

Skyride Etape Hibernia – 22/08/2010



Proposed Route

Key:

Section	Distance (miles)	Road Closed	Road Open
Start – Ruan	5.16	06:00	09:00
Ruan – Corofin	4.29	06:00	09:15
Corofin – N67/R476 Jnc	12.98	07:00	10:15
Jnc – Black Head	6.83	07:30	10:45
Black Head – Craggycorraden Castle	9.62	08:00	11:45
Castle – Crag	14.04	08:00	12:45
Crag – Spanish Point (N67 jnc)	8.1	08:30	13:30
N76 – Ennis Ring Road	18.73	09:00	15:00
Ennis Ring Road – Finish	1.6	10:00	15:30



As organisers of the Sky Ride Etape Hibernia, we are writing to inform residents of our intention to run a brand new closed-road cycle event on **Sunday 22nd August 2010**. IMG (International Management Group) have extensive experience in organising large mass participation sporting events, including The Macmillan Cancer Support Etape Caledonia, that is now in its fourth year and now attracts more than 4,500 competitors.

The 84 mile route shown overleaf will start and finish in the town of Ennis.

We are working closely with Shannon Development, Failte Ireland, Clare County Council and Clare Sports partnership to ensure we communicate effectively with all residents throughout event planning process. We are also liaising with Medical agencies, emergency services and Gardai to ensure the event is run in the safest possible way. We would like to reassure you that access to emergency services, medical care and veterinary services will not be restricted during the road closure period. Additional medical cover will be paid for by the event, to treat both the participants and members of the public, as required.

We must emphasise that the road closure is in place for the safety of all competitors and residents and prohibits access for all types of vehicle and livestock, other than the emergency services and route management vehicles. Pedestrian access will be maintained to premises situated on, or adjacent to, the affected roads. It is important that you are aware of the event taking place, note any road closures that may affect you and extra care on August 22nd.

Tourism is crucially important to the economy of County Clare and significant benefits can be seen from the direct economic impact of people attending similar events that we have organised throughout the UK. In Clare, we expect more than 2,000 competitors in our first year (2010), with families and friends joining those taking part. We hope that the event will provide a big boost to the local economy. We hope you will join us in welcoming the cyclists to County Clare in August, by supporting the event.

We will be holding public meetings on 26th April from 15:00 – 18:00 at The Old Ground Hotel in Ennis and on Tuesday 27th April from 11:00 – 14:00 at The Falls Hotel in Ennistymon. We encourage you to meet us at either of these venues to discuss any particular concerns or queries you may have.

We know that the success of the Co Clare event requires your support and involvement in the event itself as volunteers or in organising support for the cyclists at key locations along the route????

If you are interested in getting involved with the event, our volunteer positions are a perfect way to help deliver an exciting local event. Please contact us for further information

Please refer to our website for any further event information at www.etapehibernia.com.

If you have any specific questions we are more than happy to address them so please contact us by emailing info@etapehibernia.com or phoning 020 8233 5900. We look forward to seeing you at the event in the summer.

Yours faithfully

The Sky Ride Etape Hibernia