

The BMW Club

“RIDER PERFECTION” TRACK DAYS 2020

FOR ALL RIDERS

After the enforced break you will be glad to hear that The BMW Club is holding two of our highly successful track days in 2022. We will be at our usual venues, Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire on the full circuit on Monday July 18th and then the Snetterton 300 Circuit in Norfolk on Monday 8th August (the dates are provisional subject only to our receiving enough early bookings). Both days are open to all riders on any make of bike provided that the rider has a full motorcycle driving licence, wears full leathers while on track (securely zipped together if two piece) and the bike is road legal in every respect. It should be noted that a full size number plate is required, in addition, tyre warmers are not permitted.

Why choose The BMW Club for your track days?

If your motorcycling is primarily on the public roads and riding on a track is either an occasional pleasure or a first time experience, there are a number of reasons why you should ride with us:

- We are enthusiasts running a not-for-profit day with a “club” feel
- We restrict entries to significantly less than the number of bikes allowed on the track at one time so you get more track space than on a full commercial track day
- We have instructors who consider it a pleasure to ride with track novices and for first timers we have 2, 3, or 4 riders per instructor in the first session
- We restrict entries to road bikes only, which we have found means fewer stoppages on these days so our participants get the full use of the available track time
- Instruction, help and assessment available to all participants at no extra cost
- Comprehensive safety briefing, with emphasis given to faster riders to look after the less experienced on track
- A full programme and timetable for the day, including guidance and advice for newcomers, issued in advance to all participants.

The Format

All the days will run in our traditional format with 3 groups for Cautious, Intermediate and Experienced riders respectively. The emphasis in all three groups is to develop smooth and accurate lines.

The groups take it in turns to ride 20 minute sessions on track and each group is allocated 7 sessions in the course of the day.

For those not familiar with the way we run our track days, less experienced riders (especially those who have no previous track experience) start the day riding in instructor-led squads of 2, 3 or 4 riders depending on the information they have given us on their entry forms. They then receive individual debriefings and, if appropriate, are encouraged to ride the next session in the same manner, progressing to riding in front of the instructor as their confidence builds. The importance of following the “ideal line” is stressed over the need for speed. Beginners are welcome to ride with one of our experienced instructors for as much of the day as they want to.

We have several instructors and coaches with race experience who will be delighted to ride a session (or two) one on one with any participant who would like to develop their technique. You will be amazed at how much you can learn by asking an expert who knows the circuit to follow you for a few laps and then give you a personal debriefing. Our commitment to full sessions of led laps for less experienced riders will still be very much in force.



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Cadwell Park, Monday 18th July

For the last 5 years we have held a track day at Cadwell Park. This year we are starting there and having two days instead of one. It is a circuit that our instructors know well and at which we all love to ride. Riding round Cadwell Park is like riding on a fast country lane which some kindly administrator has turned into a one-way road; this makes Cadwell an ideal place to develop your “real world” riding skills.

Snetterton, Monday 8th August

The Snetterton 300 circuit is probably the best “airfield circuit” in the country, and rides like the race circuit that it undoubtedly is. The track is wider than Cadwell in many places giving you much more experience of choosing the right line to make the best of the corners, it’s a great follow up if you have done the Cadwell days earlier in the year.

You are invited

You don’t have to join our club to take part though you are most welcome to do so before, at, or after your event. We hope you will come and enjoy riding with us in 2022, in a relaxed “club” atmosphere, giving you the opportunity to develop your skills in a safe environment at two of the UK’s iconic motorsport venues.

We will give priority to bookings from Club members as well as a discounted price so there is an advantage to joining before you book.

A word of warning, track days are addictive! As one of our regular participants puts it: *“They are probably not as safe as sitting at your work desk, but safer than your journey to and from!”*

How much does it cost?

For both circuits this year we have had to charge the same price of £160 for members of The BMW Club and £175 for non-members. It makes sense to join the Club (for £32) and you’ll get the discounted price as well as all the other benefits club membership brings.

Bookings can only be made by sending the organiser a completed booking form and we require payment in full 6 weeks before the event. Booking forms can be downloaded from the Sporting Register page at The BMW Club web site www.thebmwclub.org.uk and are also available by email from the organiser, Robert Bensley, who acts for and on behalf of The BMW Club.

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