

Scott route guide.

Several years ago from questions asked on the Trials Central forum about where best to go on Scott day I posted an article in the forums on how best to spend a Scott day. Over the last few years I've copied & pasted, then done a bit of tweaking for anything that's been altered. This year is different. 2010 is what is known as a backwards Scott.

The route out to Hurst & then back to the finish largely remains the same 😊 but the remaining route is run in reverse, the last time this was done was 2005. A considerable amount of work is done altering the morning route to what is required in the afternoon, after a few years all the helpers get to know what's happening & there's only the odd scare when the fastest man almost catches them out. This year everybody will have to try that bit harder to stop things grinding to a halt late in the day. It also means I've had to rewrite this.

The Scott course is approximately 85 miles long yet at no point the riders are more than 12 miles from the start / finish field, despite this the spectators rarely can see more than two or three sections. This guide is my opinion on how best to see Scott day & not spend what seems like hours sat in a queue of traffic.

I assume that most people will go to the start field, so I'll start from there.

Route 1

Leave the start field by 9.15am & head to Underbanks, there's a designated parking field, the section isn't one of the toughest but the melee of multiple bikes in the section is worth the walk. Stay here until all the top riders go through & then move on.

Next stop is By Pass, this gives a leisurely hour from leaving Underbanks to get to a good viewing point. The longer walk to the two upper sections is well worthwhile. Stay at By Pass an hour.

Now walk back to the watersplash & continue to follow the beck downstream. It's a 10 minute walk from the watersplash to Roys Rocks, either follow the beck or walk on the road towards Surrender & then follow the track to the left just after climbing the hill. The Roys Rocks sections used this year only get used in a reverse run Scott. It's probably best staying at Roys Rocks for some time as it'll be very difficult to get back to the finish from here to see the front runners finish.

Route 2

Again start by attending Underbanks but this time follow up by going to Whaw Bridge, stay at here for an hour & then travel over to Surrender.

Route 3

Better not go to Underbanks or there'll be 1000 cars all trying to get down Reels Head at the same time!

Watch most of the runners start & then head off to Shaw Gutter, a good alternative route to get here is to go onto the A66 via Ravensworth & then turn off at Scargill. Drive over the Stang & park up at the petrol check, then follow the course down to the sections.

From here I'd say a short time could be spent in the CB prior to going to either Rawcroft or the new section of Sleeper Stones, parking for this is at Sleeper Bridge but the walk is a little bit longer.

Route 4

Start by going to either Shaw Gutter or the earlier section at Goats Splash, remember if going to Goats leave the start field before the riders do or you may miss some of them.

Next go to the Black Hills, Tank Trap & Grand Canyon area. The more adventurous walkers will be rewarded with the hike to Black Hills but the other sections will provide just as much entertainment.

From here head off to Reels Head, parking as per Underbanks & then the sections are back along Fremington Edge. Usually two tough sections here, they get progressively more difficult.

I think I've managed to mention all the approved viewing points with the exception of Clapgate. There'll be a couple of sections here this year & they'll make a good alternative to standing on the start / finish field towards the end of the day. Preferred parking is at the start & then follow the route back to the sections.

Wherever you go enjoy your day, park with sense & take all your litter home. Then go down to the Cricket Club in Richmond to bid on all the auction goodies & have a beer. Results will appear sometime about midnight.

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