

# Ohio Randonneurs Marietta/Tar Hollow 600 Km Brevet

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### Rider Notes



#### Ohio Randonneurs Creed

**Randonneuring events are not races. Everyone that finishes within the time limit is a winner. Anyone that fails because of poor decisions will have learned something. Failure to maintain control of our bike and not practicing safe cycling is not an option. Let's all be winners and live to ride again tomorrow.**

#### Route

- The official route is the route narrative (cue sheet). The route is not painted so follow the cue sheet carefully and use your odometer mileage to verify turns.
- Use extreme caution, especially on descents. Your risks of crashing or of puncturing are greater at speed. Brakes are for your protection.
- Most road surfaces are good. However some rough spots have developed during the winter even on state highways. There are many areas where salt, cinders or gravel require your undivided attention. Watch the road surface at all times.
- Total distance is 602.5Km. (374.4 miles)
- There are many scenic vistas as we bike along the ridge tops headed south toward Marietta. In Marietta, we will tour through the historic downtown along the Ohio River and cross the Muskingum River on a foot bridge with a nice view of the rivers. We will return to Grove City after the first 400km and then head back to Tar Hollow where we will have a beautiful ride through on the ridge through the park.

#### Hills

- Total climbing is around 20,000 feet. Most hills are short with only a few that exceed 10%. This route does have some longer than usual grades on it considering this is SE Ohio. There is a good mix of flat sections and climbing with the flat sections being closer to Grove City. There is also a nice long flat run between Marietta and Glouster on the return.
- There are several abrupt downhill sections. Descend on all hills with care. Your brakes will be less effective on gravelly surfaces. We want everyone to finish safely.
- Beware – Always assume there is a stop sign at the bottom of every fast descent.

#### Controls

- All controls will be unmanned for this event. Mark your arrival time on the control card and ask the clerk to sign your card and get a store stamp or a time/date stamped register receipt.
- There will also be an info control in. Bring a pencil to write the answer to the question on your brevet card in the appropriate space.
- Controls have opening and closing times. You must pass through the controls during the open window as noted on the control card and cue sheet.
- Total time to complete this event is 40 hours. The final control closes at 09:00 PM on Sunday morning.
- You may chose to ride straight through the night or lay over wherever is convenient for you to get a few hours sleep. Most people will chose to nap at Grove City. Bob will

likely ride straight through and open the control room as soon as he finishes the ride. Showers will be available then at the finish. Everyone should get some rest before they attempt driving home if they do not have a rested driver. You can sack out anywhere you find a space at the control room as long as you don't mind the comings and goings of riders as they finish up.

- Medals will be available for purchase to active RUSA members after the event. They are \$8 each.

### **Maps/Cue Sheets**

- Cue sheets are provided. Mileages on the cues are calculated from mapping programs and verified by GPS. There may be some minor variations in mileage due to inaccuracies of maps and cyclometers but are very close. If you identify any flaws in the cue or maps please report them to the RBA for correction in future brevet routes.
- You must remain on the prescribed course to obtain credit for completing the brevet. If you should accidentally miss a turn, you are required to backtrack to the point of the mistake and then follow the prescribed route. There may be secret controls on the route. If you miss one by short cutting, your ride will be classified as DQ (disqualified).

**Equipment:** A bike inspection will be required at check-in before the start of the event. It is your responsibility to make sure your bike and equipment is in good working order. It is especially important to have your brakes properly adjusted and in good repair. Your life depends on it. **Lights, reflective ankle bands and vest or sash are required to start this 600k.**

**Enjoy the sites, but always be alert for conditions that need your undivided attention. There may be hazards that you should watch out for. Automobiles, unchained dogs, wildlife and humans may appear at any moment.**