts on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 08:00am at the Pedalar on the Port, Dover and the Short(er) Route on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 08:00am at The Old Station Hub, Talybont. The end of the event and the finish is at the Nevis Range, Fort William in the Highlands of Scotland which closes on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 08:00. The Full Route has a maximum completion deadline of 15 Days and the Shorter Route 13 Days to be included in the final finisher's statistics. You may of course complete the route after this time but the GBD Team will not be present at the finish after it closes and you will not record an official time.

#### **WHAT DOES IT COST?**

Full Price Entry Fee – £295.00 per individual entry

#### **WHAT DO I GET?**

Included in the entry fee are –

Rental of a Spot Gen 3 Tracker,

Live Tracking from our Tracking partner,

A full GPX track of the route,

A personalised cycling cap,

An embroidered event patch,

A bike frame sticker (we all love them!),

A finishers gift

....and a little selection of surprises from some of our partners along the route!

## **GPS TRACKING**

The Great British Divide will be a fully tracked event with live tracking available for the duration. The Tracker must remain switched on for the duration of your ride including when you are not riding. You must advise us as soon as possible if your Tracker develops a problem or stops working.

All participants will be required to use a Spot Gen 3 Tracker and the cost of the rental of the tracker and the live tracking is included within the entry fee. This will be supplied with one set of AAA Lithium Batteries. These batteries should last for a week and you will then need to replace them yourself to ensure tracking is maintained.

You will be required to pay a £100.00 deposit (ONLY IN CASH) for the Spot Tracker. This will be returned to you in full upon return of your functioning Tracker at the finish or if handed to one of the GBD team on the route or at a Checkpoint. If this is not possible we will provide an address to return it to and upon receipt we will return your deposit by bank transfer.

## **ROUTE AND REPORTING**

The full GPX files of the route will be available in early June 2023 giving you approximately six weeks to study them and get them loaded onto your navigation devices etc. The route will be test ridden prior to the event but there can always be last minute changes that are required, including during the event if we find any issues with it – eg tracks and bridleways becoming overgrown and impassable during the summer growing season. If during the event you encounter an obstacle that requires a re-route please advise us by phone on 07799886537 or e-mail [info@greatbritishdivide.com](mailto:info@greatbritishdivide.com) of the location and issue so we have both a record of it whilst we are checking the live tracking.

## **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

All participants must be over the age of 18 years at the start.

All participants must have and provide evidence of suitable insurance that covers personal liability and for overseas riders, medical/accident cover.

In ordinary times all participants would be required to provide a medical certificate or letter from their Doctor confirming that you are fit and well to participate in an Ultra-Distance cycling event – we appreciate that since 2020 and the Pandemic this is not the easiest thing to obtain and getting in front of a doctor remains a challenge. There is no doubt that getting properly checked over is good practice before undertaking an event like this but with the current set of circumstances we are happy to place the trust and responsibility in you, the riders that you are fit, well, have trained appropriately and by just signing up in the first place understand and accept what is required to participate.

## **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT (cont)**

All participants must have the following equipment–

Wear a helmet at all times

Have a high-visibility gilet/vest/strap

Have at least one set of lights (front and rear) and ideally a back-up set

Lights need to be fit for purpose and allow you to ride at all times of the day and both see and be seen.

Front and Rear reflectors as well as some reflective material on wheels is highly recommended, as is a head torch or helmet mounted light.

Have a bell on the bike – it helps, and other users of the trails really appreciate it!

A whistle for attracting attention in the event of an accident or other issue

A suitable GPS device for your navigation

## **RIDER CONDUCT**

It goes without saying that you should 'Not be a dick'! Be nice and enjoy the experience – even when you are suffering and not having a particularly nice time. Remember Type 1 and Type 2 fun and all that!

Respect other users of the trails and the countryside through which you are travelling, again be nice, talk to people, use that bell on your bike to alert others of your presence.

Leave no trace.... In all senses of the term leave nothing behind other than tyre tracks.

The Great British Divide is a self-supported event. This means –

Participants carry all their own equipment – shelter/sleep systems, food, clothes, tools etc, No outside assistance is to be accepted (normal commercial services available to anyone ie a bike shop for repairs however are allowed),

Participants are responsible for their own meals and hydration etc,

No participant may have a team car or outside support from a team,

There is to be no drafting when riding with others.

Get some sleep! We know not everyone participating will have the same requirements to function and we appreciate some people are super-human, but get some sleep – at least four hours a night ideally so you can have a little re-charge and enjoy the following day.

The GBD Team reserve the right to withdraw any rider from the event on medical or conduct grounds should said rider be considered to not be medically safe to continue or should their conduct/behaviour be inappropriate for the event as a whole.

If you have to Scratch (retire) from the event for any reason it is vital that you keep us informed. Please send us an e-mail/text/whatsapp to [info@greatbritishdivide.com](mailto:info@greatbritishdivide.com) or 07799886537 giving your full name and explaining your reason for withdrawing. You can call us too in the first instance but we ask that you follow up in writing also for our records.

Scratching from an event is a big decision and one that you have to live with so it is always wise to sleep on it first. If you are on the verge of scratching stop, have a rest, fuel properly and get your kit sorted out then have a decent sleep. If you still feel the same in the morning then you know stopping is the right thing to do but it's amazing what a little pause can do sometimes and everything is alright again in the morning. At the end of the day it is your event, your adventure and your experiences – do what is right for you and only you.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK**

All participants acknowledge this is an Ultra-Distance cycling event over some challenging terrain. It is not without risk and danger and all taking part in the event are aware of this and accept this risk.

### **DATA, MEDIA AND PRIVACY**

All media captured by the Great British Divide Team during the event remains the property of Ubiquitous Events Limited. Likewise, all data and privacy thereof shall be the responsibility of and managed by Ubiquitous Events Limited.

Throughout the event still and moving imagery will be captured and shared on our social media channels, our website and within future marketing materials. By signing these terms and conditions you are confirming that you are happy for us to use any imagery of you in this way.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

The Great British Divide, its branding, logo's, web and social media platforms together with all its intellectual property is owned and managed by Ubiquitous Events Limited. We will always look to develop the commerciality of the event whilst maintaining its ethos and principles and reserve the right to make decisions on the operation of the event accordingly.

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS**

From the time of booking until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 a cancellation charge of £100.00 will be made with the balance of your payment refunded.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 a cancellation charge of £175.00 will be made with the balance of your payment refunded.

For any cancellations made from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 there will be no refunds available and your full payment retained.

Deferrals will be considered on a case by case basis, please be sure that you can take part in the event before signing-up.

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I confirm I have read, understand and accept the Terms, Conditions and Rules of the Great British Divide as detailed above.

**RIDER NAME**

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**RIDER SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

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