

NG Road Racing... Brands Hatch Information



Round 1 | Brands Hatch | 17th and 18th March 2018

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2018 Starts right here, and right now.... But be careful.... Brands can bite !!!



Turn One at Brands | No place for the faint-hearted. David Irons leads the Sound of Thunder pack in..... He went on to take the title.

This meeting kicks off the NG action for it's 48th year of promoting motorcycle racing in the UK.

For 2018 NG Road Racing and it's riders will visit eight of the UK's premier circuits from Brands Hatch, through Anglesey with the challenge of the Corkscrew, Cadwell Park and the Mountain, before the fast and flat Snetterton 200 circuit. Then it will be back to Wales with a summertime visit to the technical Pembrey circuit, from there we take the trip to Donington Park, followed by the Castle Combe Grand National Meeting with more stars and special attractions than you can shake the proverbial stick at before the championship finale at Oulton Park in October.

That seems a long way away now, but once the season gets underway it will be round in a heart-beat with all-new champions.

As anyone involved in racing knows, championships are hard won, and can never be won at round number one of the season..... However they certain can be lost ! an early season error means you are playing catch-up all year !

Brands Hatch has a reputation for a lack of grip early season. It will be the clever riders to come away with the points and prizes after this first race weekend of 2018..... let's get on the grid and have some fun.....

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	10:00am	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	11:00am	Now it gets serious.....Championship points, trophies and glory at stake.

Admission Prices.

Ticket Type	Sat	Sun	
Adult	£16	£16	Online discounts available One-day ticket £12 Two-day ticket £20
Children (13 to 15)	£10	£10	Only if accompanied by an adult Online discounts available at £8 per day
Children (U13)	Free	Free	Only if accompanied by an adult

For full conditions of admission and to take advantage of online bookings | www.motorsportvision.co.uk

Directions to the Circuit

Brands Hatch is situated in Kent, approximately 3 miles from J3 of the M25 and just off the A20 near Longfield.

Brands Hatch Circuit signs are evident from all directions | **Sat Nav: DA3 8NG**

What's on track

Up to 20 NG Road Racing championship races each day split into qualifiers and finals 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 through technical inspection and free practice, they then take to the track for the new for 2018 timed qualifying sessions. There are then three points scoring championship races over the weekend.

Feature and Guest races: 125/250GP ACU National Championship | The Phoenix Open | The Ducati Sporting Club Desmo Due Series
The Formula Prostocks Racing Series | TSGP Two-stroke GP Series

NG Championship classes: F125 | 125GP | Moto 3 | F400 | 500cc | 600cc | Powerbike | Sound of Thunder | Supermono
Super Twin | Mini Twin | Streetstock | Pre Injection | Sidecars | Newcomers

The 2018 Season

Round 1	Brands Hatch	17th and 18th March	Round 5	Pembrey	7th and 8th July
Round 2	Anglesey	21st and 22nd April	Round 6	Donington Park	11th and 12th August
Round 3	Cadwell Park	12th and 13th May	Round 7	Castle Combe	1st and 2nd September
Round 4	Snetterton 200	2nd and 3rd June	Round 8	Oulton Park	6th October

For all the info...

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

For information specific to this round and the circuit take a look at | www.motorsportvision.co.uk

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Has all the winter preparation paid off ?..... Let's get on the grid and find out.



2 - Josh Day | Josh was the man to beat in 2017. He is back to defend his Open and Powerbike titles. Who will step up and take the fight to him in 2018 ?

The long winter months working away in the garages all over the country by the UK's hard core club and national level riders is now done, the wait is over, it's time to get back out on track.

The lucky ones will have been down to Spain to test, the not so lucky ones will have been to Mallory Park or Pembrey for a finger freezing test session. What ever your pre-season prep.... today you find out if all the work has paid dividends. Last seasons form book is ripped up and everyone has the chance to make a name for themselves.

Last seasons top man was Josh Day on his ZX10 Kawasaki, but a host of new challengers on new machinery are out to topple last years Open and Powerbike double champ. Peter Carr, James Kiff, Mark Compton, Nick Williamson, Chris Pope,

Michael Blank, Shaun Hennessey and Alistair Haynes will be out to take top honours. The ZX10R is the proven choice, but it is nice to see a mix of new GSXR's and more than a couple of Ducati Panigale's to spice things up.

Many of last years champions are back to defend titles but there are so many more looking to make a name for themselves. Aaron Ridewood, Simon Bastable and Kayla Barrington ended 2017 in hot form in the 600 class. Ridewood likes Brands so could he be the first to step up against current 600 champ Max Symonds ?

Social media has been awash with riders announcing new plans for 2018 so it will be great to see who can turn talk into wins and points.

With a full range of classes to cater for all tastes from the 125GP bikes through Supermonos, the Mini-Twins and Super-Twins to the Supersports and Streetstockers right up to the Powerbikes, whatever whets your racing appetite there is a space on the grids for you.

Add in the guest classes including the Ducati Desmo Dues and the ever increasing band of Formula Prostocks, with a refreshed class line up, and again we at NG are proud to run the 125 and 250GP National Championship series where Ant Hodson took his second title last year. Rumour has it that former double champ Philip Atkinson will be back on the grid this term (....but not unfortunately at this round).

Lets get the season underway, but remember you cannot win that championship today, but you sure can loose it !

Brands Hatch Circuit

The Brands Hatch Indy circuit is just 1.198 miles long but packs in 6 big corners. On a bike the machine is never actually upright as the "so-called" straight sections, like the Cooper straight are so short, and are linked by some big corners. Just take a look at the circuit map, and you will see what I mean.

Brands Hatch Facts

Brands Hatch has a great place in UK racing with a track that dates back to 1926, although a switch of direction in 1964 to the more recognisable layout proved a hit. It is one of the only venues in the world to hold WSB, F1, GT Car, WTCC, Indycar and Nascar. It was rammed back in the late 1990's when Carl Fogarty was at his peak in World Supers pulling in over 80,000 punters for race day.

NG's Fastest Rider at Brands Hatch

Josh Day is the NG Road Racing lap record holder at 47.29 sec, that's an average of 91.94mph, set in March last year ZX10R Kawasaki.

Adding extra interest to the weekend.....

NG Road Racing is again running and promoting the British National series for 125cc and 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). We also welcome the Ducati Desmo Due Series back for another year and the same goes for the ever growing band of Formula Prostock runners. Making one of there many 2018 NG outings we will have the TSGP Two-stroke runners, plus the ever popular Sidecars.

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