

THE GREAT BRITISH DIVIDE 2026

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RULES

WHAT AND WHEN

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

Registration, Rider Briefings and Start for the Full Route will be close to Canterbury, Kent, probably at our previous start location of The Ivy Barn in Littlebourne on the morning of Saturday 18th July 2026

For the Short(er) Route, Registration, Rider Briefings and Start will be in or very close to Brecon, Powys, Wales at a location to be confirmed. This will open on the morning of Monday 20th July 2026.

To keep things paperless, you will need to e-mail copies of your insurance for our records together with a scanned signed copy of this document to us by the 1st June 2026. At Registration you will be issued with your starter pack and Tracker – a £100.00 deposit for the tracker will be required and bank details for this will be supplied nearer the time.

The Full Route starts on Saturday 18th July 2026 at 10:00am and the Short(er) Route on Monday 20th July 2026 at 10:00am. The end of the event and the finish is at the Nevis Range, Fort William in the Highlands of Scotland which closes on Sunday 2nd August 2026 at 10:00.

The Full Route has a maximum completion deadline of 15 Days and the Shorter Route 13 Days. You must finish within these times 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, also your GPS tracking will cease to operate after the official end time. In this instance, you will accept all risk for continuing on the route without tracking.

PAIRS CATEGORY

Introduced for 2024 was a Pairs Category for both the Full and Short(er) routes and this will continue for 2026.

Pairs will be required to carry a Tracker each and will be listed as a Pair on our live tracking. Pairs will be able to share equipment. A Pair will be counted as a 'whole' rider - if one half of a Pair scratches, the whole Pair scratches, if one half of a Pair contravenes a rule, the whole Pair contravenes a rule and so on.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Please note, we have kept our prices the same as 2024 for Edition #5 in 2026

Solo Rider Entry Fee – £320.00 per Solo entry

Pairs Rider Entry Fee - £640.00 per Pairs entry

WHAT DO I GET?

Included in the full entry fee for all riders (solo and both members of a pair) are –

Rental of a GPS Tracker

Live Tracking from our Tracking partner,

A full GPX track of the route,

Manned Checkpoints,

A personalised cycling cap,

An embroidered event patch,

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

A unique and individual enamelled mug for each finisher hand painted with their stats,

....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 Tracker and the cost of the rental of the tracker and the live tracking is included within the entry fee. These are rechargeable units and will be provided fully charged – you will be responsible for monitoring the charge and keeping it charged up during the event.

You will be required to pay a £100.00 deposit (Cash or Bank Transfer) for the 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. PLEASE NOTE **ALL OVERSEAS RIDERS** THAT DO NOT HAND THEIR TRACKER TO A MEMBER OF THE GBD TEAM AT THE FINISH OR A **CHECKPOINT MUST RETURN IT BY POST BEFORE LEAVING THE UK** - FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL LEAD TO ALL SHIPPING AND CUSTOMS/IMPORT COSTS BEING MET BY THE RIDER.

ROUTE AND REPORTING

The full GPX files of the route will be available in mid-May 2026 giving you approximately two months to study them and get them loaded onto your navigation devices etc. The route has been tested multiple times 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. We use a WhatsApp Group to communicate with you throughout the event so If you encounter an obstacle that requires a re-route please advise us on this group or by phone on 07799886537 or e-mail info@greatbritishdivide.com with details 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.

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 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, it's branding, logo's, web and social media platforms together with all it's intellectual property is owned and managed by Ubiquitous Events Limited. We will always look to develop the commerciality of the event whilst maintaining it's 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 31st March 2026 a cancellation charge of £100.00 plus transaction fees will be made with the balance of your payment refunded.

For any cancellations made from the 1st April 2026 there will be no refunds available and your full payment retained.

Any cancellations made by riders using our payment plan during the phased payment sequence or, for any riders that default on any payments and subsequently cancel their place, any refunds less transaction fees will be calculated and administered as required on an individual basis.

Deferrals will only be considered and offered on a case-by-case basis and need to be requested before the 1st April 2026. Please be sure that you can take part in the event before signing-up.

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

RIDER NAME

RIDER SIGNATURE

DATE
