



3-10 September 2017

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OVO Energy Tour of Britain



The OVO Energy information pack has been developed to introduce you to this year's race and give you some ideas to use in the school during and after The Tour visits Suffolk.

There is a wealth of knowledge about the race available on www.tourofbritain.co.uk. You can also find more information on cycling at www.britishcycling.org.uk/getinvolved or www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure/cycling-in-east-suffolk

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When does it happen?

- The Tour starts on Sunday 3 September and finishes on Sunday 10 September.
- **Stage 1** Edinburgh to Kelso
- **Stage 2** Kielder Water and Forest Park to Blyth
- **Stage 3** Normanby Hall Country Park to Scunthorpe
- **Stage 4** Mansfield to Newark-on-Trent
- **Stage 5** Tendring Stage Individual Time Trial
- **Stage 6** Nemarket to Aldeburgh
- **Stage 7** Hemel Hempstead to Cheltenham
- **Stage 8** Worcester to Cardiff

How many cyclists take part in the OVO Energy Tour of Britain

There will be 20 teams taking part in the 2017 OVO Energy Tour of Britain made up of six riders each which will mean we will have 120 riders riding in Suffolk on a road near you

How do the teams work?

Each team usually has:

A Leader - someone who will try and finish each stage of the race first

A mountain climber - someone that is good at cycling up hills.

A sprinter - someone that can cycle very fast

Domestiques - cyclists that help the team leader get to the finish first. Their job is to shelter the leader from wind, fetch food and drink and even give up their bike if the leader has a mechanical problem.

History of The Tour of Britain



Stage Winners

- Mark Cavendish has won the most stages of the modern Tour of Britain, with 10 victories.
- Five riders have won three or more stages in a single edition of the race, they are Edvald Boasson Hagen (3 in 2008, 4 in 2009); Alessandro Petacchi (3 in 2008); Andre Greipel (3 in 2010); Mark Cavendish (3 in 2012, 3 in 2013); and Elia Viviani (3 in 2015).
- Edvald Boasson Hagen holds the record for the most stages won in a single edition of the race, having won four stages on his way to overall victory in 2009.
- Eleven riders have won stages in more than one edition of the modern Tour of Britain they are Tom Boonen (2004 & 2006); Roger Hammond (2005 & 2006); Mark Cavendish (2007, 2011, 2012 & 2013); Matt Goss (2007 & 2008); Edvald Boasson Hagen (2008 & 2009); Andre Greipel (2010, 2015 & 2016); Wout Poels (2010, 2015 & 2016); Mark Renshaw (2011 & 2014); Elia Viviani (2013 & 2015); Sir Bradley Wiggins (2013 & 2014); and Julien Vermote (2014 & 2016).
- 20 different nationalities of rider have won stages of the modern Tour of Britain. British riders have won the most with 20 stage wins between 2004 and 2016, three ahead of Italy.
- Italian riders are the most prolific, with 11 different riders having won stages of the modern Tour of Britain.
- 60 different riders have won stages of the Tour of Britain, the most recent addition to the list being Caleb Ewan in London in 2016.

What do the different Jersey's mean?



OVO Energy Green Jersey

Awarded to the rider leading The OVO Energy Tour of Britain overall, the Green Jersey is what every rider in The Tour seeks to pull on. The Green Jersey is easily identifiable in the peloton, showing you who is currently leading The OVO Energy Tour of Britain.



Wiggle Points Jersey

Awarded to the most consistent finisher in the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, the Wiggle Points Jersey is Britain's equivalent of the Tour de France's green jersey. The first 15 riders across the finish line are awarded points on a 15 down to 1 basis, with the rider who has accumulated the most points wearing the jersey.



SKODA King of the Mountains Jersey

Awarded to the best climber in the OVO Energy Tour of Britain, riders battle for points at designated SKODA King of the Mountains climbs on every road stage of The Tour. Ranked in one of three categories according to their difficulty, the first riders across the summit win points with the rider who has accumulated the most points wearing the SKODA King of the Mountains jersey



The Eisberg Sprints Jersey

Each road stage of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain features three intermediate Sprints, where points are awarded towards the Eisberg Sprints Jersey. Highly popular with fans, riders battle it out to be first across the sprint line to claim points, and also bonus seconds to be taken off their overall race time. If the overall lead for the OVO Energy Tour of Britain is tight, expect the battle for the time bonuses to be intense, just as in 2007 when an intermediate sprint helped decide who won The Tour overall..

Different types of cycle races



Road Cycling



Road bicycles involve both team and individual competitions and races as contested in various way. They can be one day races, time trial and multi stage events like The OVO Energy Women's Tour (over 5 days) and Tour de France (22 days).

Track Cycling



Track cycling takes place on banked tracks or in a velodrome. Events are different and can range from individual and team pursuits, two-man sprints and mass start races.

Mountain Bike



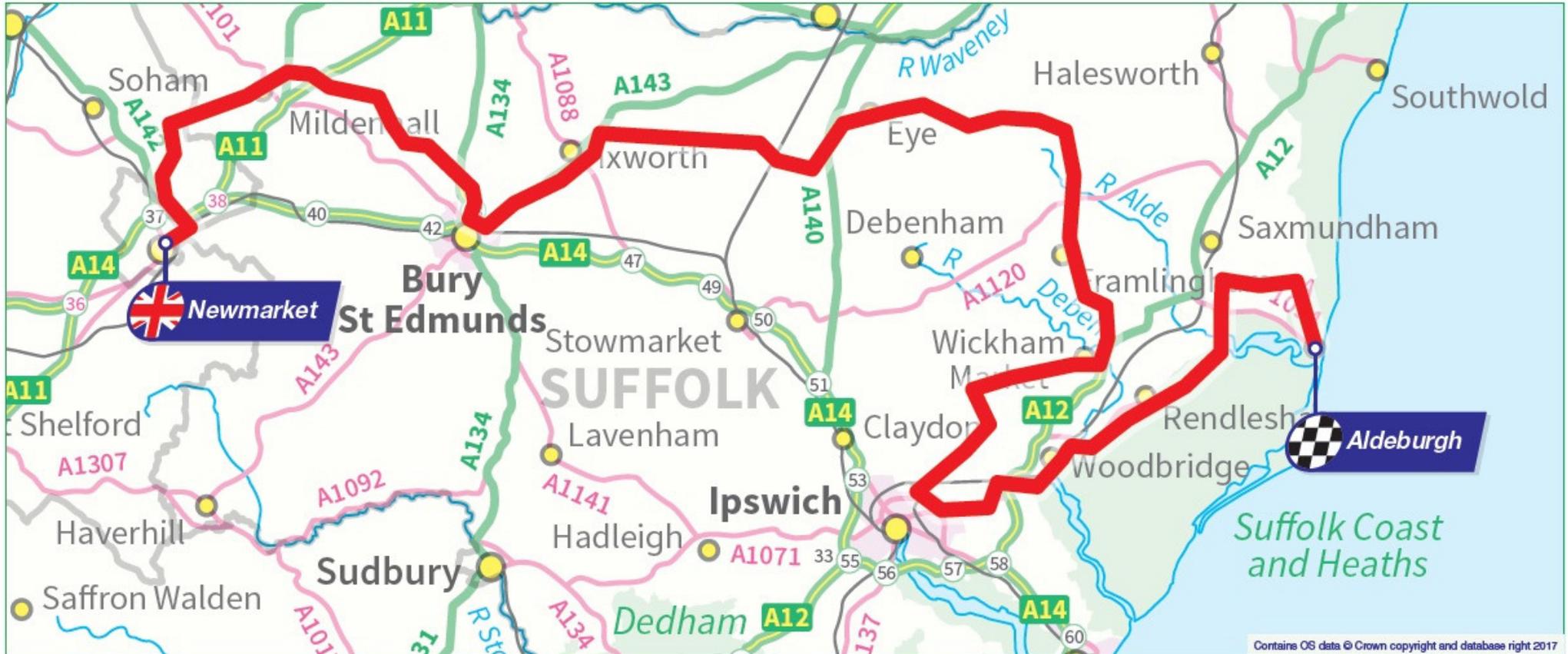
Mountain bike races are held off-road and the riders are very highly skilled. The main categories are cross-country and downhill.

BMX

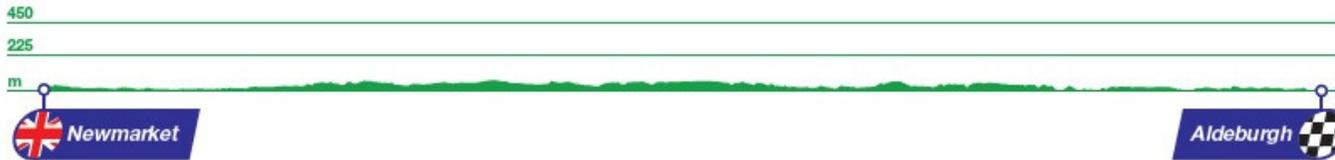


BMX takes place off-road. BMX races are sprints on purpose-built off-road single laps on single gear bikes. Riders ride around a dirt course which contains jumps and banked and flat corners.

Stage 6 route map



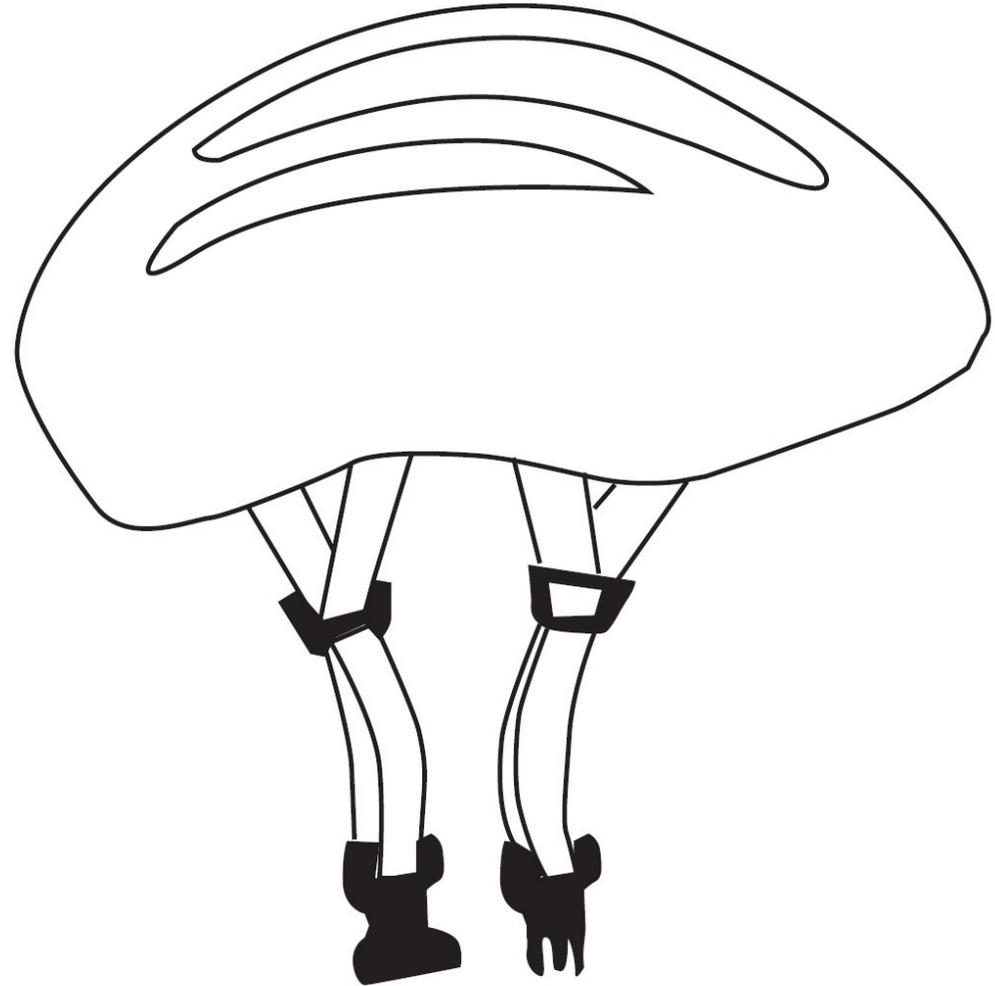
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Stage distance	Total ascent
183 kilometres	1,228 metres

Helmet Design

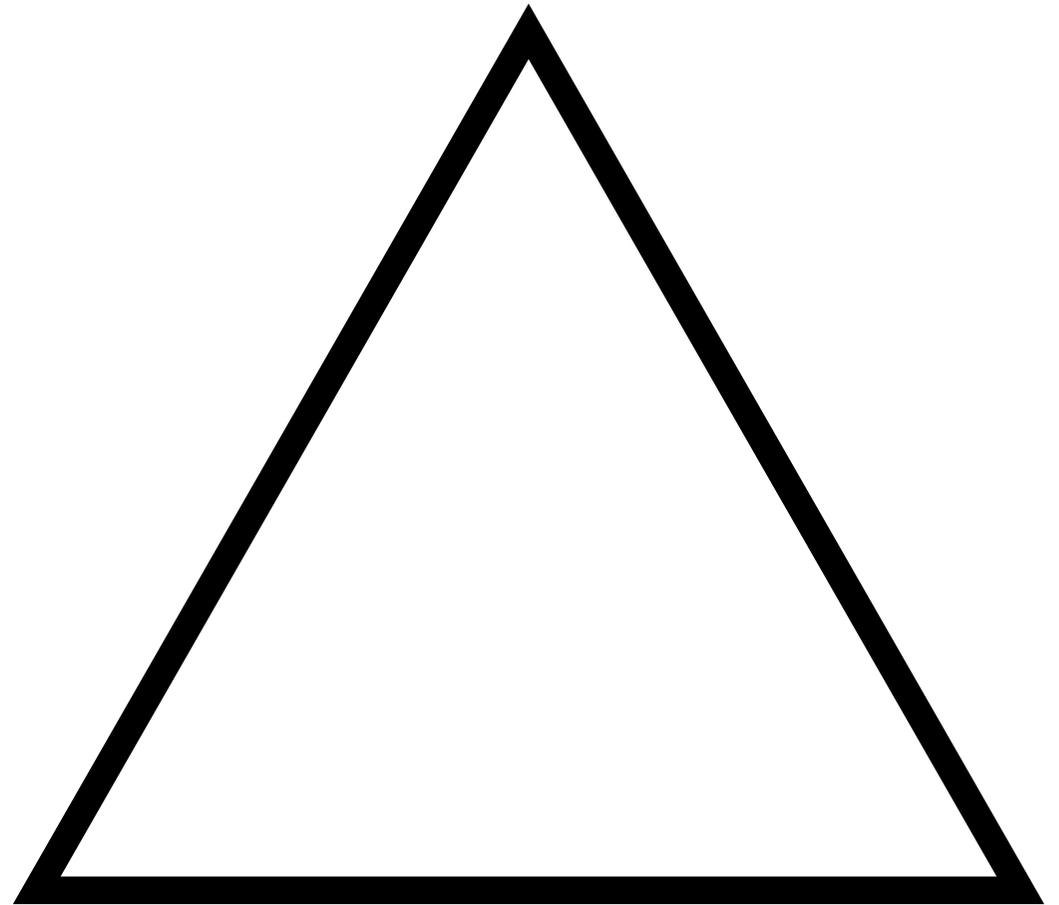
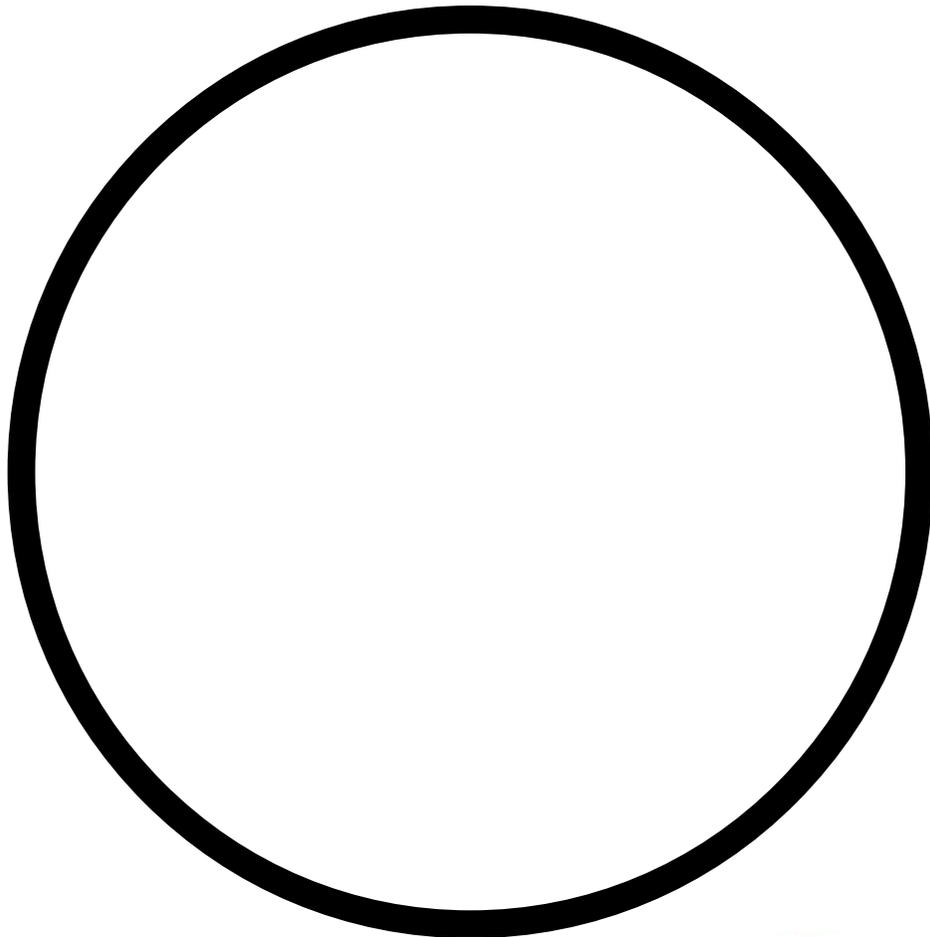
Get equipped! Come up with a cool design for the surface of the helmet. Have a competition with your classmates to see who can come up with the coolest idea.



Road sign templates



Road signs have to communicate information or warnings quickly and clearly. Try designing a road sign to let drivers know there are young cyclists ahead, or come with a design for a message about cycling that you want to communicate.



Wordsearch



E S L W I Q L H T T R S A M E
L P R I M F X G G M E S C W S
D E B A G C T R R V E M H S N
D D J S B H A U B H H E L J W
A A I B O E T B R R E Z G E Y
S L V I X H L E Q L I T M E H
U I L C J O T D D I E T N G L
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M I S N Q K N M R L U L W O A
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Find the words linked to the OVO Energy Tour of Britain

Adnams	Helmet	Water
Aldeburgh	Light	Wheel
Anglian	Newmarket	
Bicycle	OVO	
Britain	Pedal	
Chain	Road	
Energy	Saddle	
Handlebars	Tour	

How can my school get involved?

Learn more about the OVO Energy Tour of Britain

- Ask pupils to locate towns visited by the OVO Energy Tour of Britain on a map of the UK.
- Look at the route map and identify famous landmarks the race passes through.
- Look at the route between Newmarket and Aldeburgh, where does it go? Pupils could find photographs and build a route by picture collage.
- Research the teams. Which countries will be represented by The Tour riders?
- Research Britain's most famous male riders. Where do they come from and what have they achieved?
- Use the well-known jerseys to get pupils to research their meanings.
- Use some of the stats to create fun equivalents. For example, professional cyclists consume around 7,000 calories each day compared to 2,500. How much more food is that?

For more information



www.thetourofbritain.co.uk

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure/cycling-in-east-Suffolk

