



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS
Sunday March 29, 2026

Dear HoH Participant,

Thank you for registering for our 2026 event. This document includes information and details to help make your ride this weekend safe and enjoyable. Please read it carefully.

Due to a few circumstances, we have a different S/F venue this year, and want to thank the Princeton Elks for hosting us since 2015. They've been a highly supportive partner, and we're welcome back there at any time.

PRIOR TO THE RIDE:

WEATHER. The current forecast calls for typical spring weather, ranging from a cold morning to a cool afternoon with moderate winds. Check the latest forecasts prior to the event, and dress appropriately.

EQUIPMENT SELECTION. We always suggest using tires wider than 23mm; we personally prefer 28 mm, if riding a road or CX bike.

FILL YOUR BOTTLES. Please fill your bottles at home and save time by being prepared to ride.

PARKING.

Primary Parking is behind the venue at:

[Invertase Brewing](#)
80 Lambert Lane
Lambertville NJ 08530

Everyone hates how airplanes are boarded, so we're going to park from the back of the lot to the front. Please follow the directions of the parking volunteers, to keep this efficient. We promise you'll have adequate overhead bin space.

Overflow parking is on the streets of Lambertville, commercial streets are mostly metered, residential streets mostly aren't.

There is a [D&R Canal Parking Lot](#) located on River Rd (off NJ-29 between the US-202 Overpass and Alexauken Creek Rd) , just past the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead, which is located .8 miles north of [Invertase Brewing](#). The towpath on the river side of the canal goes straight to the trailhead behind the brewery (the towpath on the parking lot side goes into Lambertville itself). While this is a public lot (owned by the State Park), we don't have a permit to use it for the event, so do so at your own risk.

PACKET PICK-UP. Each registrant must pick up their own packet in-person by Sunday to get their wrist band; riders can't pick up wristbands for other riders.

Please park your bike outside in the bicycle parking area: bikes are not allowed inside the building

Sunday March 29, 2026 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

[Invertase Brewing](#)

80 Lambert Lane

Lambertville NJ 08530

All riders must complete a waiver. If you digitally signed your waiver on BikeReg during the registration process, you don't need to sign a paper waiver. All riders under 18 must have their parent or guardian sign their waiver.

RESTROOMS. There will be Restrooms at the following locations:

Start/Finish: There are 2 x 1-seat unisex restrooms within Invertase at the S/F.

Aid Stations: Each aid station will have some portos or restrooms.

Also on Course are:

Bulls Island Park at Mile 61.5 (Long Course only) has restrooms with sinks

BEER GLASS & MERCHANDISE. We have some remaining Hell of Hunterdon beer glasses and water bottles; each participant will receive them as supplies last.

If you pre-ordered merchandise (in 2026 or have older merchandise on hold for you), you can pick it up on Sunday following your ride. We have segregated the pre-orders from the items that will be available for on-site sale.

We have a limited number of items available for On-Site Sale on Sunday following the ride. Preferred payment method is cash, but checks, PayPal/Venmo/Zelle, and credit card payments are accepted. All sales are on a first come, first served basis.

BIKES/PARTS DRIVE. We are delighted to have the event benefit [Trenton Cycling Revolution](#), but it only works if you help them out. Please bring your unwanted bicycles, cycling clothing, components and accessories to donate to them. There are a lot of kids that can use the stuff you have retired, even if you consider it junk. You can drop off your donations at TCR's space at the Invertase Brewing Parking Lot; look for their sign

STROOPWAFELS. Pre-ride we'll have stroopwafels available in the registration area inside the Invertase Brewing.

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 obeys traffic rules, is safe for yourself, and is courteous to your fellow riders and other road users.

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

START LOCATION. [Invertase Brewing](#) **80 Lambert Lane Lambertville NJ 08530**

AT-WILL START TIME. There are no massed start waves this year. You may leave any time after you check-in (starting at 8:30 AM) up until 9:15AM. The roads are open to traffic, and you must obey all the rules of the road. We request the long course riders start earlier than later.

Food & Drink Service ends by 4:00. Thus, if you are riding the long course, and are not capable of averaging 12 MPH inclusive of stops on gravel roads and hilly terrain, you will need to start early in the start window in order to make the cut off times.

AID STATIONS. The Long Course has 2 Aid Stations and the Medium Course has 1 Aid Station

Location	Resources Available	Mile Marker		Open Time	Close Time
		Medium Course	Long Course		
Otto's Park Wertsville Rd @ Montgomery Rd Hillsborough, NJ 08844	Water & Electrolyte Mix Fruit Packaged Snacks*	28.0	28.0	10:00AM	11:45AM
Kingwood United Methodist Church 257 County RTE 519 Stockton, NJ 08559	Water & Electrolyte Mix Fruit PB&J Cookies	N/A	56.4	11:15AM	2:00PM

* Sorry, this is a requirement of the Hillsborough Department of Health, so some of your typical favorites will not be available this year, but we did find some special items to have there.

TRASH. Do not litter! Use the trash cans/bags at the aid stations. Pocket your gels & food wrappers, dead tubes, etc. We will not be invited back into certain townships if they deem our participants to be litterers... This is a serious matter. We have trash cans at the aid stations; you have pockets; please use them. [Trenton Cycling Revolution](#) will take your dead tubes at the finish for their programs, so please don't leave them on the course.

MECHANICAL SUPPORT. Please make sure your bike is in working order and that you have your own spare tubes and tools. [Trenton Cycling Revolution](#) will be available for major problems, but please be prepared to fix your own bikes. SAG drivers may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics. SAGs will have pumps, 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). 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 >350 other riders that also need to be supported. Assistance will come as soon as possible.

COURSE MARKING. There are none! We highly suggest using the provided GPS Files, Ride With GPS App, and Cue Sheets! **Road defects, including pot holes, are not marked.**

ROUTE MAPS, GPS FILES & CUE SHEETS. Please note the 2026 course is somewhat different from the past 2 editions, since 1 of the road closures resulting from Hurricane Ida has been repaired.

The Official Cue Sheet are posted to the [HoH Download Page](#). Please print your own.

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

Route	Ride With GPS File
Medium Course	https://ridewithgps.com/routes/54315508
Long Course	https://ridewithgps.com/routes/54308031

FREE GPS NAVIGATION.

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: <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/events/468347-2026-hell-of-hunterdon?privacy_code=T1gzP2KxOGBXeuTGp9yI09dNB7x6nIRA

Please see the tutorial vide on how to use Ride With GPS App here: <https://support.ridewithgps.com/hc/en-us/articles/13542984123931-Event-Participants>

CUT-OFF TIMES & SHORT-CUTS. In order to get you back to the finish on-time (by 3:30) the following Cut-Off Times are in place. Please start earlier in the start window if you average less than 12 MPH (inclusive of stops) on hilly terrain and gravel roads.

Time	Description	Location	Action
1:00 PM	Long Course Cut-Off	Mile 43.2: Long/Medium Course Split (Boss Rd @ Garboski Rd)	All Riders on the Long Course who arrive at this location after 1:00 PM are advised to make the left turn onto the Medium Course at Garboski Rd.
2:30 PM	Short-Cut 1 (Long Course Only)	Mile 61.5 Bulls Island Park	All Riders arriving here after 2:30 PM are advised to follow Shortcut 1 by getting on the D&R Canal Tow Path instead of turning left on Quarry Rd.
3:30 PM	Course Closes	Invertase Brewing	All Riders still on the course are “On Their Own”.

Since there are 2 courses, if your day isn't going to plan, you can switch routes where the courses split. If that still isn't doing the trick, there are 2 Short-Cuts available. Please note, if you go off the official courses, we may not be able to support you in a timely fashion.

Short-Cut 1 By taking Short-Cut 1 you'll save ca 5 miles of riding and avoid ca 700' of climbing	
Location	Long Course
NJ-29 @ Quarry Rd.	Mile 61.5
Short-Cut 1 Directions	https://ridewithgps.com/routes/54355594

FINISH LINE CLOSURE/EVENT END TIME. The finish line officially closes at 3:30, and all course services will end at this time. Post ride food and beverage services will cease by 4:00 PM.

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 law enforcement. All riders are personally responsible for knowing New Jersey's traffic laws.

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/regulations.shtm>

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 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 dirt & gravel roads; this is probably why you registered! While all of these unpaved roads are maintained, many of the roads have not been repaired yet from the winter. **Expect pot**

holes on most roads. Pot holes and other road defects are **NOT MARKED**. Also expect mud, ruts, deep holes, and a lot of loose gravel on every unpaved road.

Some of the local municipalities have been getting complaints about cyclists' riding habits. Please keep in mind that we are guests in these communities, and we want to be welcomed back. Sharing the road goes 2 ways; be courteous to other road users while protecting yourself by riding smart and safe.

Thus, it is important that you ride as far to the right as safely possible, and that you obey the centerline (whether it is painted or implied). There are a lot of twisty roads, so keep to the right, and ride single file, particularly where posted.

Please see the official cue sheet for course notes. They are available on the [HoH Download Page](#)

Pot Holes: There are significant numbers of bad potholes out there, which may be difficult to see in a group. **POT HOLES ARE NOT MARKED**. 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... Assume all puddles are filling deep holes!

POST RIDE:

SIGN-IN. When you finish your ride, check back in; this is one way we try to keep track of who is still out on course. When you do, you'll receive your HoH goodies. You will also check here to see if you won one of the door prizes.

BIKE PARKING. For safety and convenience, we are setting up an unsecured bicycle parking area in the Invertase Parking Lot. Bikes are not permitted inside the Invertase Brewing.

POST-RIDE FESTIVITIES. After your ride, be our guest for beer made by [Invertase Brewing](#). You will receive a beer ticket, for your first pour. The size of the pour is per Invertase's policy (the higher the alcohol %, the smaller the pour). Additional beer may be purchased directly from Invertase. You will need your wristband to get food & drinks. Lunch is for registered riders and volunteers only, along with those with Companion Passes. **Festivities start at noon and will finish no later than 4:00.**

There is seating inside, people taking beer outside do so at their own risk.

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:
#HelloofHunterdon #KermesseSport

THE BOTTOM LINE. Have Fun. This is what this event is all about; it is a celebration of the start of the cycling season. But please have your fun within the confine of our basic rules.

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

Best Regards,
Kermesse Sport

P. S. Don't Forget about our other rides! The term is Spring Classics, that is plural...

Saturday April 18th: www.flechebuffoon.com/ Registration is open

Save the Date: Sunday May 3rd: <https://www.pinelandsgravel.com/> We're working through an event/permit conflict with another group, so please bear with us. We'll open registration as soon as we iron this out.