

P4P 30 MILE COURSE DESCRIPTION

From the starting line it's 1/2 mile to the Elm Brook Park entrance. Turn right onto Route 127/ Maple street. Ride 2.6 miles to the center of Contoocook. The road surface is excellent and traffic should be moderate. In Contoocook village the traffic should be the busiest you will see on the ride. At the small fountain in the center of town turn right and ride 2/10 of a mile down Main Street where you turn left onto Penacook Road. The road surface remains very good and traffic lessens.

After 2/10 of a mile climb up Penacook Road turn left at the stop sign you will remain on Penacook Road. Ride 2.3 miles crossing the Contoocook River to a 4 way stop sign. The pavement remains very good and traffic should be light.

Turn right onto East Penacook Road and ride 3.6 miles to a stop sign. The pavement is mostly good but towards the stop sign becomes fair. Traffic should be light.

At the stop sign turn left onto Deer Meadow/ Blackwater Road and ride 3.4 miles to the Pillsbury Lake rest stop. The pavement is mostly fair with stretches of good and traffic should be light.

After the rest stop continue straight on Deer Meadow road for 6/10 of a mile and bear left onto Clothespin Bridge road. Ride 8/10 of a mile and bear left crossing Clothespin Bridge. In 9/10 of a mile you will reach a stop sign on Route 127/ Battle Street. The pavement will be good and traffic light.

Turn right onto Route 127/ Battle Street and ride 8/10 of a mile to White Plains Road. Do not ride across the bridge over the Blackwater River. The pavement is new chip and seal and traffic should be moderate.

Turn left onto White Plains Road and ride uphill for 2/10 of a mile to the Blackwater Dam Rest Stop.

Continue 5.5 miles on white Plains Road which becomes Schoodac Road. The pavement is good and traffic should be light. There is a nice downhill in the middle.

At the top of a small rise you will turn left onto Poverty Plains Road. Ride 2.3 miles and turn right onto Route 127/ Battle street. The pavement is good and traffic should be light.

Ride 4/10 of a mile on Route 127 to a stop sign at Route 103. The pavement is new chip and seal and traffic should be moderate.

Be careful as you approach route 103 as you will be going uphill and westbound traffic on 103 will be coming around a curve and going downhill. Turn right onto Route 103 and ride 7/10 of a mile to Warner Road/ Kearsarge Avenue. The road surface is good but traffic should be moderate.

Turn left onto Warner Road/ Kearsarge Avenue and ride 2/10 of a mile to the Stevens Rail Trail Rest Stop. The pavement is fair and traffic should be light.

Leave the rest stop heading south for 2.1 miles on Kearsarge avenue to a stop sign at Pine Street. The pavement is good and traffic light. Turn right onto Pine street and ride 2.3 miles to Clement Hill Road. The road surface is mainly good interspersed with short segments of fair. Traffic is generally light. The last 4/10 of a mile is an increasing grade uphill climb.

Turn left onto Clement Hill Road and ride 1.5 miles where you turn left and go over the Rowell road covered bridge. The Clement Hill Road pavement is more stretches of fair than good. If you are an inexperienced cyclist you may want to walk your bike over the covered bridge.

Once across the bridge you take two very close left turns to head east on 127/ Maple street. Ride 1.1 miles on 127 where you veer right onto Emerson Hill Road. The road surface on 127 is excellent and traffic moderate. Very shortly after you turn right onto Emerson Hill Road you turn right to re-enter Elm Brook Park. The fish line is 1/2 miles away right where you started. Enjoy the picnic.