

# Regulations for AUK Events classified as Trails

## Introduction

The Easter Trail is the 'younger sister' of the Easter Arrow i.e. it is a calendar event ridden in teams.

The Easter Trail is run at the same time as the Easter Arrow, on a shorter distance (between 200k and 360k) and with a possible overnight stop.

Easter Trail follows the pattern of the Trace Vélocio.

The purpose of the Trace is to choose a tourist route and to ride it in daytime hours.

A good team spirit is the key to success!

Teams can start and finish on the same day, or they can start on the day before the meeting, make an overnight stop, and arrive the next day.

Although it is shorter than the Easter Arrow and does not impose night riding, the Easter Trail remains challenging, especially at Easter, when weather conditions are often rough, and we still lack training miles.

Upon arrival, the participants in both Easter Arrow and Easter Trail meet and celebrate together. Organizing a Trail at the same time as the Arrow brings more riders together and makes the party even greater.

**Easter Trail Rules (effective from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026)**  
**(to be read in conjunction with Regulations for all AUK Events)**

<b>1</b>	<b>Easter Trail or Trace Nationale is a calendar event ridden in teams</b>
1.1	Trail to York is additionally validated by ACP.
1.2	All teams will have a team captain who will coordinate the team and correspond with the Organiser.
1.3	Rides may be validated using proof of passage from brevet card or GPS.
1.4	Entries may be submitted with a mandatory route or advisory route.
1.4.1	- Mandatory route entries must be by GPS.
1.4.2	- Advisory route entries must be by control points.
1.4.3	- When entering by advisory route the organiser will only agree distances that are the shortest distance between control points.
1.5	Teams consist of between 2 to 6 members ( tandems count as one member thus 6 tandems allows 12 riders).
1.6	The end location and the range of acceptable start & finish times are defined by the organiser such that earliest start time and latest finish time are 35 hours apart.
1.6.1	- The earliest start time is 00:01 Good Friday and the finish time is between 08:00 and 11:00 the following day.
1.6.2	- The Easter Trail must be at least a minimum distance of 201k and maximum distance of 360k.
1.7	Teams agree in advance with the organiser their own start location, time and control details. Routes can be circular and in any direction but must eventually head for the nominated end location. The nominated start time must be adhered to.
1.8	The route must have a minimum of three controls (not including the start and finish controls) spaced at least 50 km apart.
1.9	A mandatory stop of 8 hours during the hours of darkness is required.
1.10	Different teams may not ride together. If several teams use the same starting point and route the start times for the individual teams shall be spaced at least one hour apart.
1.11	The team must ride together, and at least 2 team members must arrive at the finish for the ride to be validated. Only team members who ride the whole distance will be validated.
1.12	Proof of passage by GPS:
1.12.1	- Each team member shall make a GPS track that is identical (as far as is practicable) to the route submitted in the entry and which passes through ALL the designated control points including the start.
1.12.2	- If any team member's GPS unit fails, their proof of passage must be obtained at all the missing controls by getting a receipt or if a receipt is not available a photo of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign) may be substituted.
1.13	Proof of passage by Brevet Card:
1.13.1	- Each team member shall obtain proof of passage at the starting point, at each designated control, and at both the time of arrival at and departure from the overnight stop.
1.13.2	- Proof of passage may be in the form of a stamp, ATM or till receipt or an alternative proof of passage as agreed in advance with the organiser.
1.13.3	- If proof of passage is not available photos of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign) may be substituted.
1.13.4	- Distances will be credited from the shortest distance between control points, but must be within 20% of the distance agreed with the organiser.
1.14	No AUK distance points or AAA points are awarded for these rides.