

# Rules and Conditions of Membership

- CTC Rules of conduct apply as well as The Swinley Forest Cycling Code of Conduct.
- Helmets *must* be worn on all rides, and *must* be fitted and adjusted correctly.
- Bikes must be suitable for the ride and properly maintained.
- Riders are requested not to join rides that are beyond their level of ability and endurance. Members are responsible for their own personal safety whilst on Club rides. The Club or its officers cannot be held responsible for personal injury, loss or damage to the property of any member. Members have a duty of care to others and property.
- The Club reserves the right to withdraw membership of any member who behaves in a manner that may bring the Club or the sport into disrepute.
- Mountain biking is a potentially hazardous and strenuous sport. You are a member of **BOB** because you are an enthusiast but do not ride beyond your level of ability and endurance. Come equipped with suitable clothing, spares, refreshment and, if possible, a mobile phone. Also bring a telephone contact list and some money for emergencies.
- The CTC rules require us to have a list of 'Leaders' and this is kept by the Committee. Every official Club ride should have a leader. If there is no leader on any part of the ride it is then deemed to be an unofficial ride.
- A toolkit/spares should always be carried and include, as a minimum: inner tube(s) and puncture repair kit, tyre levers, pump, brake pads, allen keys and spanners or multi-tool, a gear cable (inner), chain link extractor, a few spare joining links to suit your chain and a few cable ties. In the darker months you should also carry 'get-home' lights – front and rear.
- It is each member's responsibility to carry any medication needed for any condition (diabetes, asthma etc.) and you should inform fellow riders of special assistance that may be required.
- The minimum age for an individual member is 16 years. Family members under 16 years must be supervised on Club rides by a parent or guardian over 18 years of age.

# Club Membership 2007/2008



The aim of the Club is to organise meeting points for weekly off road rides for mountain bike enthusiasts of varying abilities in a safe and responsible manner. There will be local rides leaving from Crowthorne. In addition, outings will be arranged to locations further afield. Notices regarding these rides will be posted on our website and discussed at monthly meetings.

Membership includes a **Permit** to ride in the Crown Estate land of Swinley Forest. Members also get the benefit of discounts at **Mountain-Trax**, Wokingham; **Ibike**, Crowthorne Station; **Action Bikes**, Camberley; **Berkshire Cycles**, Crowthorne; **Wellington Trek**, Sunningdale; **1<sup>st</sup> Gear Cycles**, Alton; **Purple Bike Shed**, Farnborough and **Pedal-On**, Tadley. More details in the magazine and on the website.

A quarterly(ish) newsletter, *Nine BOB Note*, and a telephone contact list is distributed to club members.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the *second* Monday of every month at Wellington College Sports Club, Crowthorne - starting at 8.30 p.m. An AGM is held at the April meeting.

The Club owns many items that are available to members, via the Quartermaster, when they are not being used for an established event where the Club is participating. These include camping equipment, walkie-talkies and the caravan. Details can be found in *Nine BOB Note*.

The Club membership year runs from April to March. The Membership fees for 2007/2008 are listed below. Please make cheques payable to **Berks on Bikes MBC** and send to the club secretary with your completed application form, enclosing an A5 size, 37p(2<sup>nd</sup>) stamped, addressed envelope.

**New Members** – Membership is to be confirmed by the Club and the prospective member is to have been on Club rides as a guest or one of our regular Intro Rides.

**Renewing Members** – You need only name, sign and date the application form and advise any changes since last year. Renewal should be made promptly as rides in Swinley Forest require us all to have a permit. **No permit – no ride.** There will be **no** ½ year reduction if renewing later.

**Associate members** – For ex-members who have moved out of the area but want to keep in touch and come on very occasional local rides and limitless 'away' rides. Associates will receive *Nine BOB Note* and other information. Applicants for this grade are subject to committee approval.

	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	From 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Senior	£30.00	£18.50
Junior (16 to 18 years)	£20.00	£12.50
Family ( <b>Riders only</b> )	£45.00 (2 adults + 2 children)	£26.00 (2 adults + 2 children)
Associate ( <b>non local, no permit issued</b> )	£15.00	£9.00

## Club Contacts

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## The Swinley Forest – Cycle Permit

Membership of Berks On Bikes entitles you and family members over 16, riders only, to a Swinley Forest Cycle Permit. In confirming your membership on the next page you additionally agree to the following terms related to the Permit:

**You and family members agree to indemnify the Club, The Crown Estate, Gorrick MBC, its agents, officials and any persons connected with the Permit scheme from any liability whatsoever resulting in personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise), loss, damage or expense to property or possessions however these may be caused. You agree to abide by The Swinley Forest Cycling Code of Conduct (available on request and on the 'BOBmbc' website) at all times and by accepting the permit you acknowledge, accept and agree to observe these conditions.**

## Important Notice - Wildlife Habitat

In many areas of Swinley Forest sightings of heathland birds such as the Nightjar, Woodlark and Dartford Warbler have been recorded by English Nature.

Riders are requested to avoid potential nesting sites during the breeding season from February through to September.

Potential nesting sites are areas of recently felled plantation for up to 5 years. Natural open heath land supporting heather should also be avoided.

Please respect the sensitivity of these areas by staying on established paths and keeping noise to a minimum.

## Membership Application 2007-08

Name(s): (Riders only)

Date of Birth:

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Address:

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Post Code:

Telephone:

Mobile(s):

E-mail:

I enclose membership fee of £\_\_\_\_\_ (Cheques made payable to "Berks on Bikes MBC" and enclose an **A5 size, 37p stamped (= 2<sup>nd</sup> class 'Large'), addressed envelope**)

### Note:

I confirm by my signature that I (and my family member riders) have no medical condition that could restrict me/us from riding with the club. I agree to indemnify the club officers, the land owners and any person connected with the club's rides and events from any liability whatsoever resulting in personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise), loss, damage or expense caused. I agree that I participate in the club's activities entirely at my own risk and that I must ride in a manner that is safe for others and myself. I agree that it is solely my decision to take part in these activities. I confirm that the mountain bike(s) that I use is in good working order and properly maintained. I have read and understood the rules of the Club and the Conditions of Membership and agree to abide by them.

Signed:

Date:

(Countersigned by a parent or guardian in the case of a junior, under 18)