

No.8 OVER THE TOP

This ride is easily the most challenging ride in the book, not just because it's long and hilly but because it includes the classic 'Wayfarer' route across the Berwyns, popularised by the pass-storming cyclists of the 1920s. It's a 5 mile, unsurfaced track that's steep and rough in many places. You will very likely need to walk some of it, or most of it. It's a thrilling ride and a real part of British cycling folklore, so pack your suitcase of courage, prepare for the worst and enjoy the adventure. I recommend at least 28mm tyres. You have been warned!

KM	Miles	Direction
0	0.0	From the miniroundabout by the railway station, take the B4500 (👉 Glyn Ceiriog)
0.4	0.3	At the miniroundabout, turn right (👉 B4500)
		Follow the B4500 all the way up the Ceiriog valley
17.5	10.9	At the crossroads in Llanarmon , turn right (👉 Swch-Cae-Rhiw)
21.7	13.6	When the tarmac road ends, continue on the track, over the top!
26.2	16.4	Shortly after the pass, fork to the right
31.4	19.6	At the T junction, turn right onto the B4401
35.8	22.4	Turn right onto the A5 into Corwen (for the Rhug chapel, turn left here). Take care, busy road.
35.6	22.3	In the centre of Corwen , by the statue of Owain Glyndŵr, turn left (👉 Leisure Centre)
37.3	23.3	Turn right (👉 B5437)
40.8	25.5	Just before the bridge over the Dee, turn left
56.5	35.3	Turn right onto the A542 (👉 Llangollen)
56.8	35.5	Take the first left turn, up a steep hill (no 👉)
57.2	35.8	At the T-junction turn left (👉 Worlds End)
58.7	36.7	At the T-junction turn right (👉 Panorama)
60.8	38.0	Take the left fork (up hill)
62.3	38.9	At the T-junction turn left
		Follow the road as it descends through the village of Garth

KM	Miles	Direction
65.6	41.0	Turn left onto the A539
66.2	41.4	Turn right (👉 Pontcysyllte)
67	41.9	At Trevor Basin, cross the canal by the footbridge, turn right onto the towpath and cross the aqueduct)
		Continue on the canal towpath back to Chirk
73.7	46.1	At the end of the towpath, Chirk station is on your left
		Congratulations! You've gone "Over the Top"!