



Hello 2025 Riders!

We are just 2 days away from the [19th Annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride](#), and we couldn't be more excited! The weather looks ideal, high of 78° and sunny! Before you clip in, here's some important information to make your ride smooth.

## Pre-Check Dates

Join us at the final Pre-Check to pick up your bike tag and wristband and skip the Check-In line the day of.

**Saturday, October 4th, 9am-12pm**

Buzzards Bay Coalition Headquarters, 114 Front Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

**Important:** On Ride day, you'll still need to stop briefly at our **PRE-CHECK station** (look for the big green check mark) before heading to the start line, it'll be quick and easy!

## Shuttles & Parking

### Shuttle Schedule

All shuttles will depart promptly from the MBL Swope Center, 5 North St, Woods Hole.

### Departure times:

- **100-mile (am):** 5:15am
- **77-mile (am):** 7:00am
- **100-mile (pm return):** 5:00pm
- **77-mile (pm return):** 5:00pm
- **41-mile (pm return):** 5:00pm

### Shuttle Parking

Riders signed up for the am shuttle from Woods Hole to the 100- or 77-mile start lines can park in the following parking lots:

- **North St. Lot - [8 North St., Woods Hole](#)**
- **Millfield St. Lot - [91 Millfield St., Woods Hole](#)**
- **Bar Neck Rd. Lot - [33 Bar Neck Rd., Woods Hole](#)**
- **Stony Beach Lot - [36 Gosnold Rd., Woods Hole](#)**
- **School St. Lot #1 - [49a School St., Woods Hole](#)**
- **School St. Lot #2 - [11 School St., Woods Hole](#)**

Please allow 5-10 minutes of walking time to your shuttle.

**Note for 100-mile Riders:** There **very limited parking at the 100-mile start line**. Priority will be given to riders taking the PM shuttle back to Sakonnet point. **If you are not on a shuttle and need a space, please email [events@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:events@savebuzzardsbay.org) and let us know ASAP.**

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## Routes & Ride With GPS

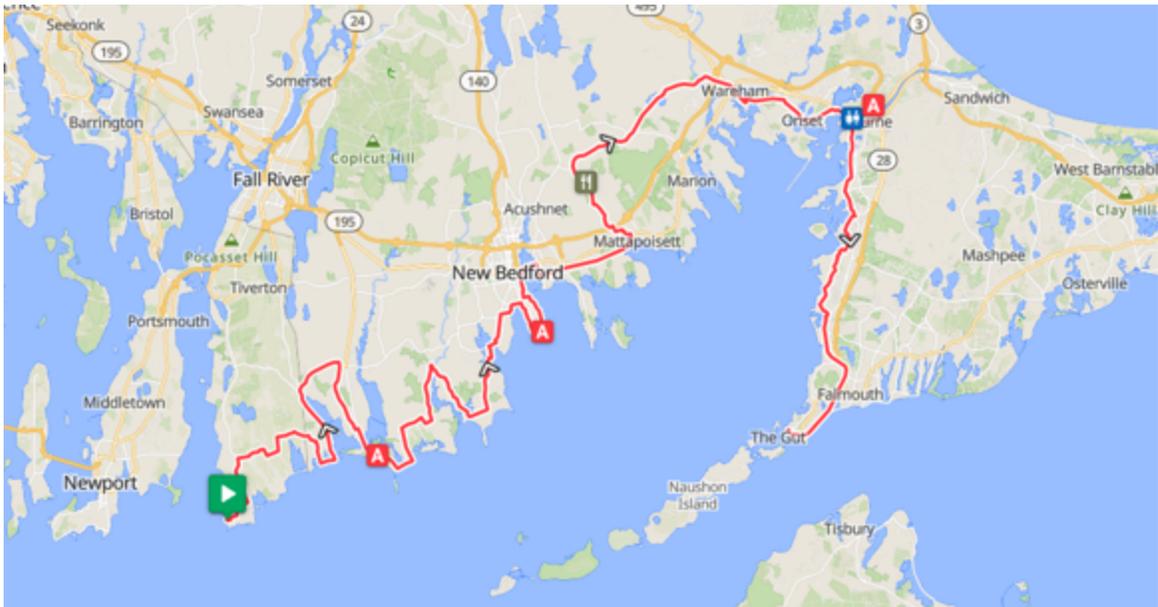
All Watershed Riders will have free access to turn-by-turn navigation using the **Ride with GPS** mobile app.

Please take a moment to download the app and create your free account before you arrive on the morning of the Ride.

Use [this link to RSVP to the Watershed Ride](#) event and gain access to the route.

The course is clearly marked and staffed with volunteers throughout, but should you make a wrong turn, the app will guide you back to the route.

We will have QR Codes available to scan and download the route the morning of the Ride, but please be advised that cell service may be limited at your start line. We will have outlets to charge your phone at the Red Brick Farm lunch stop, so bring your charger if you'd like!



## Rider Gear

All riders are required to wear a helmet on the route. In addition, we recommend bringing the following equipment:

- Water bottle
- Cycling gloves
- Foul weather gear (for unpredictable weather situations)
- Warm, dry clothes to change into at the finish line
- Identification and your health insurance card
- Cell phone
- Cash
- Basic bike repair kit (Although there will be SAG wagons available to help you if needed). It's always a good idea to carry supplies such as a spare tube, bike pump or quick-fill device, a tire lever, and a hex/allen wrench)

At all three start lines, there will a "Rider Bags" vehicle that will transport items to the finish line. Please make sure your bag is clearly marked with your name and contact information.

## Watershed Ride Timeline

Please see the Watershed Ride [event page](#) for detailed information. Here are a few key times to be aware of:

- **7:20 am:** Mandatory safety briefing for 100-mile start
- **7:30 am:** 100-mile riders begin at Sakonnet Point
- **8:50 am:** Mandatory safety briefing for 77-mile start
- **9:00 am:** 77-mile riders begin at Horseneck Beach
- **11:20 am:** Mandatory safety briefing for 41-mile start
- **11:30 am:** 41-mile riders begin at Red Brick Farm
- **5:00 pm:** Route closes and all shuttles depart Woods Hole for start lines

## Finish Line Festivities

Here's what to expect when you get off the saddle:

- **Food:** Grab a hot meal from the food trucks! Your wristband is your meal ticket.
- **Beer:** All 21+ riders can enjoy two complimentary beers from [Buzzards Bay Brewing](#). Just present your wristband.
- **Music:** [Puffy Elvis](#) will bring the party and play the best hits!
- **Rider Prizes:** Visit the Prize Tent to grab your Ride t-shirt and any other fundraising prizes.
- **Merch Tent:** Pick up some fresh BBC gear to show off your support for clean water, including hats, t-shirts, burgees, and cycling jerseys.
- **Awards Ceremony:** At 4:15pm, awards will be announced for top fundraisers and milestone awards.
- **Massage Tent:** Enjoy a FREE massage from a licensed therapist to help you relax after the ride. You can find the massage tent in the rider services area where you park your bike.
- **Guests:** Your friends and family are welcome to join the finish line party! If they would like to enjoy some food and a beer, wristbands will be for sale for \$20 at the merch table.
- **Visitor Parking:** Visitors should park at the lots located at [49a School St.](#) or [11 School St.](#) in Woods Hole.

## Fundraising Deadline

The fundraising minimum is \$300 per rider. You are welcome to bring any additional fundraising checks or cash to the Pre-Checks or the morning of the Ride, but you will not need to reach the \$300 fundraising minimum the day of the Ride in order to participate.

Fundraising will continue through October 19th. We are 29% of our way to our \$500,000 goal. Amazing work to all Riders so far! If you do not reach the fundraising minimum by October 19, your card on file will be charged the balance.

We have a fantastic line-up of fundraising gifts for riders reaching the \$1,000, \$2,500, and \$5,000 levels! Check them out below. **The deadline for the awards ceremony** is Friday, October 3rd at noon. But if you do reach another fundraising level after the Ride, we will get the prize to you.



Watershed Rider Hat



Watershed Ride Hoodie



Watershed Ride Jersey

**Note:** If you do reach the \$2,500 level, we will be ordering the hoodie for you after the event. For the t-shirt, hat, and jersey, please visit the prize tent, we will have those ready!

## Thank you for Riding!

We here at the Coalition are immensely grateful for the time that you put into your training and fundraising, both of which help amplify our mission to protect Buzzards Bay and our region's environment.

For more day-of details, please review the [Schedule & Directions](#) page and the [FAQs](#).

We hope this email was helpful, but if you still have questions, please reach out to us.

Ride on!  
Kate

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