

# **CREUSE MOTO TOUR**

May 14-17, 2026

# REGULATIONS

# Article 1 - Organization and Liability

- **Espace Moto** is the organizing entity of the event.
- Espace Moto has taken out civil liability insurance for this organization.
- The purpose of the event is to discover several departments and/or regions at a relaxed touring pace.
  - This is **not a sporting competition** there is no ranking or timing.
- Espace Moto cannot be held responsible for any modifications, partial or total cancellations, or restrictions imposed by local authorities, or by major external events (terrorist attacks, pandemics, natural disasters, strikes, etc.).

## **Article 2 – Participants**

- Participation is open to anyone **aged 18 or over**, holding a **valid motorcycle license** corresponding to the vehicle used.
- Participants must provide all **legal administrative documents** for their motorcycle (registration and valid insurance).
- Passengers are allowed if the motorcycle is approved for two riders.
- Each participant must wear a certified helmet, approved gloves, and motorcycle boots (or at least high-top shoes).
   For safety reasons, a protective vest, knee guards, and motorcycle gear (pants and jacket) are strongly recommended.

# **Article 3 – Motorcycles**

- All trail or maxi-trail motorcycles with a minimum displacement of 125cc are eligible.
- Enduro bikes, rally bikes, quads, sidecars, SSVs, or 4x4s are not permitted, except for official organization vehicles.
- All motorcycles must comply with the **French Highway Code** (turn signals, horn, noise level, mirrors, lights, license plate, etc.).
- Since the route includes unpaved roads (tracks and trails), motorcycles must be off-road equipped and fitted with trail-type knobby tires.
   Enduro or aggressive-pattern rear tires are forbidden (allowed on the front only).
   A waiver may be granted for smaller displacements.

#### List of prohibited rear tires:

All tires marked "Cross", "MX", "SX".

Dunlop D606, Geomax, D908RR; Heidenau K69/K74; Mefo MFC11/12/14; Metzeler Unicross, MC360, MC360 MidHard, MCE6, MCE Karoo 2, 6 Day;

Mitas C17 Stone Eater, C19, MC23 Rockrider, Terra Force; Motoz Tractionator Desert; Bridgestone Gritty; Maxxis M7314, Maxxenduro;

Michelin AC10, Tracker, Enduro 6, Medium; Pirelli Scorpion XC, 6 Day.

- Any motorcycle deemed too noisy will be refused at departure.
   Each participant commits to using a standard silencer in perfect condition.
- Administrative checks will take place on Thursday, May 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Technical checks will take place on Thursday, May 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **Article 4 – Regulations**

Each participant agrees to:

- Carry valid identification, motorcycle license, registration, and insurance.
- Hold at least **civil liability insurance** (personal accident insurance is recommended).
- Have approved off-road equipment (helmet, gloves, jacket, pants, boots, or high shoes).
- Strictly respect the French Highway Code, other road users, and local residents.

## **Article 5 – Start Procedure and Riding Rules**

The start of each stage will take place within a **time slot defined by Espace Moto**, in **groups of four riders every minute**.

Each participant is autonomous and must **follow the GPS tracks provided** by the organizer.

To ensure smooth running of the event, each participant agrees to:

- Ride slowly when crossing villages, hamlets, farms, or near livestock, cyclists, or pedestrians: max 20 km/h.
- Turn off the engine when crossing livestock or approaching horse riders.
- Not exceed **60 km/h** on the fastest off-road sections.
- Obey the **Highway Code** on paved roads.
- Never leave the GPS track or ride off-trail (prohibited by French law "Lalonde 1991").
- Only stop or park in authorized areas (car parks, rest areas, or designated stops).
- If lost, the participant must contact the organizer to receive directions back to the main route.

#### Article 6 - Routes

Each day includes 4 to 5 tracks with different levels and distances:

1 = Expert, 2 = Advanced, 3 = Intermediate, 4 = Novice, 5 = Road.

- Stage 1 Morning (May 15): tracks 1–4 (105 km), track 5 (112 km).
- Stage 1 Afternoon (May 15): tracks 1 (84 km), 2 (80 km), 3 (78 km), 5 (74 km).
- Creuse Sunset Ride May 15 (optional, 50 km, same route as 2025).
- Stage 2 May 16: track 1 (310 km), 2 (189 km), 3 (159 km), 4 (130 km), 5 (253 km).
- Stage 3 May 17: track 1 (259 km), 2 (208 km), 3 (171 km), 4 (133 km), 5 (230 km).

The "Creuse Sunset" 50 km loop (level 3) takes place on **Friday, May 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** 

Tracks will be emailed to participants a few days before the event via a **download link** in several formats.

Participants must load the file into their GPS units.

A **Tripy GPS rental** service is available for those without GPS (see registration form).

The GPS track is only a **navigation aid** and **does not indicate dangers or speed limits**. Each participant is fully responsible for their riding.

#### Ownership of tracks:

Some trails are exceptionally opened for this event under temporary permissions.

Espace Moto holds these permissions only for the event dates.

Using or sharing these tracks outside the event or for commercial purposes is **strictly prohibited** and may lead to legal action.

#### Article 7 – Bivouac

- Registration includes bivouac access from Thursday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. until Saturday evening (3 nights).
  - An optional extra night (Sunday to Monday) can be booked.
- Each participant must bring their **own tent**, or choose independent lodging (hotel, guesthouse, etc.).
- A list of nearby accommodations will be provided during registration.
- Toilets and showers are available on-site.
- · Campfires are forbidden.
- Participants must dispose of waste in designated bins.

#### Article 8 - Meals

- Registration includes dinners on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (drinks excluded) and breakfasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Lunches are not included; participants are free to eat wherever they wish. Restaurant options will be displayed on GPS routes.
- **Alcohol consumption** is subject to the Highway Code. Police checks may occur anywhere on the route.
  - Participants are strongly advised **not to consume alcohol** during stages.

#### Article 9 - Start and End of the Event

The event officially begins upon arrival at the start location:

Camping "Les Pitouilles", Broussas, 23340 Faux-la-Montagne, on Thursday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m.

It ends once the participant leaves the site or after the final ride on Sunday.

## **Article 10 – Briefings**

A mandatory briefing will be held before each stage at 8:00 p.m. during dinner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

## **Article 11 – Refueling**

- Each participant must be self-sufficient for fuel. Gas stations are marked on the GPS tracks.
  - A minimum range of 150 km is recommended.
- Fuel is **not included** in the registration fee.

# Article 12 - Assistance / Breakdown

- Minor breakdowns (puncture, small mechanical issue) should be handled with **rider** solidarity and assistance.
- If repair on-site is impossible, the participant must contact **their own assistance or insurance**.
- Espace Moto provides recovery **only if no personal assistance is available**, to return the participant to the bivouac.
- Espace Moto will **not transport motorcycles** with minor or repairable issues, punctures, or fuel shortages.
- The organizer cannot be held responsible for any damage occurring during recovery.
- Any participant awaiting recovery must move off the trail and ensure **safety for other** riders.

## Article 13 – Accidents

- In the event of a serious accident, contact **emergency services (18, 112, or 15)** and provide the **GPS coordinates**.
- Any witness to such an accident must notify the organizer immediately.
- Espace Moto will **not transport injured participants** if their physical or mental condition prevents it.
- Any rider who lost consciousness must **undergo medical checks** before resuming the ride; otherwise, exclusion will apply.

## **Article 14 – Accompanying Persons**

- Each participant may register up to three companions.
- A companion may be the **passenger** of the participant.
- Companions receive the same benefits (bivouac access, meals) but may not ride a motorcycle unless registered as participants.
- Espace Moto declines responsibility if an unregistered person is found riding.

## **Article 15 – Image Rights**

By registering, each participant accepts the use of their image (photos and videos) for communication purposes by Espace Moto and its partners.

No compensation or claim may be made.

#### Article 16 - Exclusion

Violation of any rule may result in **immediate exclusion** decided solely by Espace Moto. Excluded participants may not continue activities and **will not receive any refund**.

#### Article 17 - Cancellation

- If the event is canceled by Espace Moto, all payments will be refunded.
- If canceled by the participant (or companion) at least 30 days before the event, the fee will be refunded minus a €40 administrative fee.
- Between **30 days before and the GPS track dispatch**, 50 % will be refunded.
- No refund after GPS tracks have been sent or in case of abandonment.
- In case of **Red Weather Alert** issued by Météo France causing event cancellation by authorities, **no refund will be issued**.

# **Article 18 – Registration**

- Registration is online at www.creusemototour.fr
- 1 account = 1 rider = 1 motorcycle.
- Registrations are personal and non-transferable.
- Registration closes **15 days before the event** or once full capacity is reached.

## **Article 19 – Payment**

- Payment is made in one installment by credit card via <u>www.creusemototour.fr</u> or <u>www.espacemoto.fr</u>.
- Fee for 2026: €489.
- Payments by check or bank transfer must be completed within 10 days of online registration.
- Payment by holiday vouchers is accepted.
- Checks payable to **Espace Moto**.
- · Bank transfer details:

**IBAN:** FR76 1027 8365 4100 0114 1650 133

**BIC:** CMCIFR2A

#### **Article 20 – Commitment**

By registering, participants agree to fully comply with these regulations. Espace Moto cannot be held liable for any damages or injuries to riders, passengers, companions, equipment, or motorcycles during the event.

Each participant declares being **physically and mentally fit** for off-road riding and having **medical clearance** if necessary.

#### **Article 21 – Contact**

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Websites: <a href="https://www.espacemoto.fr">www.espacemoto.fr</a> / <a href="https://www.creusemototour.fr">www.creusemototour.fr</a>

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