

CompassGold Rules

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Following are the guidelines for earning a Certificate of Completion for visiting the four "compass points" of mainland Ireland (as determined by IBA Ireland: Malin Head, Burr Point, Dunmore Head and Brow Head) AND riding additional mileage between these points to achieve at least 1,000 miles within 24hours (essentially this is a SS1000 incorporating the stated locations, with specific receipts procedure).

You may complete the ride two-up (with one person doing the piloting, the other being a passenger the entire distance - you may not share piloting duties!). In these cases, the Iron Butt Association issues one certificate, with both rider and passenger on it, but we provide two copies of it; one for the rider and one for the passenger. There is NO additional charge for a passenger.

There are three prime steps to earning a Compass Gold Certificate.

- 1. Choose a safe route,**
- 2. Collect and track receipts (Note specific requirements)**
- 3. Copy and submit your documentation and photographs.**

Since safety is our primary concern, no pre-registration of your ride is needed. Our goal is to give you added flexibility to decide on any given day whether the combination of weather, your motorcycle and most importantly, your attitude, are ready for a big ride.

STEP ONE, Choose your preferred route.

Your ride needs to be completely documented (steps outlined below) . This ride involves riding over 1,000 miles within a 24-hour time frame. Please note that this ride is more difficult than a standard SS1,000 due to the nature of some of the roads to be ridden on route. You should aim to avoid riding the South and West during the hours of darkness.

Please keep in mind, 24hours is wall time, not riding time. So, if you start your ride at 5:00 am on June 1st, you must finish it before 4:59 am on June 2nd.

You may start and finish this ride at any location making sure you:

1. Make the minimum Mileage of 1,000 miles.
AND
2. Visit Malin Head, Burr Point, Dunmore Head and Brow Head, in whichever order you prefer.

STEP TWO: Collect and track Dated Business Receipts (DBRs)

Before the start, find a location that a good DBR, which includes (Location, Time and Date) on it to document the start of your ride.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Date and time is most important for your Start and Finish receipts. They are much less critical on the other ride receipts. We know there are mistakes on many petrol station clocks - spend your time concentrating on the start and end receipts.

Where feasible fill up your tank and obtain a computer printed receipt with a legible date and time stamp.

AT THE START OF THE RIDE, PHOTOGRAPH YOUR STARTING RECEIPT ALONGSIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE ODOMETER.

***** THE COMPUTER TIME STAMP WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL STARTING TIME *****

The following log entries are mandatory:

- Log entries must be made at each petrol stop. A log entry includes the following information; DATE, TIME, LOCATION (i.e. Dublin), FUEL QUANTITY and ODOMETER reading. A receipt must accompany each log book entry (please note, that the receipts from these fuel stops, where possible should include a date stamp - we do NOT care about time stamps on these receipts, do not waste time worrying about time stamps, the only time stamps that are critical are the **Start and Finish receipts!**).
- Log entries will be required for turning points in your route. Remember that we calculate your route distance using the location of your receipts. Make sure you obtain receipts from important turn points. E.g.: if you rode from Cork to Dublin via Limerick, you need a receipt from Limerick. Therefore, it is beneficial to try to plan a route with as large a distance as possible from point A to B to C etc. This will reduce the number of receipts required.
- In order for the verification team to account for your time, **log entries must be made at each stop longer than 30 minutes** (for example you decide to stop at a roadside rest stop for a nap during the ride). Each entry for extended stops must include the approximate length of the stop or the start time and ending time. Meals that take longer than 30 minutes are considered rest stops - where possible please try and obtain a restaurant receipt. Obviously, many types of stops, for example a stop in a rest area, will not generate any kind of receipt - this is acceptable, but please account for the time in your trip log.

WARNING: If your motorcycle is equipped with a large fuel-tank, please note that you must stop at least once every 350 miles for fuel (this is purely for documentation for your ride). Although we know it is possible to ride greater distances non-stop, we will not accept a claim of this type.

At the end of your ride, before the 24-hour time period is up, obtain a DBR (preferably a petrol station).

AT THE END OF THE RIDE, PHOTOGRAPH YOUR FINAL RECEIPT ALONGSIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE ODOMETER.

***** THE RECEIPT WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL ENDING TIME *****

This ride poses some difficulties regarding receipts, thus a hybrid evidence system is employed.

Compass Point receipts:

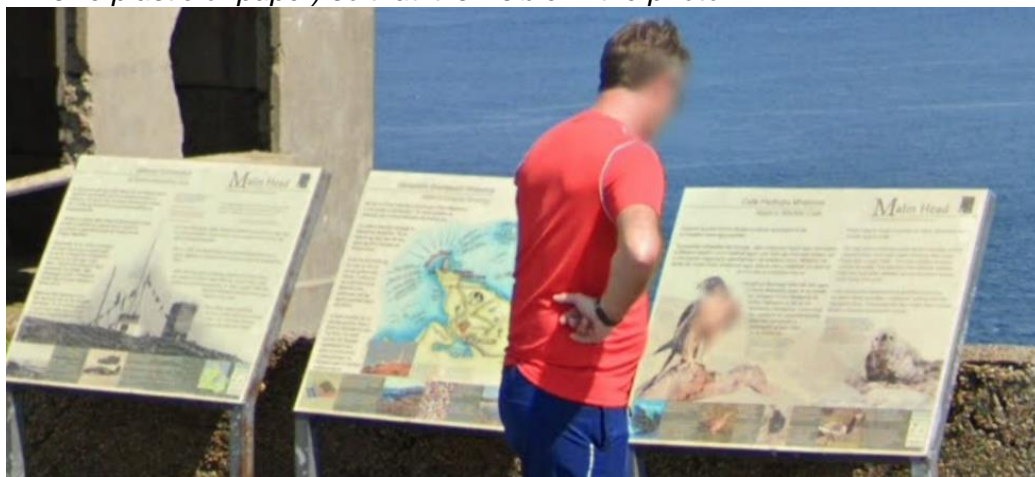
Near each Compass location you will obtain a receipt and copy the time as printed on the location receipt onto a piece of card, plastic, paper etc and include this in the photo at the relevant photo locations. eg: your receipt says "07:48:33"...you copy "07:48:33" onto your photo board/sheet. THEREFORE, MAKE SURE YOU CARRY A MARKER PEN AND SOMETHING TO WRITE THE INFORMATION ONTO. A PIECE OF A4 SIZE WHITE PVC AND A BLACK CRAYON IS IDEAL. We would recommend the use of plastic sheet to write on as wind and rain plays havoc with paper.....bitter experience by test rider!!!

These are the suggested Locations for receipts.

- **Malin Head** [N55.38084 W7.37405](#):

Get a receipt from Carndonagh. An ATM is available at N55.25136 W7.26046 but you may use any location in Carndonagh. Continue the short distance to Malin Head and take a Photograph of the public Information Board at the top car park.

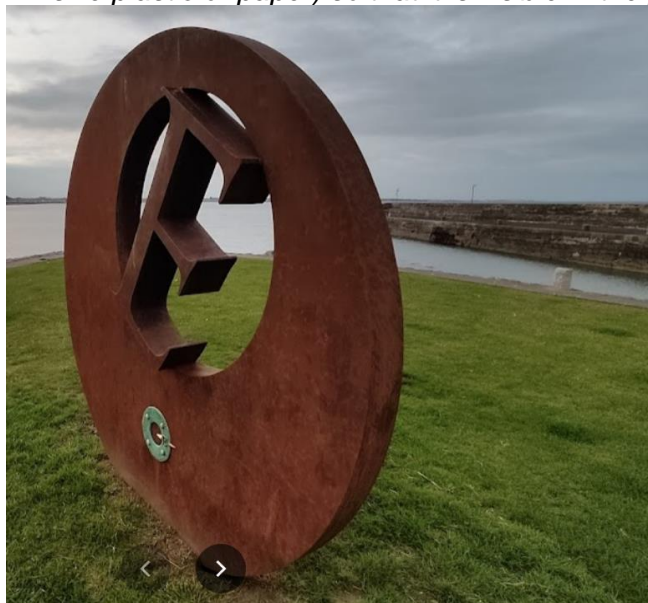
Make sure you hold the Carndonagh Receipt time Information (which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.



- **Burr Point** [N54.48883 W5.43471](#):

Get a receipt from Kircubbin. An ATM is available at the [Circle K garage](#) on the south side of the town but you may use any location close by. Continue the short distance to Burr Point and take a Photograph of the large "E" in the car park.

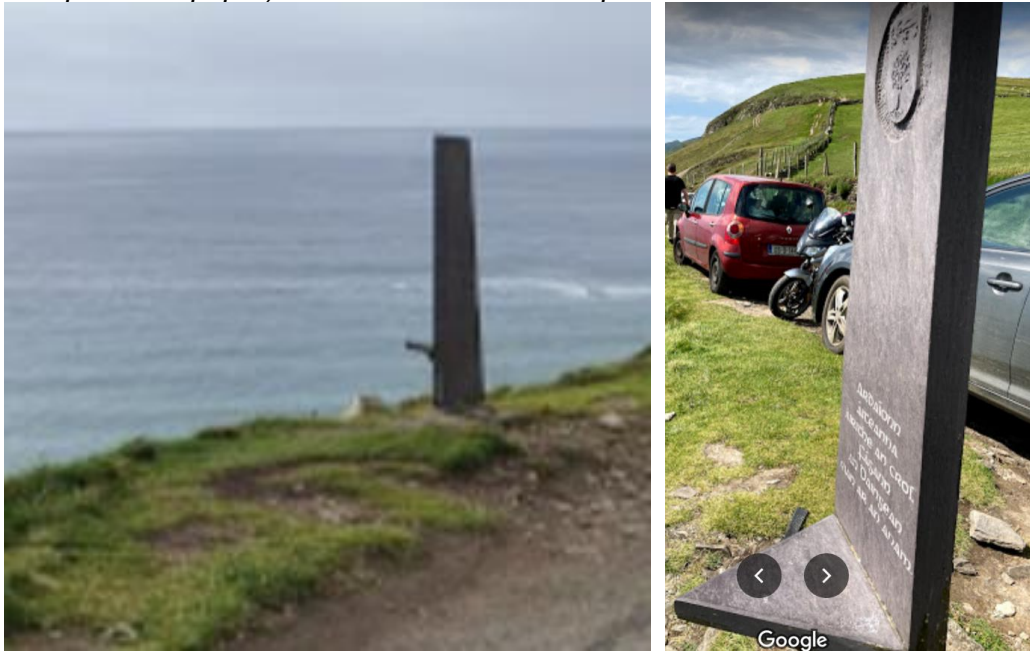
Make sure you hold the Kircubbin Receipt time Information (which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.



- **Dunmore Head** [N52.11072 W10.46426](#):

Get a receipt from Dingle. An ATM is available at N52.14139 W10.26775 [Texaco Garage](#) but you may use any location in Dingle (or close by). Continue the short distance to Dunmore Head and take a Photograph of the writing on the seaside of the Stone Marker which is on the left of the road down to the Beach, just after the car park.

Make sure you hold the Dingle Receipt time Information (which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.



- **Brow Head** [N51.45567 W9.75852](#):

Get a receipt from Schull. An AIB ATM is available outside [Brosnan's Eurospar](#) N51.526937 W9.546052 but you may use any location in Schull (or close by). Continue the short distance to Brow Head and take a Photograph of the two boulders at the end of the track marking the start of the grassy walk to Brow Head.

Make sure you hold the Schull Receipt time Information (which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo. Be aware there is limited fuel available when travelling west past Schull, especially if then heading for Dunmore Head, in which case a recommended alternative is the [petrol station in Ballydehob](#).



The Photo locations stated/shown above are as close to the Actual compass points as you can ride.

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*** * * THE RECEIPT WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL ENDING TIME * * ***

STEP THREE: Prepare Copy and Submit your documentation.

Print your Photographs onto plain printer paper in order to include these with your other documentation. **You may, if you desire, scan all the documents and receipts and email them along with the photos (or link to the photos) to Admin @ ibaireland.org.**

COPY your receipts and number the copies to correspond to your trip log.

*** * * Retain your original documentation – only send copies! * * ***

If needed, write a short note about any problems with your ride, for example, *“The receipt from Dublin does not have the correct date. I had the attendant write the correct date. The station’s number is 0207 123 1234”.*

We strongly caution that out on the road it may not be possible to follow these guidelines to the letter. If that happens, please explain any problem you encountered, and we will do our best to work out a solution. For example, 23 hours and 35 minutes into this ride, one person could not find a petrol station with a computer-generated receipt (obviously, our favourite type), so he got a few locals to witness the time he arrived. His other documents clearly supported his claim of riding the distance in the timeframe he claimed so we did not hesitate to process his award. COMPLETE the attached form. Basically, this is information where to send the awards, what name and motorcycle you want on the certificate and the basic route you would like the certificate to note.

FINALLY, post it to:

IBA Ireland, Graeme Ferguson, 44 Finlaystown Road, Ballymena, Co.Antrim, BT 44 8EA

You will receive confirmation of your documentation being received.

No Fee is due at this stage

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RIDER INFORMATION

Start of ride	
Rider Name:	
Pillion Name:	
Date:	
Time:	
Location:	
Odometer:	
GPS mileage (If applicable)	
End of ride	
Date:	
Time:	
Location:	
Odometer:	
GPS mileage (If applicable)	

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LOGSHEET Remember to obtain receipts for Start, Finish, Compass points, Fuel bought, don't forget your Photographs. Remember to refuel your bike at the end of the ride (if feasible)

RECEIPT	DATE	LOCATION NAME	GPS or Post/EIR code	TIME	FUEL	ODOMETER
#01 Start receipt Plus Photo						
# 02						
# 03						
# 04						
# 05						
# 06						
# 07						
# 08						
# 09						
# 10						
# 11						
# 12						
# 13						
# 14						
# 15						
# 16						
# 17						
# 18						
# 19						
# 20 End receipt, Plus photo						

Checklist of documents needed for Compass Gold :

___ Copies of all Receipts Start, Carndonagh, Kircubbin, Dingle, Schull and Finish, plus all Fuel receipts (do not send originals!)

___ Copies of your Photos- Malin, Burr Point, Dunmore Head, Brow Head (all on 1 A4 sheet is fine)

___ Copies of your SPOT and/or Spotwalla track (if applicable)

___ Explanation of any problems encountered.

FEE SCHEDULE

No payment is due when you submit your paperwork. If your ride passes the verification process you will be informed and then instructed to forward payment .

Compass Gold certificate only £30 (€35)

IBA Ireland Pin Badge (if desired) £7 (€8)

Address to mail certificates to:

Contact phone number(s), best time to reach you:

your e-mail address: _____

If you have completed an Iron Butt Association ride before, what is your IBA#? _____

Name you want on certificate: _____

(For example, Jonathan J. Smith, SR or John Smith)

Your age (only used for statistics): _____

Circle One (only used for statistics): Male Female

Did you do this ride with anyone else or in a group? Y/N

If so, who: _____

Date of start: _____ (for example, 05 August 2023)

Motorcycle make/model ridden: _____

Note: this is used on your certificate. For example, do you want us to list your Honda Gold Wing as a Honda GL1500 or do you want us to list it as a Honda Gold Wing. You may also include a model year if you want, for example; *2003 Honda Gold Wing*.

Miles Ridden according to your odometer: _____

Note: These will probably be changed by the verification team.

If you used a GPS (Global Positioning Device) and noted your Mileage, please enter that reading here: _____

When we get your ride documentation, one of several people will start the verification process. Due to the extensive work involved (keying data into mileage spreadsheets, map verifications, and custom certificate preparations) and the fact that 100% of the labour involved with producing these awards is performed by volunteers, it will usually take around a month before your certificates will be ready for signature and mailed to you.

We realize this is a long time to wait for your certification. However, our certification process is very thorough. In fact, the entire certification process is what gives your certificate value. It would be very easy for the Iron Butt Association to simply take money and print up a generic "you rode a 1,000-mile day" certificate, however, the value of the entire certification program is in the fact that not just anyone can get an Iron Butt Association ride certification. The downside is this process takes time... We can only offer that when you receive your certification you know that not only you earned it, and so did any other rider that you meet with the same certification.

Before we can issue your certification, you may be asked to clarify certain aspects of your ride and/or documentation by either e-mail, phone or letter. Additionally, certain aspects of your ride are subject to audit by yet another set of IBA volunteers charged with insuring only people that rode the miles get the award. Should your package get tagged for that audit, it too may delay the final determination of your claim for the award.

If you have any questions about this ride, you may send e-mail to ironbuttireland@gmail.com
Make sure you are 100% certain you understand these rules BEFORE you start your ride.

NOTE: The following is used only for the people that do the certificates to make them more understandable. Answer the following questions to make your certificate reflect your ride.

Sample wording of a Compass Gold Certificate (please keep this format in mind as you answer the following questions):

This is to certify that , beginning on the 4th June 2011, Jack Carson rode a Honda ST1300 a total of 1,055 miles within 24 hours starting in Belfast and continuing to Malin Head, Burr Point, Dunmore Head and Brow head before finishing back in Belfast. During this epic ride, Jack reached the North, South, East and Westernmost points of mainland Ireland. The holder of this certificate provided all evidence required by the Iron Butt Association and therefore have shown themselves capable of solving the equation of time, distance and endurance to complete the Compass Gold.

Name of start Point _____

Intermediate Points: _____

Name of end Point: _____

Finally, you must certify that what you are telling us is accurate:

I (print name): _____, hereby certify that the Statements in this application for certification are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Remember no payment is due at this stage.

Should you decide to tackle the Compass Gold We wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing about your ride!