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Welsh Festival of Cycling THE DEVIL'S STAIRCASE

THE WELSH FESTIVAL of Cycling is a social cycling rally that takes place each summer. It's run along similar lines to the Birthday Rides, albeit on a smaller scale. This year's festival, which attracted almost 100 cyclists between 21 and 26 July, was based at Llandovery in mid-Wales. There were four rides each day, ranging from easy ones on flat roads through to challenging legstretchers that took in climbs such as The Devil's Staircase – which is 25% at its steepest. Next year's Welsh Festival of Cycling will be based at Ruthin from 20-25 July. More details will be published in Cycle next year.