

P4P 50 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 left onto Route 103/ Main Street and ride 2.1 miles where you veer left to stay on Route 103. Ride 1.2 miles, passing under I 89, and then veer right staying on Route 103 west. The pavement will be good and traffic should be moderate.

Ride 2.9 miles, passing over I 89, and immediately turn right on to Schoodac Road. The pavement is good and traffic should be light. Travel 6.9 miles on Schoodac Road which will become White Plains Road to the Blackwater Dam Rest Stop. There will be a big hill in the middle. The pavement is mostly good and traffic is very light.

Ride 0.1 mile down hill to Route 127/Battle Street. *Please be careful here - as traffic coming from your left on Route 127 will be coming down hill, around a bend and will have impaired sight lines*. Turn left at the stop sign and ride 1.0 miles up a steep hill, the longest hill on the ride, and turn right onto Long Street. The pavement is good and traffic should be moderate. Ride down hill then up hill for 1.8 miles where the road curves to the right and becomes Water Street. The up hill portion is brand new asphalt which extends all the way along Water Street and is the best pavement on the ride and traffic should be very light.

After about 0.6 mile Water Street curves sharply to the left and after a short rise there is a nice long down hill of about 2.3 miles. At this point veer right onto Woodbury Road. Ride for 0.4 mile and then turn right onto Corn Hill Road. The pavement is good and traffic should be very light.

Ride 3.7 miles along Corn Hill Road. The pavement will be good with a long stretch of new chip-n-seal in the middle. Traffic should be very light. After the 3.7 miles veer left onto Christopher Robert Drive. After 0.2 miles turn left onto Deer Meadow Road and in 0.2 mile come to the Pillsbury Lake Rest Stop. The road surface is mostly good and traffic is light.

Continue on Deer Meadow Road for 3.7 miles, where you will turn right onto Warner Road/East Penacook Road. The pavement is fair and traffic should be light. Ride 2.5 miles on Warner Road/East Penacook Road to a 4 way stop sign. The pavement starts out fair but turns good once you enter Hopkinton Township. Traffic should be light to moderate.

At the 4 way stop sign, turn right onto Tyler Road. Travel 1.7 miles, mostly up hill, where you will bear left to stay on Tyler Road. Ride 1.8 miles to a stop sign at the intersection of NH Route 127/Battle Street. The pavement is fair and traffic should be very light. Turn left onto NH 127/Battle Street and ride 3.3 miles to a stop sign at NH Route 103. The pavement is new chip-n-seal and traffic should be moderate. The ride goes up a relatively long hill then down hill and up hill and down hill again.

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 0.4 of a mile is an increasing grade uphill climb. Turn left onto Clement Hill Road and ride 1.5 miles to where you turn left and go over the Rowell road covered bridge. The Clement Hill Road pavement is more stretches of fair than good but traffic should be very light. 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.