

## Road Route

# Seasoned Pioneers - Meet the Producer

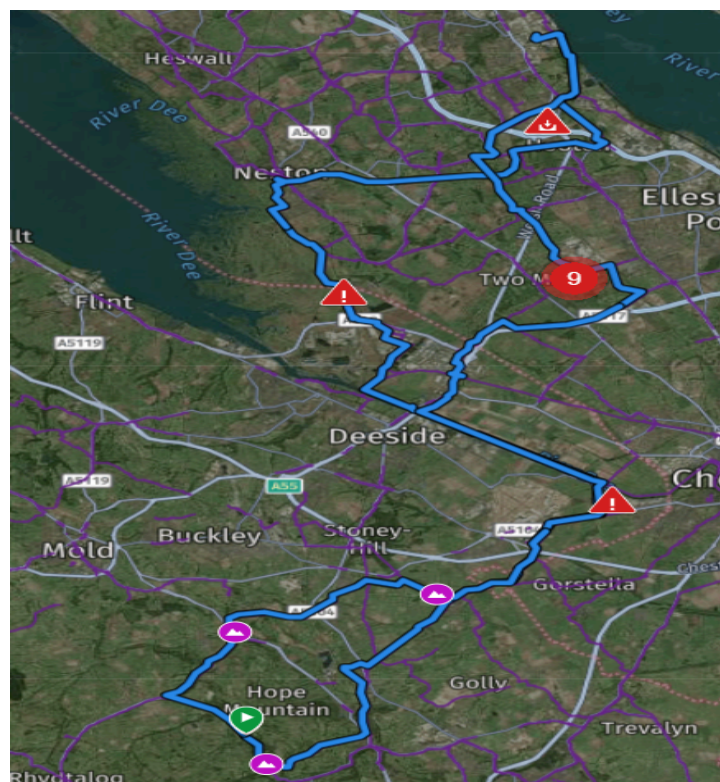
### Route Guide

Difficulty: Medium

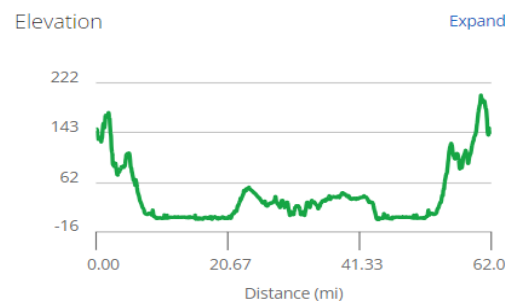
Distance: 61.85 miles

Elevation: 658 meters (2,159ft)

GPS download: [Garmin](#)



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| Distance  | Total Ascent | Total Descent |
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| Avg Speed | Goal Time    |               |





## Seasoned Pioneers - Meet the Producer

This is our longest ride of the year at 61.84 miles with just under 2,200ft of climbing. Our ride takes us out to Bromborough to Seasoned Pioneers, which is where it all started for Mark, and where the inspiration of the group name came from.

### The Route

1. Starting at the Cross Keys, Llandfynydd, we head towards the Cymau, Abermorddu and Hope. Once in hope we go past the Co-op and turn down Stryt Isa past the high school. We stay on this road until we come to the turning for Pigeon House lane. We follow this road until we reach Wrexham Road. We cross over here and head down Rhos Estyn Lane and turn onto Kinnerton Road. We stay on this road all the way through Higher Kinnerton and Lower Kinnerton.
2. Once in Lower Kinnerton, we turn onto Brick Road and join Bretton Lane. We stay on Bretton Lane until we come to the main road. Here we cross over onto the Cycle Path and up towards Saltney Ferry. At the end of the cycle path we turn left onto Saltney Ferry Road, over the bridge and along the road. At the bend (be careful of oncoming cars) we turn right to go over the Higher Ferry Footbridge (the white bridge) and join the Dee Cycle Path.

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3. Once over the bridge we turn left and stay on the cycle path all the way to the blue bridge, then we cross the road and join the path again heading towards the train station. Here we turn right and stay on the cycle path until the turning on the left and we follow the path all the way through the industrial estate, we will be on route 568 and making our way to Burton Marsh, passing the shooting school and going over the boardwalk. We cycle past Nets Cafe and make our way through some villages to join cycle route 56 (the Wirral Circular) and Station Road.
  4. When we join cycle route 56 (Station Road) we first go through a small housing estate before we join the old railway line (note that this is not a paved section of the route, it is muddy and a little gravelly - I have ridden it on both a road bike and gravel bike. It should be ok on a road bike but care needs to be taken when going through some of the puddles/mud). This part of the route we will be on for 1-2 miles before we come to our first Cafe stop - The Station Masters House. This is the Hadlow Road Railway Station, which has now been turned into a Cafe but still has the old station house, some of the railway, ticket office and the platforms. They serve some lovely coffee, food and cakes. We will be a little over 20 miles into our ride and a pit stop will be welcomed.
  5. We leave the Cafe and join back on onto Station Road, heading towards Hooton (at the time of writing this, there is a section of the path that is being widened and we may have to detour and the GPS shows the original planned route). Once at Hooton, we join Hooton Road until we get the traffic lights at The Three Chimneys. We go straight over and join Hooton Green, at the end of this road we turn left onto Hooton Lane and follow the road over the Motorway and onto Rivacre Road, at the end of this road, we turn right into Eastham Village, the right again onto Ferry Road (the Hooton Arms will be on our left).
  6. We stay on Ferry Road until we reach a small roundabout near The Tap, we take the second exit into the carpark, which leads us into Eastham Park and along the River Mersey. At the end of the cyclepath we come to the industrial park, passing Oh Polly on the left and joining Plantation Road. There is a cut-through to Seasoned Pioneers on this road, but it is not shown on the GPS.
  7. Once we have had our little tour of Seasoned Pioneers, we come back on ourselves through Eastham Park, Ferry Road and back to Eastham Village. At the end of Ferry Road we turn left then take the first right onto Stanley Lane, we on here until we reach the cross road traffic lights. At the light we want to go straight ahead, you can either wait for the traffic lights or use the pelican crossing. Once through the light we stay on Eastham Rake, passing the train station on the right (we are on this road for about a mile and a half). At the end of this road, we turn left onto Benty Heath Lane then right onto Hooton Road, then left onto Heath Lane.

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8. We stay on Heath Lane, going over the bridge and bare right onto Scotchman's Lane, this section again is a little muddy and gravelly but doable on a road bike. We are on here a short distance and we go through a farm, at the end of the road, we turn left, then right onto Ledsham Hall Lane. Note there is a section where we have to cross Welsh Road but there is a crossing here. We stay on Ledsham Hall Lane/Rectory Lane until we turn left onto Capenhurst Lane. We are on this road until we come to Urencu on our left. Here we bare right onto cycle route 70 (Dunkirk Lane). We stay on this road until we get to Dunkirk Way and we turn right to join the cycle path.
  9. We stay on the cycle path all the way up to the traffic lights and we want to cross here to join the cycle path again. Here we can have another Cafe stop at the Cross Foxes Cafe. We will be 40 odd miles into the ride and we may need another caffeine hit.
  10. From here we stay on the cycle path along Bypass Road, Woodbank Lane, crossing over Welsh Road again and jumping back onto the cyclepath and making our way through the industrial estate. When we come to the Dragon Bridge, we turn right and back on ourselves to go over the bridge, on the other side we want to turn left and back on ourselves again to join the path. We head to the roundabout and cross safely back onto the cyclepath. From here we follow the path all the way back to the River Dee.
  11. We follow the same path back to the white bridge at Saltney Ferry and make our way back to the cycle path on Chester Road, here turn back to Bretton Lane, Brick Road and back through Lower Kinnerton. When we come to the junction at The Royal Oak, we want to turn right onto Kinnerton Lane. We stay on here until the turning for Barracks Lane (also known as Poo Lane), we have a little climb on this section. At the end of Barracks Lane, we turn left and head into Penymynydd passing Jemoley's Cafe.
  12. At the end of this road we turn left then right onto Corwen Road. At the roundabout we take the second exit passing the train station on our right. We stay on this road all the way to Pontblyddyn. At the end of the road (at The Bridge Inn) we turn left then right and make our way up to Coed Talon passing the Railway Inn. We stay on this road until turning for Llanfynydd. From here it's straight back to the pub!
  13. Park your bikes up and come join us for a complimentary coffee/tea and flapjack. You may even want a pint after that long ride or you can grab some excellent food and discuss the route.



By joining onto this ride you agree that: you will act responsibly and adhere to the rules of the road and countryside; you acknowledge that it is your responsibility to ensure that any manoeuvre that you make is carried out safely; you confirm that you are fit and healthy enough to participate in the ride; you confirm that your bike is in a safe, legal and roadworthy condition (see GCN's 6 Checks Before You Ride); you understand that the Cross Keys cannot be held responsible for any personal injury, accident, loss, damage or public liability during the ride.

You are responsible for your own safety. On the day we suggest that you should bring wet weather wear and warm clothing a spare inner tube, a pump and tyre levers some food and drink to keep you going, money for emergencies (and possibly lunch) a mobile phone and that you should carry details of your address and an emergency telephone contact number, just in case. Helmets are mandatory.