

FALL N LEAF 2019

Ride description

The routes are located on the country roads just south of Mansfield, Ohio. The terrain varies from flat to very hilly. We have a large population of Mennonite families in the area so there is very little automobile traffic on these roads and the farms are very scenic. We have routes to accommodate most road bikers.

We have four routes this year: 33, 50, 67 and 83 miles.

The 36-mile route does not have any steep hills or hills with an extended climb. It has a total ascent of about 1500 feet. This is a great route for hybrid bikes or riders that are not accustomed to riding long distances. It does not use the Richland B&O bike trail.

The 50-mile route is a 17-mile extension of the 33-mile route. It has about an additional 500 feet of ascent for a total of 2000 feet. This is a great option if you are used to riding metric centuries but you are not into the hills of our 67-mile route.

Our 67-mile route is for experienced riders that have a good relationship with their small chain ring. The first 30 miles are intentionally hilly. We are also offering a Big Hill Option (BHO) that will further ramp it up if you feel the need. This route has several steep hills as well as a few extended climbs. The route has a total ascent of about 4100 feet. The first 30 miles are in the very hilly as well as scenic. After the second rest stop in Bellville, you will basically follow the less aggressive 33-mile route.

Our 83-mile route is also for experience riders. This route has a total ascent of about 4600 feet. It is basically the 67-mile route except you will follow the 50-mile route after the second rest stop. We do ask that if you are planning on doing the 83-mile route, that you start your ride by 8 am.

We will provide road markings, maps, rest stops, a warm lunch, SAG support and an adult beverage or water after the ride. We will also have a clothes shuttle, so if it is cool in the morning you can layer up to stay warm and then then as it warms up just leave your unneeded clothes in grocery sacks, we provide, at a rest area and we will bring it back to the registration area. You can pre-register online or by mail. Just print out the registration mail it in with your check or pay with our PayPal link and bring your registration with you. On-site registration will also be available the morning of the ride.

Where & When

The start location is at the Comfort Inn, 855 Comfort Inn Plaza, Bellville, OH 44813. Parking is next door at the Der Dutchman. This is located at the Route 97 exit on Interstate 71 just south of Mansfield. This is a Splash Harbor hotel, so if your family doesn't ride, they can enjoy the small waterpark while you are riding the Fall N Leaf. The ride is Sunday, October 13, 2019. Registration is 7:00 to 9:00 am.

GPS Information

The routes will be available on "Ride With GPS" if you signup online or we receive your mailed in registration before October 9th. The links will be emailed to you no later than the Thursday before the ride. We will have a laptop at registration to download the routes but we strongly recommend that you do it before you arrive.