



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS
February 25, 2018

Dear SSC Participant,

Thank you for participating in the 4th Sourland Semi Classic. We are honored that the ride sold out again; we greatly 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:

DRESS APROPRIATELY. The current weather forecast is calling for rain for the next several days. This means the paved roads may be wet, and the unpaved roads might get sloppy. Please dress in a manner that ensures you are as dry, warm and as comfortable as possible during the ride. If it gets cold enough overnight, there likely will be ice on the roads.

FILL YOUR BOTTLES. Please fill your bottles at home, and save time by being prepared to ride. We will not have supplies at the start. The only aid station is at ca mile 33, so have sufficient food and liquids with you to make it at least this far. There is a deli near Mile 25, if you need supplies sooner.

PARKING. Please be diligent about where you park, and do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Free parking is available at:

Hopewell Elementary School
35 Princeton Ave
Hopewell, NJ 08525

This is 1/4 mile away from the Start at [Sourland Cycles](#).

Overflow parking is on the streets of Hopewell Borough. Please look for signs that might restrict parking. Parking is at your own risk.

THERE IS NO PARTICIPANT PARKING AT SOURLAND CYCLES. Please do not drive there; drive directly to the elementary school and ride your bike to the bike shop for registration & the start.

DIRECTIONS. From Parking (Hopewell Elementary) to Start (Sourland Cycles)

Turn L on Princeton Ave./CR-569 (aka Hopewell Princeton Rd.
Turn R at the traffic light on E. Broad St./CR-518
Sourland Cycles will be on your right

SIGN-IN. Each participant must sign-in personally on Sunday morning to sign their waiver; get their wrist band. All riders under 18 must have their parent or guardian sign their waiver.

Sunday February 25, 2018 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM at:

[Sourland Cycles](#)
53 East Broad St
Hopewell, NJ, 08525

Since there is no participant parking at Sourland Cycles, please do not drive there, not even just to register. Drive directly to the elementary school and ride your bike to the bike shop for registration & the start.

RESTROOMS.

Parking Lot: There will not be any here; please hold it until you reach Sourland Cycles

Start & Finish: There are 2 restrooms within Sourland Cycles and there will be 2 porto-potties outside.

Course: There are restrooms at the Shell Gas Station (mile 24.5) & at the Carousel Deli (mile 24.8), a portolet at the aid station at mile 33, and a Portolet at Otto's Farm Park at mile 51.5

MERCHANDISE. If you pre-ordered a SSC T-Shirt, we have them packaged 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 card payments. Shirts cost \$25 on-site.

Since it is expected to be rainy, we will have Hell of Hunterdon branded Ass Savers for sale the morning of the ride at registration for \$5.00. To keep things moving quickly, these will be cash only sales.

PRE-RIDE COFFEE. We won't have any at registration, since there are 2 excellent local places in town that we recommend. They will do it better than we ever possibly could. Both are very cycling friendly places, who will appreciate your patronage.

[Brick Farm Market](#) (just a few doors from Sourland Cycles) 65 E. Broad St. Hopewell, NJ 08525
[Boro Bean](#) 9 E. Broad St. Hopewell, NJ 08525

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.

START TIME. The ride starts promptly at 10:00 AM. All riders must be in the staging area (the [Sourland Cycles](#) & [Hopewell Motors](#) Parking Lots) by 9:50 AM.

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

START LOCATION. [Sourland Cycles](#) 53 East Broad St Hopewell, NJ, 08525

AID STATION. The Aid Station is at ca mile 33 at Blackwell Park in Raritan Township. The entrance is on LaVada Ln. This will be stocked with fruit, cookies, gel, drink mix, water, etc

The aid station will be open from 11:40 AM – 1:00 PM. If you arrive early or late, there is no guarantee that anyone will be there.

Blackwell Park
63 Everitts Rd.
Ringoos, NJ 08551

MECHANICAL SUPPORT. There is none. Please make sure your bike is in working order, that you have your own spare tubes and tools. The Broom Wagon Driver or Sweep Riders may be available to assist, but they are not professional mechanics. They will have pumps, and a limited amount of spare tubes.

SHORT CUTS. We only offer 1 official route, and don't actively promote any deviations, but if you study the route, there are plenty of places to cut the course shorts and bail-out points that will take you back to the start/finish area, if needed.

SAG SUPPORT. If you are unable to finish the event for some physical or mechanical reason, call the command center at [215-622-7846](tel:215-622-7846), who will contact the broom wagon (484-843-6503). You will be picked up as soon as feasible and either transported to the 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 a broom wagon and not a door-to-door taxi service, and there are other riders that also need to be supported. Assistance will come as soon as possible. Do your best to stay warm and dry while waiting

ROUTE MAPS, GPS Data & CUE SHEETS. Official Cue Sheets are attached to the email message that also contains this document. A Map of the course and GPS data may be obtained from [RideWithGPS](#). Do not use their cue sheets as they are missing pertinent information, and vary from the official cue sheet.

ROUTE MARKING. There are none! We highly suggest using the provided GPS Data and Cue Sheets!

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 New Jersey's traffic laws.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. If you have-or witness—a serious crash or medical emergency, immediately call 911, and then call the event command center [215-622-7846](tel:215-622-7846) 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.

KEY COURSE POINTS: Please see the cue sheet attached to this message for detailed directions.

The course contains 4 unpaved (dirt/gravel) roads, which have a lot of loose gravel, washboard surfaces, and some potholes. There are a lot of steep hills; what goes up, typically also goes down soon after; assume every downhill will be fast and technical.

The roads also have a lot of bad/deep pot holes (which may be filled with water, and possibly ice if there are temperatures below freezing overnight. If you see a puddle, assume it is a deep pothole. You should expect gravel and other debris in every turn.

Please be on the lookout for ice/black ice. Exercise extreme caution, expect ice patches to appear suddenly, particularly in all turns, on downhill sections, in low spots, near creeks, near (or on) bridges, in spots that are shaded, in wind exposed areas, and on road edges.

The following are a few sample areas to exercise extreme caution as well as hints to stay on course:

Cue Sheet Marker	Mile	Road Name	Notes
14	11.9	Rocktown Rd.	Gravel near bridge at bottom of hill in a tight turn. Road turns to dirt/gravel. Edges of road have collapsed
33/34	24.8	NJ-179 & CR-579	Right Turn followed by an immediate bear left to stay on course. You want to stay on CR-579, not on NJ-179
35	26.2	Dunkard Church Rd.	The turn is somewhat hidden; and appears suddenly. It is just before a farm with a large silo
43	33.2	Aid Station at Blackwell Park (on LaVada Lane)	You need to turn off Everitts Rd. to get to the aid station
52	39.0	Rainbow Hill Rd.	Twisting downhill after the climb
64	49.6	Long Hill Rd.	Very Fast and long downhill
65	50.8	Wertsville Rd.	Since you will be going fast on Long Hill Rd., this turn is easy to miss!
72	57.4	Hopewell Amwell Rd.	The climb is followed by a very fast descent. Ice is possible near the railroad bridge near the bottom

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.

POST-RIDE FESTIVITIES. After your ride, please be our guest for food provided by [Sourland Cycles](#) and [Antimo's Italian Kitchen](#), with beer provided by [Weyerbacher Brewing Company](#). If it is warm and dry out, tables will be set-up outside. If it isn't, we'll have tables set up inside both [Sourland Cycles](#) & [Hopewell Motors](#).

BIKE PARKING. We have arranged for post ride bike parking outside Sourland Cycles. The organizers and Sourland Cycles are offering this as a convenience for the participants, but bicycle parking is at your own risk; we accept no responsibility or liability for participant's bikes and accessories.

Sourland Cycles has a bike washing station behind the shop, where you can hose things off, if desired.

THE BOTTOM LINE. Have Fun. This is what this event is all about. Be safe, and stay warm.

We appreciate your participation in the 4th Sourland Semi-Classic; thanks for making this event a success. We wish you a safe and fun ride!

Best Regards,
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