



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday October 20, 2019

Dear Oktoberfest Ride Participant,

This document includes information and details to help make your ride this weekend safe and enjoyable. Please read it carefully.

LOCATION:

The event starts & finishes at:

[Blueprint Brewing Company](#)
1571 Gehman Rd.
Harleysville, PA 19438

PARKING:

FREE Parking is available within the Gehman Rd. Industrial Commons (where Blueprint Brewing is located). You may park in any space provided:

- 1) The space is not marked reserved for Agape Water (next door to Blueprint Brewing)
- 2) You are not parked in a loading dock or loading zone
- 3) You are not parked in front of any dumpsters
- 4) You are not parked in a designated Handicap Parking Spot

However, your best (no stress) option is to park at the Siemens Corporation Building located within:

Centre Point
2060 Detwiler Rd.
Harleysville, PA 19438

Siemens is only 1/4 mile away from Blueprint Brewing, and is an easy ride over to Blueprint; we'll have bike racks for you to hang your bike on at the brewery.

If you park at Siemens, please ride your bike to Blueprint Brewing by:

Turning Left on Detwiler Rd.
Turning Left on Gehman Rd.
Turning Left into the Gehman Road Industrial Commons
Following the signs to Blueprint Brewing.

BICYCLE PARKING:

For your convenience, we will have some bicycle parking racks outside Blueprint Brewing which you can use before & after the ride. Please note that there is not any security, so using these racks is at your own risk.

CHECKING IN:

PRE-REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP. Each athlete must pick up their packet in-person to sign their waiver; get their wrist band, etc. This can be done at:

[Blueprint Brewing Company](#)
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7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

The package pick-up process is:

- 1) Fill out and sign a waiver form. You can print your own waiver to prepare it in advance, to save time on-site.
- 2) Go the appropriate package pick-up line (by rider last name), where you will receive your bib number and wrist band.
- 3) If you pre-ordered any merchandise you may pick it up in the morning or in the afternoon.
- 4) Enjoy the event.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION. If you did not pre-register (via BikeReg.com), you can register on Sunday before the ride. You must complete a waiver, and go directly to the On-Site Registration Line. Save time by downloading these forms and preparing them before you arrive. On-Site

Registration will cost \$90 (\$45 for u19); cash is preferred, but checks (payable to Kermesse Sport) or PayPal to kermessesport@gmail.com are also accepted. We can accept credit & debit card payments, but there could be a delay in getting to you, so cash and checks are preferred.

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MERCHANDISE. We have a few t-shirts available for sale on-site for \$15. We will have also some Hell of Hunterdon Long Finger Gloves, caps, and hats for sale. Extra Beer Mugs also may be purchased after the ride, as supplies last. We are also having an inventory clearance sale on Hell of Hunterdon and Spring Classics kits

COMPANION PASSES. If you pre-purchased a companion pass for someone else, that person should check in, when they arrive on site. If you didn't pre-purchase a companion pass, a limited number will be available on-site for \$35.

RIDING THE EVENT:

WRISTBAND. All riders must wear their wristband. Wristbands allow access to aid stations and post-ride festivities.

START LOCATION. All rides start from in front of the brewery

START TIME. There is no Mass Start this year. For 2019 we are conducting an "At-Will Start". This means you can leave anytime between 8:30 – 9:00. Please plan to meet up with your friends prior to the start. Anyone starting after 9:10 (when the sweep riders leave) will be behind the window of support. We request riders planning to ride the long course start closer to 8:30 while riders on the short course start closer to 9:00.

Blueprint legally can't serve beer before 12:00, so there is no need to rush back.

COURSE CLOSURE TIME. The course technically closes at 2:00 PM, which equates to an average speed of 12 MPH (including stops). On-course services are not guaranteed after this time.

AID STATIONS. There is one aid station on the route.

Aid Station Number	Location	Operating Hours	46 Mile Short Course Mile Marker	62 Mile Long Course Mile Marker
1	Musser Scout Reserve Camp Garrison 4021 Upper Ridge Rd Pennsburg, PA 18073	9:40 am – 12:15 pm	23.0	38.5

Supplies will include water, electrolyte mix, energy products, cookies, fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly, etc. If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, we suggest you bring supplies to accommodate your specific needs.

We apologize for the aid station being further into the course this year than previous years; the construction detours have lengthened the routes between the start & the aid station. We will have energy products at the start for you to fill your pockets with,

WATER ON COURSE.

With the Aid Station being at mile 38.5 of the long course, we recognize that some riders may have concerns about running out of water. There are 2 parks on the long course that have restrooms & water. These will be noted on the cue sheet. They are:

Location	Mile Marker	Directions
Green Lane Park	19.0	From Deep Creek Rd, Turn Right onto Snyder Rd. and head towards the parking lot; there is a building on your right that has restrooms a water fountain
Camelot Park 1124 Church Rd, East Greenville, PA 18041	27.7	From Church Street Turn Left into the park and head towards the picnic pavilion. There are restrooms with sinks in them. Unfortunately, there is not a water fountain.

MECHANICAL SUPPORT. Please make sure your bike is in working order, and that you have your own spare tubes and tools. Technical Support is being provided by [Doylestown Bike Works](#). SAG drivers may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics. They will have pumps, and a limited number of spare tubes.

SAG SUPPORT. If you are unable to finish the event for some physical or mechanical reason, call the event dispatcher at [267-544-7464](tel:267-544-7464). You will be picked up as soon as feasible and either transported to the nearest aid station, where you can arrange to have someone pick you up, or back to the finish line as required by the demands of the event. Please keep in mind that this is not a door-to-door taxi service, and there are other riders that also need to be supported. Assistance will come as soon as possible.

RESTROOMS. There are restrooms within Blueprint Brewing as well as portolets in their Beer Garden. There are portolets at various locations around the course. The local municipalities have been getting complaints from residents about cyclists urinating on their properties. Please only use proper facilities.

Description	Location	Miles from Start	
		Short Course	Long Course
Start	Blueprint Brewing Company	0.0	0.0
Old Goshenhoppen Church Picnic Grove	Church Rd.	13.6	13.6
Green Lane Park	Deep Creek Rd.	n/a	19.0
Camelot Park	Church Rd.	n/a	27.7
Marlborough Community Park	Finland Rd.	n/a	36.7
Camp Garrison BSA	Upper Ridge Rd.	23.0	28.5
Branchwood Park	Morwood Rd./Camp Rd.	33.0	48.2
Finish	Blueprint Brewing Company	45.6	61.5

ROUTE MARKING & NAVIGATION. For 2019 the routes are NOT marked. There may be signs at some point along the route such as the course split and the aid station.

Since the course is not marked please utilize the GPS Data and Cue Sheets that are published (See Below)

CUE SHEETS. Official Cue Sheets are posted to the [Oktoberfest Download Page](#). The Cue Sheets have course notes, and the SAG Dispatch telephone number

ROUTE MAPS & GPS DATA. Please ensure you are using the latest files. The Oktoberfest Ride offers 2 routes. Route Maps can be found here:

Long Course (58 Mile): <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31045165>

Short Course (43 Mile): <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31110431>

TCX files with turn warnings are posted to the [Oktoberfest Download Page](#) GPX, FIT & KML Files may be obtained from Ride With GPS (links above). If you don't want turn warnings, or desire another GPS data format, please download them from the above RideWithGPS links.

If you'd like to use Strava for navigation:

Long Course (58 Mile): <https://www.strava.com/routes/22210082>

Short Course (43 Mile): <https://www.strava.com/routes/22209895>

FREE GPS NAVIGATION. With our enhanced Ride With GPS Membership, you can use their [Smart Phone App for Free](#) during the event. Download the Ride With GPS App to your Smart Phone (iPhone or Android) from: <https://ridewithgps.com/app> It is also available directly from the [App Store](#) & [Google Play](#)

Your invitation for the event map/navigation is: https://ridewithgps.com/auto_approve/Event/107303/LFjhn8FnPLiAGJfM

Please download the files in advance of the ride and set your phone to airplane mode to conserve battery.

COURSE DEVIATION & MERGES. The Oktoberfest Ride offers 2 routes. The rides start together and follow the same route for 18.5 miles.

After descending Perkiomenville Rd. the Long Course Turns Left on Deep Creek Road, and the Short Course Turns Right on Deep Creek Road (then turns quickly left onto the Perkiomen Trail- it is practically going straight).

The Short (43 Mile) Course: after .1 mile on the Perkiomen Train, you must cross PA-29 and bear left onto Upper Ridge Rd. and goes directly to the Aid Station at Camp Garrison (this aid station is also used by the Long Course riders, later in their ride).

The Long (58 Mile) Course continues around Green Lane Reservoir, and circumnavigates the towns of Pennsburg, East Greenville, and Red Hill, before meeting up with Upper Ridge Rd, and hitting the Aid Station at Camp Garrison, from the opposite direction as the Short Course

The 2 Courses merge (rejoin) with each other at the aid station at Camp Garrison. Both courses are the same from Camp Garrison back to Blueprint Brewing Company. This means all riders turn left on Upper Ridge Rd. when leaving the aid station. Thus, a 2 mile or so section of Upper Ridge Rd. is out and back for the short course riders.

KOM/QOM. The Oktoberfest Ride will have a King/Queen of the mountains challenge for pre-registered riders, utilizing Strava. **In order to participate, you must be a Strava Member (it is free), give us your Strava User Name, and join our strava club at:** <https://www.strava.com/clubs/557932>

We will be tracking the following climbs, which were made famous during the Univest Grand Prix Professional Road Race and served as the backbone of the race's KOM competition.

- Old Church/Church Rd. <http://app.strava.com/segments/old-church-church-rd-8055146>
- Eichele Rd. <http://app.strava.com/segments/eichele-rd-8055226> (Long Course Only)
- Knockel Rd. <http://app.strava.com/segments/knockel-rd-621612>

Warning 1: Old Church Rd./Church Rd. has a stop sign on it, where you turn from Old Church Rd. onto Church Rd. Traffic on Old Church does not stop. Please exercise caution, and obey the rules of the road.

Warning 2: While Eichele Rd. has an average grade of ca 7%, the grade escalates, and there is an extremely steep spot near the top, which is ca 25 – 26% for about 200 feet. Be extra careful, and try to leave space for riders wobbling and putting their feet down; it is not unheard of for riders to topple over, so be careful!

The roads are open to traffic, so riders must obey normal rules of the road. Results will be published, but prizes are not being awarded.

EICHELE ROAD BYPASS. Eichele Rd. is on the Long Course only. At >25% Eichele isn't for everyone, but there are options to bypass around it. Regardless, you'll have a challenging climb, but the other option is not quite as steep.

For 2019, the official long course, turns right at the top of Eichele, onto Hill Rd. This gives riders an alternative to get to Hill Rd from Deep Creek Rd. without climbing Eichele, and without changing your mileage significantly.

From Deep Creek Rd, turn right on [Henning Rd.](#) (the road before Eichele). When you reach Hill Rd. (just over the top) you will cross it, and continue onto Swinging Bridge Rd, where the official course continues. Please keep in mind, Henning is no treat; it is still a very hard climb, but it isn't quite as hard as Eichele, in that the maximum grade isn't the same. However, it is a steep climb for a longer period.

This bypass will not be marked, but you can make note of them.

FINISH LINE. The ride finishes at [Blueprint Brewing Company](#). Please note that the parking lot is open to traffic, and there will not be an elaborate finish line.

POST-RIDE CHECK-IN. Please check in after the ride at a table located just inside [Blueprint Brewing Company](#). This is where you will get your beer mug, drink coupon, and any raffle prizes you may have won.

POST-RIDE LUNCH. After your ride, be our guest at lunch catered by [Lindingers](#), featuring an Oktoberfest buffet of Sausages, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Peorgies, and vegetables. **Lunch service starts at 12:00 and will end at 3:30.**

You will need your wristband (picked up at registration) to get your lunch. Your Oktoberfest Ride entry includes 1 voucher for a beer. Soft drinks and water will be available on a self-serve basis. Please have Photo ID with you, in case Blueprint needs to verify you are of legal drinking age.

Additional Beer may be purchased from Blueprint at your expense; they are extending Happy Hour Pricing (\$5) for beverages to all Oktoberfest Ride participants. The Lunch Buffet is complimentary for registered riders only; friends and family are welcome to purchase companion passes.

Please note that we'd prefer you don't wear your cycling shoes within the brewery; we don't want anyone slipping and falling. Please go to your car and change into street shoes prior to having lunch. Change out of your riding clothes as well; you'll be much more comfortable.

RULES OF THE ROAD. All roads are open to normal vehicular traffic. Please remember that all cyclists must obey all traffic laws; this includes – but is not limited to – traffic lights and stop signs. Violators may be ticketed by local law enforcement. All riders are personally responsible for knowing Pennsylvania's traffic laws. Traffic rules will be enforced by the various law enforcement entities who are monitoring the event.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. If you have-or witness—a crash or medical emergency, immediately call 911, and then call the event command center at: [267-544-7464](tel:267-544-7464). Secure the area to the best of your ability, but do not put yourself or others in additional danger while you wait for emergency personnel.

POT HOLES. Pennsylvania roads are well known for their potholes; the courses have plenty of them. Be extra careful on descents and in turns. Many potholes will be difficult to see in a group. Since this ride takes place on many small roads, there may not be sufficient room for participants riding wider than single file to avoid holes and allow room for motor vehicles to pass safely. Remember, they won't be able to see that you have changed your line to avoid a hole... Sharing the road goes 2 ways; be courteous to other road users while protecting yourself by riding smart and safe. Please note that potholes are often filled by rain water and runoff; assume all puddles are deep.

CHIP SEAL. Autumn is the time of year when many of the roads get a new coating of tar, oil & chip sealed surfaces. Please be mindful of the excess loose gravel these treatments cause.

MAJOR INTERSECTIONS. The course crosses several state highways and busy roads; the course travels on a few as well. These roads are noted on the cue sheets. Please be exercise caution here. Remember even "low traffic" roads are not "no traffic" roads.

MISCELLANEOUS:

EATHER ALERT! It is Autumn, so please be prepared for everything from cold & rain to warm sunny conditions. The event will take place, rain or shine; please dress and act accordingly.

RULES

- All bicycles must have at least 1 working brake
- All riders must wear a helmet that meets CPSC, ANSI and/or Snell (or similar standards).
- Wearing headsets or earbuds is prohibited.
- All riders are required to check in prior to the ride, and sign a waiver.
- This is a ride, not a race

- The roads are open to vehicular traffic; all rules of the road must be obeyed. Participants are responsible for their own safety, and for knowing and complying with the applicable vehicle codes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Participants should ride in a safe and courteous manner; please stay to the right, except when passing.

FILL YOUR BOTTLES. We have an early start time, so fill your bottles at home, and save time by being prepared to ride. We will not have food or water available at the start.

THE BOTTOM LINE. Have Fun. This is what this event is all about; it is a celebration of the end of the cycling season. But please have your fun in a safe and courteous manner.

We appreciate your participation in the Oktoberfest Ride; thanks for making this event a success. We wish you a safe and fun ride!

Best Regards,
Kermesse Sport