



Dear FB Participant,

We have another great ride for you; we appreciate your support. This document includes information and details to help make your ride this weekend safe and enjoyable. Please read it carefully.

### **PRIOR TO THE RIDE:**

GET SOCIAL. Please post your thoughts, photos, videos, etc. about the event on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#). Please tag us and where appropriate use the following hashtags:

#FlecheBuffoon  
#KermesseSport

Also, please join our Facebook Events Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1333972399997235/>

FILL YOUR BOTTLES. Please fill your bottles at home, and save time by being prepared to ride. We will not have water at the start. We will have some gel packs and carb chews you can stuff in your pockets at registration.

PARKING. Limited Free Parking is available on-site at the:

[St. Martins of Tours Catholic Church](#)  
Back Parking Lot  
1 Riverstone Circle  
New Hope, PA 18938

Since parking is very limited, we highly suggest carpooling. Please arrive early to ensure getting a spot.

Please park in the very back parking lot (next to the playground, behind the rectangular building), so we do not interfere with the church's regular activities. If the back parking lot is full, please park in the spaces adjacent to the back building. **Do Not Park in the main lot.**

Please see the [Parking](#) and [Download](#) pages of the website for additional parking information.

PACKET PICK-UP. Each registrant must check-in in-person on Saturday morning to sign their waiver and get their wrist band. All riders under 18 must have their parent or guardian sign their waiver.

Saturday April 29, 2017 7:30 AM – 8:40 AM  
St. Martins of Tours Catholic Church  
Back Parking Lot

### **RIDING THE EVENT:**

START TIME. All riders must be in the staging area by 8:50 AM. The ride starts promptly at 9:00 AM. The

start may be conducted in waves for safety and to help prevent road congestion. If you do not start with the group, you will be behind the window of support, and may be without services.

FINISH TIME. The course officially closes at 4:15 PM, which equates to an overall average pace of 12 MPH (including stops). All course services cease at this time. All riders remaining on course after 4:15 will be without support.

WRISTBAND. All riders must wear their wristband. Wristbands allow access to the post ride food and beverages.

START LOCATION. St. Martins of Tours Catholic Church  
Back Parking Lot

AID STATION. Since the forecast is for very warm weather, we have added an official aid station to the 2017 route. Unfortunately we painted the route prior to doing this, and the aid station is slightly off the course. The official GPS files & Cue Sheets will reflect the station, and we will add signs to the course, but will not be able to update the road marks. The Aid Station is at ca mile 33.8 at the

[Upper Black Eddy Fire Company](#)

1716 Firehouse Ln.  
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

This is the same location as the Fools Classic Aid Station, which also descends Bridgeton Hill Rd.

This will be fully stocked with PB&J, fruit, cookies, gel, drink mix, water, etc. The aid station will be open from 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM. If you arrive after this time, we cannot guarantee that supplies or services will be available.

STORES ON COURSE. There are stores in:

Carversville, PA (mile 8.1)	Milford, NJ (mile 33.9 & 47.8)
Ottsville, PA (mile 19.8)	On CR-519 (mile 45.5 – 45.9)
Uhlerstown, PA (mile 27.5)	Frenchtown, NJ (mile 53.9)
Upper Black Eddy, PA (mile 33.4)	Lumberville, PA (mile 67.6)

These are all indicated on the official cue sheet.

MECHANICAL SUPPORT. There is none. Please make sure your bike is in working order and that you have your own spare tubes and tools. The Broom Wagon Driver or Sweep Riders may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics. They will have pumps, and a limited amount of spare tubes.

SAG SUPPORT. If you are unable to finish the event for some physical or mechanical reason, call or text the command center at [267-744-4538](tel:267-744-4538), who will contact the broom wagon. You will be picked up as soon as feasible and either transported to a location, 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 a broom wagon and not a true SAG or door-to-door taxi service, and that there are other riders that also need to be supported. Assistance will come as soon as possible.

ROUTE MAPS, GPS Data & CUE SHEETS. Official Cue Sheets are attached to the email message that contains this document; please print one for yourself, as we will not have many available. A Map of the course and GPS files may be obtained from [RideWithGPS](#). Do not use their cue sheets as they are

missing pertinent information, and vary from the official cue sheet. A TCX file is attached to this message with turn warnings set to 100 meters.

Don't have a GPS Cycling Computer? Try an app on your smart phone. We like the RideWithGPS App, available in [Android](#) and [iPhone](#) versions.

ROUTE MARKING. The route has been painted on the ground with distinct Yellow Arrows that look like this:



Note that in the various parks the course goes through, road marks are very sparse. Please do not follow our older marks (similar arrows in pink or white) or marks from their many other rides in the region (that use a variety of shapes and colors, including yellow).

***Please note that there will not be any event signs or ground marking indicating potential hazards.***

While we are extremely diligent about marking the routes, some marks are hard to see when wet, get covered up by debris, and even sometimes blacked-out by area residents. **Therefore the Cue Sheet and GPS Data should be your primary sources of route information. PLEASE BRING A CUE SHEET! PLEASE USE THE GPS DATA!**

RULES OF THE ROAD. Please remember that you are on open roads 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 and/or disqualified and removed from the event. All riders are personally responsible for knowing Pennsylvania & New Jersey's traffic laws.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.** If you have-or witness—a crash or medical emergency, immediately call 911, and then call or text the event command center [267-744-4538](tel:267-744-4538). 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.

**KEY COURSE POINTS:** The course contains a lot of steep and challenging hills; which is what this ride is focused on. What goes up, typically also goes down; assume every downhill will be fast and technical.

***Please note that there will not be any event signs or ground marking indicating potential hazards.***

The roads have a lot of bad/deep pot holes (some may be filled with water due to recent rain). You should expect gravel and other debris in most areas of the course. Since it is [Shadfest](#) weekend in New Hope & Lambertville, please expect extra traffic in the areas near the start/finish.

The following are a few sample areas to exercise extra caution, as well as hints to stay on course:

Cue Sheet Marker	Mile Marker	Road Name	Notes
18	9.2	Fretz Mill Rd.	Very Steep Climb
20	11.3	Pt. Pleasant Pike	Fast Descent to a stop sign; many pot holes. There is a metal grate drain running across the road just prior to the turn onto Pt. Pleasant Pike.
22	13.3	State Park Rd.	Fast Technical Descent

23	14.5	Stover Park Rd.	It is a gravel driveway into Stover Park
27	16.0	Red Hill Rd.	Many Large/Deep Potholes & loose gravel
36	22.3	Geigel Hill Rd.	Fast Technical Descent with a turn near the bottom leading to a stop sign.
41	28.2	Uhlerstown Hill Rd.	Very Steep Hill, rough road with a lot of debris
44	32.5	Bridgeton Hill Rd.	Fast Descent with a very tight turn near the bottom leading to a stop sign.
48	33.8	Firehouse Lane	The Aid Station is at the Upper Black Eddy Fire Co. The road marks will not lead you here; you must follow the rest stop signs.
51	33.9	Milford Bridge	You must walk across the bridge on the walkway.
60	41.8	Adamic Hill Rd.	Very Steep Climb
75	54.1	NJ-12	Metal Grate Bridge; you can utilize the paved sidewalk to walk across if you desire.
77	57.2	Fairview Rd.	Fast Descent to a stop sign
80	63.5	Byram Kingwood Rd. (CR-651)	Fast Technical Descent to a tight curve and a stop sign
88	68.0	Armitage Rd.	Steep Climb with a short Metal Grate Bridge running across the road
92	70.7	Upper York Rd./PA-263	Very Busy Road
98	73.9	Bridge St/PA-179	Very Busy Road.

**SHORT CUTS:** This is a Spring Classic, so we only offer 1 official course. However, if you study the [map](#), 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. We don't promote official short cuts, but if you examine the maps, they will be apparent. However, if you go off the official course, we cannot guarantee we will be able to provide you with support.

## POST RIDE:

**COURSE CLOSURE TIME.** The course officially closes at 4:15. At this time all course services will cease. Any riders remaining on course will be without support.

**SIGN-IN.** When you finish your ride, please sign-in; this is one way we try to keep track of who is still out on course. There will be someone at the finish area from ca 1:00 PM until 4:15 PM, or until the last rider finishes (whichever comes first). If you abandon the ride or don't come to the finish please call or text the command center at 267-744-4538 to let us know.

**DOOR PRIZES.** When you check back in post ride, please check to see if you won a prize, and if you were fortunate enough to win one, please collect it. You must be present to win and receive your prize.

**POST-RIDE FOOD & DRINK.** We are having a post-ride picnic this year, providing 6" hoagies to pre-registered participants. We will have post ride drinks this year, including draft beer from [Rubber Soul Brewing Company](#). Please bring your own towels, blankets or folding chairs. Post Ride Food and drinks will not be available after 5:00 PM.

We appreciate your participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleche Buffoon; we wish you a safe and fun ride!

Best Regards,  
Kermesse Sport