



HELLO EA2EVL RIDERS!

Thanks for signing up for the ride and supporting the effort to help create, build, and maintain what will be the most beautiful multi-use recreational trail in Western New York, the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail. We can't build the trail without your support and are well on our way to reaching that goal. We know fundraising is hard work and truly appreciate you securing donors for the event. This guide will give you all the details for the ride with specifics on parking, registration pickup, party info, schedule, course info, and more. We have a fun and safe course planned with plenty of breaks on the way.

Remember, this is not a race! Enjoy the ride; the rider that "wins" is the one that has the most fun! From the organizers and board members of the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, we truly appreciate you signing up for the ride and plan for a great day out on the road.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 to 9:45 AM – Packet Pickup – 42 North Brewing – 25 Pine St, East Aurora
- 10:00 AM – Start, Filmore Ave., East Aurora
- 1:00 to 5:00 PM – After ride party at Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville
- 1:00 to 4:00 PM – Kody & Herren take the stage
- 2:30 & 4:15 PM – Bus Transportation back to East Aurora – To help us with planning you must sign up ahead of time through the registration system. Please go to your Givesignup.com account to add the transportation option by 9/28 if you did not sign up during your initial purchase.

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PARKING AT THE START - EAST AURORA

VERY IMPORTANT!

NEW PARKING LOCATION FOR 2026

For this year we have arranged parking at the East Aurora Middle School: 430 Main St East Aurora. Please note, this is a different location from 2025.

The parking lot is a 1/2 mile from our start location on Fillmore Ave. We will have a bag check to bring at registration so you will not have to return to your car after packet pickup. We will make sure that your items get to the finish line at Holiday Valley Resort.

We ask everyone to utilize the middle school lot, and not in the other public or private lots around the Village of East Aurora. In order to hold the start in East Aurora we had to assure the Village officials that our participants would all use the school lot. Thank you for your understanding and compliance with this request as we may not be able to hold the event in future years if we do not follow this request.



PARKING AT THE FINISH - HOLIDAY VALLEY

There is plenty of parking at Holiday Valley Resort if you would like to leave a car for the ride back to East Aurora. Please park in the upper lot of Holiday Valley indicated by the shaded area on the map. We ask that you do not park in the No Parking area as that is where we will have the finish line and after-party set up.



PACKET PICKUP / BAG CHECK

Packet pickup is inside 42 North Brewing at 25 Pine St., East Aurora from 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM. Riders will receive their ride numbers, fundraising premiums such as t-shirt or jersey, as well as food & drink tickets for the after-ride party. Restrooms will be available inside 42 North Brewing.

There will also be a bag check at packet pickup if you would like to get a change of clothes to the finish line. Look for bag pickup after you finish near the entrance to the party.

COURSE

Our 42 mile course from East Aurora to Ellicottville runs parallel to the proposed trail. Look for the signs in a few spots that point out future site of the trail.

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!

The course is open to traffic and riders must obey ALL traffic laws. Please obey all stop signs, traffic lights, and stay to the right on the road. Please ride single file and avoid riding two abreast on narrow sections of roadway. Riders must obey the rules of road and pay attention to traffic right of ways.

If riding in a group, don't attempt to stop traffic for the group, please wait until traffic is clear as our permits with the State, County, and local municipalities for the event depend on everyone obeying the traffic laws.

Every turn on the course will be marked with orange arrows and directional signs. We will have volunteers at key intersections to act as course pointers. The course pointers are there to make sure riders are going the correct direction and they will not be directing or stopping traffic. Fortunately, our course is lightly traveled and has very few turns but we want to make sure everyone remains safe.

TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS

Link to interactive Map <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1616024?units=miles>

- Start – Filmore Ave., East Aurora, 10 AM
- Right Turn - Pine St. (.02 Mi)
- Right Turn – South St. (.86 Mi)
- Left Turn – Center St. (1.62 Mi)
- Right Turn – Beach Rd. (1.79 Mi)
- Left Turn – Mill Rd. (2.17 Mi)
- Left Turn – RT 240 (6.26 Mi)
- Right Turn – RT 242 (36.50 Mi)
- Right Turn – Elizabeth St. (40.70 Mi)
- Left Turn – Jefferson St. (41.1 Mi)
- Right Turn – Holiday Valley Rd. (42.17 Mi)
- Left Turn – Finish – Holiday Valley Main Lodge



Watch the video for quick tips and important rules of the road for EA2EVL ride:

<https://youtu.be/EsOEFBP2ngs>

*Presented by our
Safety Sponsor: Small Law*

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Helmet use is mandatory for the ride. Please be sure you have a helmet that fits properly before ride day.

There will be tech support on the course provided by Tom's Pro Bike. Tom's will have mechanics at the start to provide minor last-minute repairs and will have vehicles on course if you develop a mechanical issue. Please check your bike well ahead of the ride to make sure it is in good working order; don't wait until the day before the ride. Tom's Pro Bike has locations around the Buffalo area to service your bike. Please see their website for locations and contact information: www.tomsprobike.com.

If you are having a mechanical issue during the ride, please mention it to a volunteer at a water stop or call 716-222-0265 if you are not near a stop and we will send a mechanic from Tom's. Please keep this number with you as it can be used if you have any issues during the ride.

WATER STOPS

The ride will have three water stops stocked with sports drink, energy snacks, and water as well as restrooms at the following locations:

- Klissing Bridge Resort (10296 State Rd, Glenwood) - Mile 14.5 ****NEW LOCATION FOR 2026**
- Land Pro Equipment (336 Vaughn St., Springville) – Mile 21.9
- Ashford Community Center – Mile 30.5

AFTER-RIDE PARTY

The after party starts at 1 PM with the band Kody & Herren taking the stage. For riders that reached the minimum fundraising goal of \$100, food and drink tickets for one food item and one 42 North beer will be distributed at packet pickup in East Aurora. The party is open to everyone, so bring your friends and family. The more the merrier! Food and drink tickets can be purchased on site at the party.

TRANSPORTATION BACK TO EAST AURORA

If you purchased the ride back to East Aurora from Ellicottville we have arranged for bus transportation to leave at 2:30 PM and 4:15 PM. Look for the bus and signs right near the finish line. Your bike will be sent in a van following the bus protected by furniture blankets. To help us with planning you must sign up ahead of time through the registration system. Please go to your Givesignup.com account to add the transportation option by 9/28 if you did not sign up during your initial purchase.

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