

Hamsterley Trailblazers – Calendar of Events 2011

FEBRUARY 2011

Monday 7 February 2011 - 6.30pm – Formal Club Meeting – Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley – all welcome. Bring your membership card to get 10% off food.

Email: contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk

Sunday 13 February 2011 - 10.30am – Save Our Forests Protest Ride, Chopwell Woods 1pm, (in place of monthly Club Ride.)

Meet for ride beforehand at 10.30am in the main carpark in centre of Chopwell Woods at the start of the Pylon Route for a 2 hour ride – then a sarnie lunch (bring it with you) back at the car park before joining the Big Demo at 1pm. Email: contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk

Saturday 19 February 2011 - 10am – Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 4 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given.

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Saturday 26 February 2011 – 11am – **Hands Off Hamsterley Protest Rally**

Meet in the Car park at Hamsterley Forest for a ride or trek through the Forest to demonstrate our deep concern about Government proposals to privatise the English forests. Bring as many supporters, friends and family with you as possible!!

(See <http://www.hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk/> for more details or email contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk)

MARCH 2011

Sunday 13 March 2011 - 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Si Rhodes)

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Wednesday 16 March 7.30pm – Tyne MTB Evening – Hexham Auction Mart Joint

Tyne Valley MTB and IMBA mountain bike evening to discuss latest activities, happenings, trails etc and Digital mapping & GPS. Tickets £5 from Ted Liddle, Honorary Organiser, Tyne Valley MTB (Tel: 01434 673038) or

<http://tynevalleymtb.weebly.com>

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APRIL 2011

Monday 4 April 2011 – 6.30pm Trailblazer AGM – Hamsterley Village Hall. All welcome. Election of officers, summary of 2010 activities, presentation of accounts and update on Government Forest Privatisation Proposals. Fun Quiz and free refreshments. Email: contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk

Tuesday 5 April 2011 – 6.30pm First Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.
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Sunday 10 April 2011 -10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Mat Clark)
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MAY 2011

Tuesday 3 May 2011 – 6.30pm Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.
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Sunday 8 May 2011 - 10.30am – Monthly Club (Away) Ride Forest tracks closed today for car rally, so Ted Liddle from Tyne MTB and IMBA is leading an away ride from Blanchland called the 'Shire Shuffle.' Meet 11am in the Main Car Park, Blanchland. Ride will be 3.5 hours over a good variety of moorland and woodland terrain finishing up at café in Blanchland afterwards. Email: contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk

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NEW!! Saturday 14 May 2100 – 10.30am Ladies Day Ride Meet by Bowes Museum for 20 mile 'Tour of Teesdale' ride led by Kaye Graham taking in woods, moors and some road sections with optional techy bits to shorten or lengthen. Longish, but not extreme riding. Ending with café stop at the Nest in Barnard Castle (good food and lots of interesting art works.) Estimated ride time 3 – 3.5 hours.
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Saturday 21 May 2011 – 10am Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 3 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given.
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Saturday 21 May 2011 – 1.30pm Duck Race and BBQ A repeat of last year's popular Duck Race – and social BBQ. Meet outside WoodNWheels for BBQ then to Pooh Stick Bridge to watch 1500 ducks float down the Bedburn. Prizes £200, £100 and £50. Ducks £1 each – proceeds in aid of Club funds. **PLEASE OFFER TO SELL SOME!!!**

CHANGE OF DATE!!! Tuesday 24 May 2011 – 6.30pm Female Evening Ride

Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.
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JUNE 2011

Monday 6 June 2011 - 6.30pm – Formal Club Meeting at Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley. All welcome. Bring your membership card to get 10% off food.
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Tuesday 7 June 2011 – 6.30pm Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.
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Sunday 12 June 2011 - 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Dave Nicholson 'Diggle')

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Saturday 18 June 2011 – 10am Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 4 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given.

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JULY 2011

Tuesday 5 July 2011 – 6.30pm Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.

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Sunday 10 July 2011 - 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Mark Coward – 'Fubblejug')

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AUGUST 2011

Monday 1 August 2011 6.30pm – Formal Club Meeting at Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley. All welcome. Bring your membership card to get 10% off food.

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Tuesday 2 August 2011 – 6.30pm Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.

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Sunday 14 August 2011 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Possum Hunter)

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Saturday 20 August 2011 – 10am Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 4 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given.

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Tuesday 30 August 2011 – 6.30pm Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for fun, informal ride lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome. To be held fortnightly throughout summer.

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SEPTEMBER 2011

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 2, 3 & 4 September 2011 – 1-2-1 Race Series

For the second year, Dave Nicholson is organising this popular and exciting new form of competition – one bike, two races! Cross Country on Saturday; Downhill on Sunday, but you must use the same bike. More details shortly. Camping out and BBQ in the Forest from Friday evening.

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Tuesday 13 September 2011 – 6.30pm LAST Female Evening Ride Ladies! Meet outside Forest Information Centre for the last of these fun, informal rides lasting about 1 – 1 1/2 hours, mainly on green, blue and occasional red trails. All female riders welcome.

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Sunday 11 September 2011 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Dave Nicholson.)
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Saturday 17 September 2011 – 10am Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 4 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given.
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OCTOBER 2011

Monday 3 October 2011 6.30pm – Formal Club Meeting at Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley. All welcome. Bring your membership card to get 10% off food.
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Sunday 9 October 2011 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride. Free, except for Forest parking charge. All abilities and non-members welcome (ride will split as necessary according to ability.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Si Rhodes)
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Saturday 15 October 2011 – 10am Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 4 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given.
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NOVEMBER 2011

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Saturday 19 November 2011 – 10am Trailbuilding Session Meet outside WoodNWheels, Hamsterley Forest. Session will last about 4 hours. Bring packed lunch and something to drink, wear old clothes and suitably strong footwear (ideally steel capped shoes.) Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. No previous experience necessary - training will be given. Email: contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk

DECEMBER 2011

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Sunday 11 December 2011 - 10.30am – Monthly Club Ride Meet in the Bike Hire Car Park, Hamsterley Forest for guided bike ride across to Egglestone. Free, except for Forest parking charge. Non-members welcome. Under 18's welcome if accompanied by responsible adult. (Ride being led by Trailblazer member Mark Coward 'Fubblejug') Email: contact@hamsterley-trailblazers.co.uk

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DATES WAITING TO BE FINALISED:

- **Coaching sessions** (Olly Graham)
- **Club Long Distance Away Ride** (Lisa Jobling)
- **Weekend Away** (Dave Nicholson)
- **Winter Female Day Rides** (Vicky Chilcott & Kaye Graham)

