



MyRoute Tips



- Route points come in two varieties, 'Via points'



or 'Shaping points'



- The start & finish of a route should always use 'Via points' as these are mandatory points for the rider to pass their way through. Think carefully about the positioning of these points – for example....

Older NAM Sunday Rides used to start their route at Tesco Harford Bridges. The Via point was placed incorrectly at the front door of the store, however none of the riders passed this point. A better placement for this Via point would have been just before the traffic lights when exiting the car park as ALL riders had to pass this location.



- for changes to the automatically assigned route (Fastest, shortest avoiding tolls, or motorways routes) you will use 'Shaping points' as these will take you on to the next route point and can be skipped if missed.

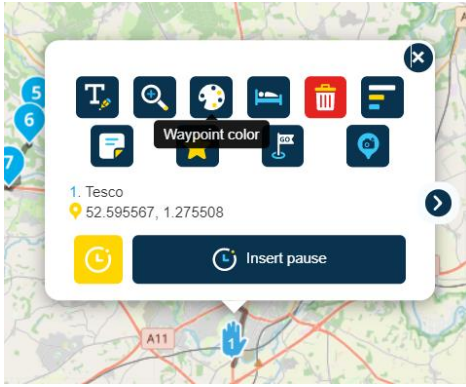


- **Colours of Route Points (Waypoint Colours)**

These can be found by a right mouse click on the route point. A single repeated click changes the colours from blue, yellow, green, red and lastly pink before going back to blue.



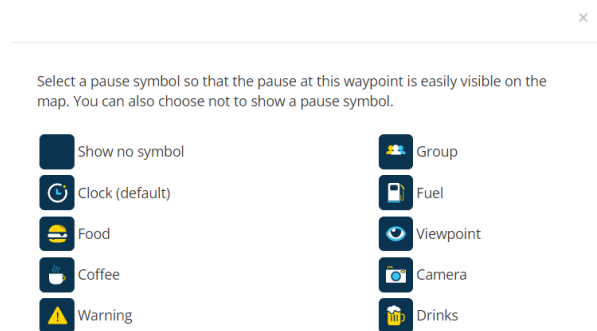
- **Top tip:** Use the white arrows with dark blue background either side to skip forward or backwards to next route point.



The standard colour format are used to depict the following:

- **Blue** - Simple route points with no features.
- **Yellow** - Castle or museum. Place you may want to get off your bike and visit (Longer Stop).
- **Green** - A viewpoint or waterfall. Place you may want to get a picture (Quick Stop).
- **Red** - Breakfast, lunch, coffee or hotel (Longer Stop).
- **Pink** - Any other additional information could be a shortcut route.

Also within this menu you can also add a pause (up to 24hrs) if stopping for food, fuel, coffee or overnight accommodation. Simply click on the yellow clock beside insert pause and add a symbol which will show on the map while riding.



There is also the option of adding various things associated with that route point like a note. This could be useful to warn of possible hazard(s) on route (animals in road, sharp U bends or poor road surface etc..). You can also add interesting sightseeing pictures or viewpoints, or you might just want to add that route point to your favourites list i.e. Your favourite pub, café or place.



- *Maximum capabilities of MRA*

- Maximum of 103 characters including spaces can be used for RP Title section.
- Maximum of 512 characters including spaces can be used for RP Note section.
- Maximum number of Route Points 200 per route.
- Maximum Pause allowed 10hrs total in 10-minute increments.
- Maximum RP Pictures 25+.

- The Route title must be alphanumeric characters only if submitting a review.

- Google map Satellite or Open Street Map are more accurate than the Here map overlay.

- If the Country flag doesn't appear on the route file you want to open, try moving the first waypoint and press refresh.



- *When planning a route*

- Do be conscious when laying out your route about placing waypoints on motorways, the reason is if you do decide to reverse the route then you will have to move them across the road as you will be going in the opposite direction! As this is not always possible, try placing waypoints on single carriageway.

- Try and give at least 50m clearance for waypoint placement from junctions or roundabouts.

- Zoom in as far as possible and place the waypoints where all three routes cross when 'compare' is selected. Note, sometimes this isn't always possible, so a happy medium has to be chosen.

- Be mindful of using excessive RP.

- Always use Google streetview or Google Satellite within MyRoute to verify the correct placement of stops i.e café/Restaurants, hotels/accommodation or other stops.