

Course Risk Assessment - Hanslope Circuit (F5Z/10)

Mileage Start

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| 0.0 | At new lay-by on unclassified road (Newport Road) from Tathall End on outskirts of Hanslope.
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| 0.1 | Turn left at grass triangle along Park Road, direction Castlethorpe.
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Riders advised to exercise caution |
| 0.9 | Junction with unclassified road from Gayhurst
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Riders caution, sign required at approach to warn drivers (country lane version of a spear-point junction) |
| 1.8 | Stay on winding road through trees, direction Haversham
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| 2.2 | Caution at tight bend, lane from right from Castlethorpe
M
Riders advised to exercise caution |
| 3.2 | On outskirts of Haversham join unclassified road from Wolverton, turn left
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Riders advised to exercise caution, and give way to traffic from right |
| 3.6 | Downhill into Haversham village, sharp left turn at bottom of hill - Caution
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Common sense required from riders |
| 5.4 | Continue through Little Linford
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| 6.4 | Fast downhill to junction with B526 Newport Pagnell road AT Halt sign. CAUTION
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Caution sign to car drivers approaching junction from right, Warning sign to riders on course. |
| 7.0 | Turn left, proceed through Gayhurst staying on B626 |
| 7.0 | First left again to Tathall End
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| 8.8 | Stay on road, ignoring left turn in Tathall End (actually straight on)
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| 9.8 | Finish at start point on outskirts of Hanslope |

Although this course appears to have various areas of risk on reading the above description, it is actually a quiet, safe and popular course, particularly well-used by young riders and their parents. It requires bike handling skill as well as fitness. It would only become dangerous in the event of a rider going too fast through certain sections, not conforming to the rules of the road at junctions, or just a plain lack of common sense. New riders to this course would definitely benefit from a ride round beforehand.