

MID WALES BBQ WEEKEND - JUNE 30 - JULY 2 2023 - PROSPECTUS

1. OUTLINE

This is a weekend based on a cottage in Corris in Mid Wales with rides arranged on both Saturday and Sunday and a BBQ on the Saturday evening.



2. FITNESS

Mid Wales lends its self to mountain roads demanding a reasonable degree of fitness. Rides up to 50 miles with over 4000 ft of climbing are planned. Easier rides may be provided, possibly using cars to get to start points if leaders can be found for them.

3. ACCOMMODATION

The weekend is based on a self catering cottage in Corris belonging to the Coventry Mountaineering Club. Corris is 5 miles north of Machynlleth. The modest cottage consists of a lounge/dining area, kitchen and shower/loo on the ground floor. On the first floor there's a room with 2 bunk beds and a single bed, and 2 bunk beds on the landing. In the loft there are 4 mattresses on the floor and a large picture window. There's a delightful garden behind the cottage for up to 6 small tents. The main limiting factor is the one loo. The cost per night is £12.50 for non CMC members.

Other accommodation within walking distance of the cottage are Corris Hostel, and the Braich Goch bunk house.

<https://independenthostels.co.uk/members/corrishostel/>

<http://www.braichgoch.co.uk/>

4. BAR-B-QUE

I will arrange a BBQ for the Saturday evening for the modest cost of £10.00 including nibbles, a selection of meats and salads plus a desert. All you need to bring is a good appetite and your own booze. A folding chair could be handy to rest after a hard days cycling.



5. TRAVEL TO CORRIS

There's a train service from Birmingham to Machynlleth with limited capacity to carry bikes. The 5 mile ride from here to Corris follows the National Cycle Network Route 8 and is delightful. For those keen to cycle from Coventry its about 150 miles for a cycle friendly route. For those who want to drive, there's a free public car park in the village. The space in front of the cottage can be used as a drop-off point.

6. CYCLE ROUTES

There 2 routes I plan to us for the weekend. The ride to the east (as the map) is a fairly demanding 40 mile ride with with over 4000ft of ascent. There are more opportunities to the Dolgellau and/or Tywyn to the west, again with considerable ascent. There are refreshment opportunities on both rides.

Further away from Corris there are endless opportunities for delightful rides, but as above for easy rides a car would be needed.

7. MOUNTAIN BIKING

Members of the Coventry Mountaineering Club rave about the mountain biking opportunities in the forest to the east of Corris. This isn't my scene, but if someone wanted to lead some serious off-road rides, I could put them in touch with the CMC for advice.

8. BOOKING

There will be a maximum of 9 members in the cottage and 6 camping in the garden. There will be no limit to the number of members for the BBQ. I will be looking for members to help lead the rides if numbers dictate.

Please contact mike999thomas@gmail.com for more information and booking details.