



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](#) & [Instagram](#). Please tag us, and where appropriate use the following hashtags:

#FlecheBuffoon  
#KermesseSport

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.

PARKING. Free Parking is available on-site at:

New Hope Solebury Upper Elementary School  
186 W Bridge St  
New Hope, PA 18938

The Elementary School is located off the service road running between Bridge St (where the High School is visible from) and Lower York Rd. The service road goes past the High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools on one side of the road and athletic fields and courts on the other.

Please see: <https://www.flechebuffoon.com/directions-parking/>

Carpooling is suggested; there are only about 90 parking spaces at the Elementary School proper. You may park your vehicles in any non-handicap lined spot in the lot in front of the school entrance, or in the back, in the playground.

It is [Shadfest](#) weekend, so the high school clubs & teams sell parking spaces as a fundraiser. So, if you park at the high school, middle school or other lots, you may get charged for parking, either upon arrival or departure. Proceeds go to the clubs and sports teams.

Off Site parking may be available at

[Canal Park](#): located on River Rd. (PA-32) just north of the US-202 Bridge.

[Magill's Hill Park](#): located at River Rd (PA-32) & Chapel Rd, New Hope, PA 18938

PACKET PICK-UP. Each registrant must check-in in-person on Sunday morning. If you electronically signed a waiver during registration on BikeReg, you don't need to sign a physical waiver. If you didn't, you will need to sign paper waivers.

Sunday April 21, 2024  
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  
Outside the Front Entrance of

New Hope Solebury Upper Elementary School  
186 W Bridge St  
New Hope, PA 18938

#### RESTROOMS.

- Start & Finish: There are several portolets in the school complex along the service road. Unfortunately, the school recently removed the portolet right next to the Elementary School, but there are others nearby:
  - There is 1 next to the Tennis Courts
  - There are 2 by the Maintenance Buildings (a little after the start)
  - There are 2 next to the Lacrosse/Soccer Field by the Dumpsters & Bus Parking area (a little after the start)

Plan on riding your bike to/from them.

- Course: You may use the restroom at the Aid Station located at Upper Black Eddy Fire Station. There are others in the various parks and restaurants along the course

MERCHANDISE. If you pre-ordered something, or have merchandise reserved from any of our previous events, we 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:**

REMINDER. This is a RIDE and NOT A RACE. The roads are completely open to traffic. The conditions are very challenging, so don't push things. Ride in a manner that is safe for yourself, obeys traffic rules, and is courteous to your fellow riders and other road users.

START LOCATION. New Hope Solebury Upper Elementary School  
186 W Bridge St  
New Hope, PA 18938

START TIME. There is no mass start. Riders may start any time after they check in, from 8:00AM through 8:45AM.

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

AID STATION. The Aid Station is at mile 35.1 (both routes) at the

[Upper Black Eddy Fire Company](#)  
1716 Firehouse Ln.  
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

The aid station will be outside, and will be open from 9:45AM – 12:15PM. It will be stocked with food and drinks.

STORES ON COURSE. There are stores indicated on the official cue sheets.

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 Drivers or Sweep Riders may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics. The Broom Wagon will have a pump, and a limited amount of spare 700c tubes.

SAG SUPPORT. If you are unable to finish the event for some physical or mechanical reason, call or text the event hotline at [267-894-0840](tel:267-894-0840) 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 start/finish as dictated 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 recognize that there are other riders that need to be supported. Be patient; assistance will come as soon as possible.

ROUTE MARKING. There are none. **Therefore, the Cue Sheet and GPS Files are your sources of route information. PLEASE USE THE GPS DATA and BRING A CUE SHEET!**

ROUTE MAPS & CUE SHEETS. Official Cue Sheets and a General Route Map are posted to the [Fleche Buffoon Download Page](#).

GPS DATA & FREE GPS NAVIGATION. Please ensure you are using the latest files. TCX & FIT files with turn warnings will be posted to the [FB Download Page](#). GPX, FIT & KML Files may be obtained from Ride With GPS (see links below)

Route	Ride With GPS File
Short Course	<a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45380085">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45380085</a>
Long Course	<a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45380107">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45380107</a>

FREE GPS NAVIGATION.

With our enhanced Ride With GPS Membership, you can use the their Smartphone 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/311512/4N4G4fhEaFx9S8WeuAfx5MHJK4xN0KGI](https://ridewithgps.com/auto_approve/Event/311512/4N4G4fhEaFx9S8WeuAfx5MHJK4xN0KGI)

Please see the tutorial video on how to use Ride With GPS App here: <https://ridewithgps.com/help/event-participants/>

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 hotline at [267-894-0840](tel:267-894-0840). 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.

**COURSE NOTES:** 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.

The ride is conducted on a lot of twisty narrow roads; stay as far to the right as is safe, and ride single file as warranted. Stay alert for potholes, rough road surfaces and other road defects.

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

Please see the official cue sheets for specific course notes & warnings.

**FINISH TIME.** The course officially closes at 3:30 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 3:30 will be without support.

**CUT-OFF TIME.** Since the course officially closes at 3:30. Riders who do not depart the aid station at the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company (mile 35.1) by noon are advised to continue on the shorter course to avoid being on the road after services end, and to best ensure that post ride food and drinks are available to them.

**SHORT CUT.** After you cross into New Jersey, if you are tired or want to avoid additional hills, you can ride on the roads parallel to the Delaware River (Frenchtown Rd, NJ-29, etc.) south from Milford to Bulls Island, where you can pick up the course again. Please note that Between Milford and Frenchtown the roads can be busy and without a shoulder. These roads are mostly flat.

## **POST RIDE:**

**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 11:30AM until 4:00 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 event hotline at [267-894-0840](tel:267-894-0840) 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. Prizes will not be shipped.

**POST-RIDE FOOD & DRINK.** After your ride, please be our guest for food and drink, which is provided. The post ride is a tailgate this year, and will be held outside on the grounds of the school; please bring your own chairs, blankets, beach towels, tents, etc.

Post Ride Food and drinks will be available between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Since we are at a school, alcohol is prohibited. Thanks to the sponsorship from [Athletic Brewing Company](#), we will have some non-alcohol beer. We'll also have water and soft drinks available.

We appreciate your participation in the Fleche Buffoon; we wish you a safe and fun ride!

Best Regards,  
Kermesse Sport