

# FINAL INSTRUCTIONS May 27, 2023

Dear Fools Classic Randonnée Participant,

Thank you for participating in the self-supported Fools Classic Randonnée. This document includes information and details to help make your ride this weekend safe and enjoyable. Please read it carefully.

## PRIOR TO THE RIDE:

<u>DRESS APROPRIATELY.</u> Please be prepared for temperature swings, and dress in layers in a manner that ensures you are as comfortable as possible during the entire ride.

<u>FILL YOUR BOTTLES.</u> Please fill your bottles at home, and save time by being prepared to ride. There aren't any aid stations on the course, so you need to be well stocked for the ride.

PARKING. Free parking is available at:

## **Bucks County Brewery**

31 Appletree Lane Pipersville, PA 18947

You may park in public spots on the side of the brewery's building as well as curbside on Appletree Lane.

<u>SIGN-IN</u>. Each participant must check in personally before the ride

Saturday May 27, 2023 from 8:00AM – 8:45AM

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In consideration for entry into the event, all participants must sign a waiver prior to the ride. If you didn't sign one during on-line registration, you will need to complete one on-site before the ride.

#### RESTROOMS.

Start & Finish: There are portolets located in Bucks County Brewery's parking lot and a restroom is available within the brewery during the hours they are open to the public.

<u>MERCHANDISE</u>. If you have unclaimed merchandise from any of our events since 2020, we will have it packaged and ready for you. You can pick it up either pre-or post-ride.

We will have a limited number of items for sale On-Site, preferred payment is by cash, but we can accept checks, PayPal, and credit cards.

### **RIDING THE EVENT:**

<u>REMINDER.</u> This is a RIDE and NOT A RACE. The roads are completely open to traffic. Ride in a manner that is safe for yourself, obeys traffic rules, and is courteous to your fellow riders and other road users.

RIDE START WINDOW. There are no massed starts. Riders may start anytime after they check in until 9:00AM

WRISTBAND. Wristbands allow access to post ride drinks.

START LOCATION. In the driveway at:

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<u>AID STATIONS.</u> There are none. There are several Stores/Restaurants on course, and their opening times are noted on the cue sheet. Please note to stock up at the Homestead Store (Mile 46.6) because that is the last opportunity to get any food or drinks until the Water Wheel Tavern at Mile 72.5

COURSE CLOSURE TIME. All riders must finish by 4:00PM.

<u>MECHANICAL SUPPORT</u>. There is none. Please make sure your bike is in working order, that you have your own spare tubes and tools. The Sweep Rider(s) may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics, and will be the last rider(s) on the road.

<u>SAG SUPPORT.</u> There is none. If you are unable to finish the event for some physical or mechanical reason, if you cannot arrange other transportation back to the Start/Finish, call the event hotline at 267-894-0840, who try to assist you.

<u>CUE SHEETS.</u> Official Cue Sheets and a General Route Map are posted to the <u>Fools Classic Download</u> Page

<u>ROUTE MARKING.</u> There are none! Use of the provided GPS Files, Ride With GPS App, and/or Official Cue Sheets are imperative.

<u>ROUTE MAPS, GPS FILES & FREE GPS NAVIGATION</u>. Please ensure you are using the latest files. TCX & FIT files with turn warnings are posted to the <u>Fools Classic Download Page</u> GPX & KML Files may be obtained from:

Course	Distance	Maps
Standard	79 miles	https://ridewithgps.com/routes/42992417

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

Your invitation for the event map/navigation is: <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/auto-approve/Event/221035/o6r072KzKhoobk6D">https://ridewithgps.com/auto-approve/Event/221035/o6r072KzKhoobk6D</a>

For basic instructions on how to use the app, please see: <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/help/event-participants/">https://ridewithgps.com/help/event-participants/</a>

<u>RULES OF THE ROAD.</u> Please remember that you are on open roads & trails during the entire ride. 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 and bicycle laws

<u>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.</u> If you have-or witness—a serious crash or medical emergency, immediately call 911, and then call the event hotline at 267-894-0840. Secure the area to the best of your ability, but do not put yourself or others in danger while you wait for emergency personnel.

<u>KEY COURSE POINTS:</u> Please see the official cue sheet for detailed information and warnings. Some of the roads are rough or have a lot of pot holes (which may be filled with water). If you see a puddle, assume it is a deep pothole. **POT HOLES AND OTHER ROAD DEFECTS ARE NOT MARKED**. You should expect gravel and other debris in every turn.

If you miss the turn onto Sunday Road from Fireline Rd (Mile 38.5), which is not very visible until you are right at the road (which doesn't look like a road), it is advised to turn around when safe to do so. **Do Not continue on and go down Kintner Rd to reach PA-611 & PA-32.** There is a very slippery metal grate bridge on a very fast descent on Kintner Rd.

<u>TOW PATH:</u> In order to avoid riding long stretches on River Rd (PA-611 & PA-32) there are 3 sections of the D&L Canal Tow Path you will ride on instead. Please be courteous to other trail users.

<u>SHORT CUTS:</u> This is only 1 official course. However, there are plenty of places to take detours and shortcuts, if you do not think you are going to be able to complete the entire course. Please examine the on-line course map.

<u>SIGN-IN</u>. When you finish your ride, please back sign-in; this is one way we try to keep track of who is still out on course. You will receive your ticket for a complimentary beer when you check back in.

<u>POST-RIDE FOOD & DRINK.</u> After your ride, please be our guest for a post ride beer sponsored by <u>Bucks County Brewery.</u> We'll also have complimentary water, soft drinks, and some snacks available. A meal is not provided, but the <u>United Crepes of America</u> food truck will be on-site; you can purchase food directly from them.

<u>THE BOTTOM LINE.</u> Be Safe & Have Fun. This is what this event is all about.

We appreciate your participation in the Fools Classic Randonnée; we hope you have a great ride!

Best Regards, Kermesse Sport