



Land Rover Series 2 Club

2022 Cheddar Rally

Green Lane Routes.

We have planned three Green Lane routes which are available on the Rally page of the Club Forum. Download the details to your phone/tablet at home for using off-line, and if you are a paper-map person, print off the relevant map images. There is an over-view of the routes plotted on the OS 1:250,000 Route-planner map as a .pdf.

For those of you using electronic mapping (MemoryMap, OS maps, Garmin, etc), there is a .gpx file for each route, and an additional .gpx which is a compilation of the green lanes in the area.

For paper map users, there are .pdf files for all three routes plotted on the 1:50,000 OS map - for each route, I had to use 3 A4 sheets to cover the area. I had to wind the resolution of the .pdfs up to make them sharp, so I am afraid the files are quite large (around 5 Mb each). If you print each .pdf on an A4 sheet, you should get back to the native scale (1:50k).

There are many green lanes within a confined area, and many of the lanes are fairly tight. To avoid long convoys of Land Rovers which will upset local residents and other users of the lanes, we will be controlling the size of groups driving the lanes, aiming for groups of 4 vehicles, or 5 maximum.

Unlike Ripon last year, the lanes that you will be visiting are shorter, muddier, and more overgrown. However they can also be interesting and moderately challenging at times. Many of the linking tarmac roads and lanes provide scenic views over the Somerset countryside and pass through pretty villages. All lanes can potentially be scratchy: roof racks are NOT advised. Lanes have not been driven in a 109, but they appear to be passable. We have considered which lanes larger Land Rovers (such as Marshall ambulance) can tackle safely: there are a few, but most are too overgrown, and it would be difficult to string a route of suitable lanes together.

All lanes are to the East of Cheddar. The routes are covered on:-

- OS Land Ranger 1:50,000 sheets 172 Bristol & Bath, 182 Weston-super-Mare and 183 Yeovil & Frome.
- OS Explorer 1:25,000 sheets 142, with some on 141 and 155.

Two of the routes are in Bath And North East Somerset unitary authority (BANES) - **BANES E in green** and **BANES W in red**.

A third route is a loop around **Shepton Mallett in blue**, in Somerset County authority. The route from the campsite to the start/finish point on the Shepton Mallet loop, shown **in Magenta**. The campsite is shown with a Green flag.

There are no lanes in the other unitary authority North Somerset (which did not carry out the functions within section 67 of the NERC act).

BANES West, a series of lanes that take you round the rolling hills to the south and west of Bath. Up and over Priddy – a lead mining area in Roman times. Views across Chew Valley lake (built to supply water to Bristol), up and down hills, with some small fords. Ice cream usually available by the lake, passing by Keynsham (of Horace Batchelor fame), Corston (surrounded by Duchy of Cornwall lands), near the Tithe Barn at Englishcombe. Return back over the Mendips via Charterhouse, another area of lead mines dating back to Roman times, and down the famous Cheddar Gorge.

BANES East, a series of lanes to the south of Bath. Up Cheddar Gorge to get over the Mendips. Views over Bath and the hills of Somerset. There is an area once crossed by a Roman road, and canals and railways to serve the East Somerset coal mines. The green lanes are more challenging, including dropping off a main A road onto the Fosse Way Roman Road

Shepton Mallet, a series of lanes in Somerset, with views of the famous Glastonbury Tor (a centre for pilgrimage) and passing close by Worthy Farm (site of Glastonbury Festival). Pass through the cathedral city of Wells on the way to the route. The small towns of Bruton and Castle Cary are passed, and just off the route, the East Somerset railway has steam trains and a cafe. Includes fords and further sections of the Fosse Way.

For each route, we will set groups of 4 or 5 vehicles off at 30-minute intervals. Please try to keep a reasonable spacing between groups. If you find you are catching up with the group ahead, stop, have a coffee break, let them get ahead.

In general, the groups will be self-led. However the navigation on the BANES E route can be tricky in places so on Thursday and Friday, we will appoint local leaders for each group. There may be local leaders available to join groups on the other routes.