

NG Road Racing... Castle Combe Preview



Round 7 | Castle Combe | 31st August and 1st September 2019

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Time to step up for those who would be crowned King (...of Combe).

We are already at meeting seven of the 2019 series and this year of NG Road Racing has proven to be stunning season with full grids and great racing in all classes so far.

The focus for many here will be the King of Combe where all the fastest riders of the weekend will mass for a shot at the prestigious title, but there is so much more competition out on track.

We have the National championships for 125GP, 250GP and FSRA Formula 2 Sidecars. All three reward the winners with the tag of British Champion so we really to have the cream of British talent on show.

Over the last few years this Castle Combe meeting has carried the Grand National title and for good reason.

Its not just about the feature races though, there is the full range of NG Road racing championship classes so there is something for every racer and race fan with two full days of action on and off track at this the Castle Combe Grand National meeting.....sit back and enjoy the racing.

For those who like to get up close to the machinery there are always the bikes of special interest and parade machines to take a look at on the static stands that help celebrate Barry Sheene 50 years after his Combe win.

.....Plus to can get up close and personal with all the stars in attendance as they enjoy the action too.



Josh Day | Was crowned King of Combe last year, and has been the Man to beat in 2019....Can anyone depose the man who would be king ?

Castle Combe Circuit

This 1.85 mile circuit was developed from the RAF base that was opened in 1941, but was decommissioned just 7 years later in 1948. 1952 saw the first bike race meeting take place with John Surtees taking the 500 race, just three years before becoming World 500cc champion.

The circuit has remained with pretty much the same layout over the last 66 year, but for the introduction of a couple of chicanes. It has seen all the greats race here on four and two wheels from Moss to Senna, and Surtees to Sheene. And remember is also the **ONLY** circuit in Europe that you can walk all the way round as a spectator and continue to watch the racing on track.

NG's Fastest Rider at Castle Combe

Josh Day holds the figures for the fastest NG lap here at Combe from September last year, circulating in 1 min 9.06sec on his ZX10R Kawasaki, which equates to an average of 97.21mph.

Adding extra interest to the weekend

NG Road Racing is again running and promoting the British National series for Hartsmere Logistics 125cc and Dunlop 250cc GP machinery. This is the only place in the UK that you will see these ex-GP machines racing for a full British Championship title backed by the ACU (The sports governing body in the UK). Plus for sidecar fans we have the FSRA British F2 Sidecars.

.....and there's so much more !!

This meeting celebrates Barry Sheene (....arguably one of the UK's best known riders....ever) who had a win here some 50 years ago in 1969 on a 125cc Bultaco before moving into the British Championship and then ultimately onto 500cc world titles in 1976/77. One of his team mates from that era Steve Parrish is also a special guest.

Four-time WSB champion Carl Fogarty is also on the guest list. He won the King of Combe, and set a new outright lap record here on the old layout some 30 years ago !

Local BSB star Tommy Bridewell is also mixing it with the crowds, as too will be ex-500GP star New Zealander Graeme Crosby who will be out on track on his 1981 Texaco Heron RG500 Suzuki for some demo laps.

There is on track action over both days and static displays of some very special bikes from over the years.

Check out www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk for all the information.

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A Grand National like no other....Race action, Race legends and Parades.

The 2019 NG Road Racing season sees eight rounds staged between March and September at all of the UK's premier circuits with Brands Hatch, Snetterton, Donington, Cadwell, Pembrey, Anglesey, Castle Combe and Oulton on the list. This great spread of venues means that the very best riders end up as class champions.

At each meeting the season long championship runners are joined by wild-cards that dip into the series for one off outings to spice things up nicely.

Castle Combe this year sits right at the part of the season when riders are really focussed of the championship so competition can be tight....and a little fraught as error ant this stage of the year will be punished by your championship rivals. The Grand National meeting sees a host of special guests and attractions that swell the West Country crowd to BSB esque numbers

The guest list includes, ex-WSB champ Carl Fogarty, former 500GP star Graeme Crosby and local BSB rider Tommy Bridewell and former British champion and 500 GP rider Steve Parrish.



Race Day Timetable

Timetable	Sat	Sun	Timings are subject to change by the promoters and/or circuit management.
Technical Inspection	7:00am	8:00am	See the bikes being checked by the Scrutineers, and wander round the pits.
Free Practice	9:00am	9:00am	Watch the riders get familiar with the circuit in free practice.
Timed qualifying	10:30am	-	Timed qualifying to set grid positions.
Championship Races	14:00pm	10:00am	Now it gets serious.....Championship points, trophies and glory at stake.

Admission Prices.

Ticket Type	Sat	Sun	
Adults	£15	£20	Two-day weekend ticket just £30
Seniors	£12	£17	Two-day weekend ticket just £24
Under 17 (accompanied)	Free	Free	See www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk for conditions
Night with the Carl Fogarty	£25		Saturday Night 8pm -10pm

For full conditions of admission and to take advantage of online bookings - www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk

Directions to the Circuit

Castle Combe is situated in Wiltshire near J17 and J18 of the M4 and approx. 5 miles West of Chippenham on the B4039. Look out for the brown chequered flag signs. **Sat Nav: SN14 7EY**

What's on track

Up to 20 NG Road Racing championship races each day split into qualifying and championship races for each of the classes. That means some 8 hours of on track action each day. I suggest you get in nice and early, take a wander around the paddock and soak up the atmosphere as the riders go though technical inspection and free practice, they then take to the track for timed qualifying. There is then battle for one set of championship points on Saturday and two sets of points on Sunday when the riders come to the grid.

Feature and Guest races: The King of Combe National
125/250GP ACU National Championship
The ACU/FSRA F2 British Sidecar Championship
The Phoenix Open
The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series
The Formula Prostocks Racing Series

NG Championship classes: F125 | 125GP | F400 | 500cc | 600cc | Powerbike | Sound of Thunder
Super Twin | Mini Twin | Streetstock | Pre Injection

The 2019 Season

Round 1	Brands Hatch	16th and 17th March	Round 5	Pembrey	13th and 14th July
Round 2	Snetterton	13th and 14th April	Round 6	Anglesey	10th and 11th August
Round 3	Donington Park	11th and 12th May	Round 7	Castle Combe	31st August and 1st September
Round 4	Cadwell Park	1st and 2nd June	Round 8	Oulton Park	28th September

For all the info...

For full information regarding this event, including the meeting race preview check out the NG Road Racing Facebook page which can be found by searching in the usual way... then just click like... or log on to | www.ngroadracing.org
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