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Welcome to Coppermines Grizedale Stages Rally 2022. This Rally Guide is intended to give you a synopsis of what we have planned for this years Grizedale Stages, in order for you to make a rational decision (or irrational, we don't care) on whether to enter. It holds no regulatory authority.

1.0 The Date;



Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December 2022.

2.0 The competitive bit;



There will be 42.1 stage miles, split into 4 stages as follows

Stage 1;	approx. 5.0 miles. This will be run in the dark on the evening of Friday 2nd December.
Stage 2;	approx. 8.8 miles
Stage 3;	approx. 9.5 miles
Stage 4;	approx. 18.8 miles. This is a combination of Stages 2 and 3.

Whilst there is some double usage of the forest, Grizedale generally doesn't cut up and we typically run with less than 80 cars. So even if you are seeded at the back, it's not like being seeded at the back of an event with 180 cars!!

3.0 The non-competitive bit;



There are officially just 37.5 road miles. Depending on where you are staying there may be a couple more miles on Friday night but we're talking 3 or 4 max.

4.0 The "Where is it?" bit;



The rally is based around Ambleside and Coniston in the Lake District. 15 miles from Junction 36 of the M6. Pretty place, rains occasionally.

5.0 The Outline;



We start at 17:30hrs on Friday evening with a 5-mile stage in Grizedale East in the dark. It's been 27 years since we have been allowed access to the East side of the forest and, for the moment, it's conditional that we run it on a different day to the West side of the forest to allow other forest users access to Grizedale. So, whilst running it on Friday night is our only option, (a) we are opening up another new venue which is critically important in the grand scheme of all things rally (b) it's an absolutely cracking stage and you'll have a load of fun in there!!

There will be no mandatory overnight Parc Ferme, allowing you to service/do any work without restriction. Overnight secure parking will be available at Skelwith Fold (the venue for Main Service on Saturday)

On Saturday there are 2 long stages in Grizedale West followed by Regroup and 45 mins Service. Then we combine the two stages for the final "biggie". Due to the compactness of the event 1st car is due to reach MTC4 (that's "the finish" to you) at 13:17hrs. You can literally do the rally, have lunch, and then head home and it won't even be dark!!

6.0 The servicing bit;



There is one official service halt (before the long final stage) of 45 minutes. This will be at Skelwith Fold Caravan Park, 1.5 miles outside Ambleside

There will be no "Auxiliary Service" allowed (so no Chase, ahem I mean Management Cars)

7.0 The Fuel bit;



Vital fuels will hopefully be at the event. Self-refuel will be permitted but is discouraged. Public fuel stations en-route will be marked in the road book and distances available in Final Instructions.

8.0 The money bit;



The total entry fee is £699, which includes your Sportraxx tracker, 1 competition car, 1 service van, 1 trailer, 42.1 fun-packed miles of prime forest, door plates and hi-vis numbers, and all your usual rally paperwork.

Additional / optional is your Road Section insurance (£22 from REIS), accommodation, food and drink, Christmas shopping.

9. The Accommodation bit;



Yes, it looks like you might need accommodation on the Friday night. Or you could leave the car in the secure Skelwith Fold and nip home, the start isn't until 10:00hrs on Saturday. Or you could book a Coppermines cottage to house the whole team and stay for the whole weekend. Or for the more budget-conscious, you could book into a hotel, there's plenty in the Lakes. I've just had a cursory look online and found a twin room for under £45 within 30mins of Service.

10. The Shakedown Bit;



It's intended to hold a Shakedown during the day on Friday 2nd December for anyone interested. This is a separate enterprise to the rally. It will be by John Parker Associates. More details to follow.

11. The "Think about it" bit;



- First car isn't due to start until 17:30 on Friday evening so it's not like you have to turn up much earlier than usual.
- You've only got 37 road miles so that's saving you fuel to cover your cheap hotel room.
- There's no restriction on Servicing overnight on Friday night so your service crew could come over Saturday morning and service you (fnnrr fnnrr) as first car isn't due until 10:00hrs.
- There is secure parking overnight at Skelwith Fold.
- Call it an early Christmas pressie to yourself.