

Ride To the Wall Ride – Information

Please start with.

A full tank of petrol, bike legal and road worthy. Adequate weather protection. Recovery in case of emergency - it is your responsibility not RTTW.

RTTW Marshalls will be in Yellow and the back markers in orange RTTW jackets.

The 11 (eleven) start points around the UK (not including Drayton Manor) will be marshalled by teams of at least 10 riders, 2 lead riders - 4 outriders / markers - 2 sweepers - 2 back markers.

Some group may have RTTW marshals riding inside the group (every 50 bikes) to help with traffic on route.

It is up to you to arrive at the services with ample time for a comfort stop, remember the 2-hour waiting/parking time limits at the services.

The Ride's

The outriders (in Yellow RTTW hi-vis jackets) will leave 1 minute before the designated start time and travel up the motorways calling at junctions & services on route to the NMA. If you are waiting for the passing group and see an outrider approaching, please get ready and join on to the back of the group when it is approaching.

Please do not wait on the motorway slip roads. When safe, ride and get in front of the 2-back marker in Orange RTTW hi-vis jackets. The outrider will then go onto the next junction / services.

The 11 Routes to the NMA will start at the allocated times on the dot. (See: Route time sheets for ride start times).

Or if you are in doubt of the start times for your route, please speak to a RTTW road marshal.

Please be ready - The lead RTTW Marshals will start the ride at their allocated times and lead you out on to the roads / motorways (remember the rules of the road).

First time riding with RTTW

If this is your first-time riding from a motorway start point. If you can, ride at the front, you will find it better, make yourself known to a RTTW marshal and he/she will assist you.

You may have Police - Highways - Bikes - Cars at some of the start points to help the group.

The 2 back markers in RTTW Orange hi-vis jackets. will be the last to leave the services.

Disability riders on Bikes & Trikes

To help RTTW marshals on the main NMA gate, we would like to identify you better.

(parking for disability riders).

Please can you fit something to your bike - trike to say you require disability parking and you are a blue badge holder, (so the RTTW gate marshals can identify you on approach to the gates).

To help you, we have some disability RTTW headlight stickers to fit to your headlight. You can receive - pick one up at one of the 11 start points around the UK.

We have set up two RTTW marshals on parking duties to help.

You can identify the two marshals by the yellow baseball hats with (RTTW - Disability Liaison Marshal) on the front.

You will have to show your Blue Badge to the RTTW marshals to receive a RTTW blue badge headlight sticker.

The headlight sticker is free, but if you want to donate, you can do so. (All received goes to RTTW).

Please, fit it at the services before you set of on the group - route ride to the NMA.

What we are trying to do, is stop riders digging through jacket pockets at the NMA gates, stopping traffic to find their blue badge - card. (Trying to keep the bikes moving).

If you are making your own way to the NMA and not riding in one of the RTTW groups and you require disability parking, please fit something to the front of your trike - bikes to be identify, before you get to the NMA gates.

Staggered formation riding - overtaking

Where possible try to ride in a Staggered Formation. take your lead - position from the rider in front.

If you must overtake, please do it with respect (Do not overtake on the inside) and keep a look out for the rider you have just passed. The rider may be having some trouble on the route - road to the NMA.

Please keep the rider - bike in your mirrors, don't leave a rider - them behind.

Riding Speed

The speed will not go over 60 mph on motorways and 30/40 mph on A roads. Routes are set to arrive at the NMA at or near to a designated time. But if the group is late, it does not matter, get to the NMA safe.

Please if you can, tray and keep-up with the rider in front of you, (it's not a race, there is no rush).

A marshals will be waiting at the next junction - roundabout to guide your way. To help the smooth running of the ride, the Marshals will mark junctions and turns and assist with traffic and ride safety.

RTTW marshals are Not allowed to stop traffic at traffic lights. (Only Police). Stop at all red traffic lights, unless directed by the Police.

If you are delayed keep going straight ahead. Eventually you will come across a waiting RTTW marshal, he/she will not leave until he/she sees the back markers in the Orange RTTW hi-vis jackets.

<u>Motorways</u>

Please remember, RTTW marshals are not allowed to stop on the motorways to give you directions.

Remember the motorway junction numbers you are exiting at on your route.

It is advised to print off and memorise your route from the start location to the NMA. All routes - times and ride information is available from the RTTW web site <u>www.rttw.org</u>

Also please have a look at a map and familiarise yourself with the roads you will be traveling on.

If you are unfortunate enough to break down, then stay with the bike and a RTTW marshal will stop (if it is safe for, he - she to stop).

The marshal, he- she will try to help you, but in the event, that he- she cannot help. You will be expected to make your own arrangements with the recovery service that you subscribe to.

Toll Road M6 - T6 and T5 Toll Gates - Plaza.

All routes that use the M6 Toll Road, please note that by kind permission of the Toll Road operator.

Midland Expressway. No charge will be made to Ride to the Wall participants.

(Please remember, NO stopping on Live - Lane Motorway).

Riders will be granted free passage on their inbound journey only when exiting the M6 toll gates at T6 and T5.

Signage will be in place directing riders to use the Toll Gate at the toll plaza.

Tolling staff will be on hand to help and allow free passage.

Go to the gate you are directed to and ride through. Some time it could be the Truck Lane - Wide Load Lane at the toll plazas, follow the toll staff direction.

Weeford T4 Plaza - M6 toll.

No RTTW routes are to exit the M6 toll road at Weeford Plaza T4 on Route 3 / 4 / 6.

Any bikes coming off at T4 Plaza (Weeford) will have to pay the cost for a bike at the Toll Plaza T4 (approximately £4.00)

Routes 3 - 4 - 6 (north), go to T6 to Exit the M6 Toll Road.

Traveling back down the M6 (south) to exit at T5 plaza and onto the A38 north.

When the routes arrive at the NMA, your route marshals will hand you over to the park up marshals.

In RTTW yellow jackets.

Please be aware you may be separated when parking up at the NMA from your friend's due to bike parking availability.

Please, park up as directed and have a good day in the NMA.

Riders leaving Drayton Manor to Ride to the NMA on route 1.

Please be ready for a ride start time of 12.15 pm.

Please follow the flag procession out onto the road and follow the waiting RTTW road marshals, directing you to the NMA (There may be Police Officers - Highways presence to help with the ride).

Please, if you are displaying Flag poles on your bikes, please ensure that they are securely fixed with nuts and bolts, not with plastic tag fastener - cable ties.

In 2019 we had an incident with a flagpole damaging a car petrol tank on one of the routes in to the NMA, running to an insurance bill over £1000.00 for the car driver. (In 2023, we did again have flags poles departing some bikes on routes).

Safety First

The important bit on the day is safety first. As a rider on a route to the NMA; do not put yourself in a position on the road that endangers yourself or other road users.

Please, do not high 5 people standing on the side of the road.

In the event of an accident on the road.

If it is near to you assist where possible. Try to direct traffic round the incident keep the ride moving.

If RTTW marshals are on hand pass over to them. Try to keep the ride moving.

Some of the RTTW Marshals on your route will be equipped with first aid kit. Remember - call 9 9 9

Remember – SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

Let us have a good day and remember why we are doing Ride to the Wall.

Thank you for supporting Ride to the Wall

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Ride to the Wall (RTTW) accepts no legal liability for accident, injury, loss, or damage incurred whilst attending RTTW.

Irrespective of ANY GUIDANCE or INSTRUCTION from Officers, Marshals, or Representatives of RTTW

You must ensure both the safety of yourselves, the public and event attendees.

By participating in the RTTW you agree to these conditions