



We are nearing the long-awaited running of the WNC Flyer. Having cancelled last year's event due to COVID-19, the BRBC members are very anxious to provide you with another enjoyable cycling event. This year's ride will begin at Bold Rock Mills River Cidery and head south through the Etowah Valley with some routes venturing as far as Rosman and Hendersonville.

As in prior years, we want to stress that all cyclists ride safely, legally, and courteously and keep that in the forefront of their minds. BRBC members actively strive to maintain a strong relationship with our community. Our goal is to have no injuries, no citations for traffic violations by either cyclists or motorists. **Please obey all traffic laws and observe all stop signs and stop lights.** Every effort has been made to provide you a safe and enjoyable ride. The WNC Flyer is NOT A RACE, and we will not be recording or publishing finishing times.

This year's ride will have a staggered start. Riders have signed up to specific start times in 5-minute increments beginning at 8am and are asked to adhere to those times. The staggered start will mean riders are spread across a greater area, but in smaller groups than in the past. This inevitably will result in more passing of slower riders by their faster counterparts. Please alert those you are passing and pass them with caution. We will continue to have Law Enforcement and Marshal support at key intersections on the routes for your safety. Please look for and follow their directions. EMS and fire departments have been alerted and will be able to provide EMS care should anyone be injured.

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### **SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY, June 6**

6:30-9:30am If you did not have your ride number mailed in advance, Packet Pickup is at Bold Rock Mills River Cidery - 72 School House Rd, Mills River, NC 28759

6:30-7:45am Parking available Bold Rock Mills River Cidery, 72 School House Rd, Mills River, NC 28759 (or until the lot is full)

6:30-9:30am Auxiliary Parking Lots available (see info below)

8:00-9:30am Rolling Starts

10:00am Food and drinks available at Bold Rock

4:00pm **The Hunter Subaru WNC Flyer** ride course cutoff time is at 4pm EST. Riders can complete their ride on their own unsupported after 4pm, however, all post ride activities and volunteer/police support will end at 4pm.

There are multiple rest stops along the courses some of which you may pass twice depending upon your route. The volunteers will provide a variety of prepackaged food, water, and electrolyte mixes. **Please let the gloved rest stop staff fill your water bottles for better hygiene control.** There will also be mechanic stations to assist you with any mechanical issues and there will be port-a-potties for your use. Every rest stop will also have a safety marshal and ham radio operator to help as needed.

**Rest Stop locations/mileage by route** (note planned availability)

<u>Rest Stop Location</u>	<u>100 Mi</u>	<u>62 Mi</u>	<u>50 Mi</u>	<u>30 Mi</u>	<u>Planned Availability</u>
#1 Piney Grove Cemetery	17	17	15	15	8:45am - 2:30pm
#2 Island Ford Takeout	35	35			9:30am - 12pm
#3 S Broad Park (Brevard)	57	39	29		9:30am - 2pm
#1 Piney Grove Cemetery (return)		66	47	38	8:45am - 2:30pm
#4 Kanuga Conference Ctr	86				12pm - 4:30pm

Note, rest stop #2 at Island Ford Takeout may not be open for returning 100-mile riders. Rest stops #3 at S Broad Park is just a few miles further on the route.

Please be dispose of your trash and do no litter. There will be trash receptacles at all rest stops and the start and finish areas.

Support and Gear (SAG) volunteers will always be close by to support all participants on all routes. They will kindly help with mechanical issues, first aid and drive you and your bike to the nearest rest stop if necessary. Our SAG Vehicles will have Ham radios that can call for help if your cell phone does not work. You can easily identify them with their flags, signs, and amber flashing lights. **The SAG team is led by Danny Rector and can be reached on 828-329-8863 (please add this number to your phone).**

There will be road markings prominently displayed along the route and especially at every turn. The colored direction arrows are **Blue-30 mile**, **Yellow-50-mile**, **Orange-62 mile**, and **Green-100 mile** and will be painted in this order near the side of the road. We will also do our best to mark significant hazards in the pavement. There will be some signage, though it will be limited to those locations where you turn but do not stop. When you come to a stop, look down for road markings. There will also be cautionary signs for cyclists to ride single file in a few places and watch for cross traffic in busy areas. Volunteer sweepers will do their best to remove accumulations of gravel on the roadway in advance of the ride. But this is WNC, and we recognize this is always an ongoing battle with heavy rain, steep gravel driveways and gravel used to buffer the road shoulders.

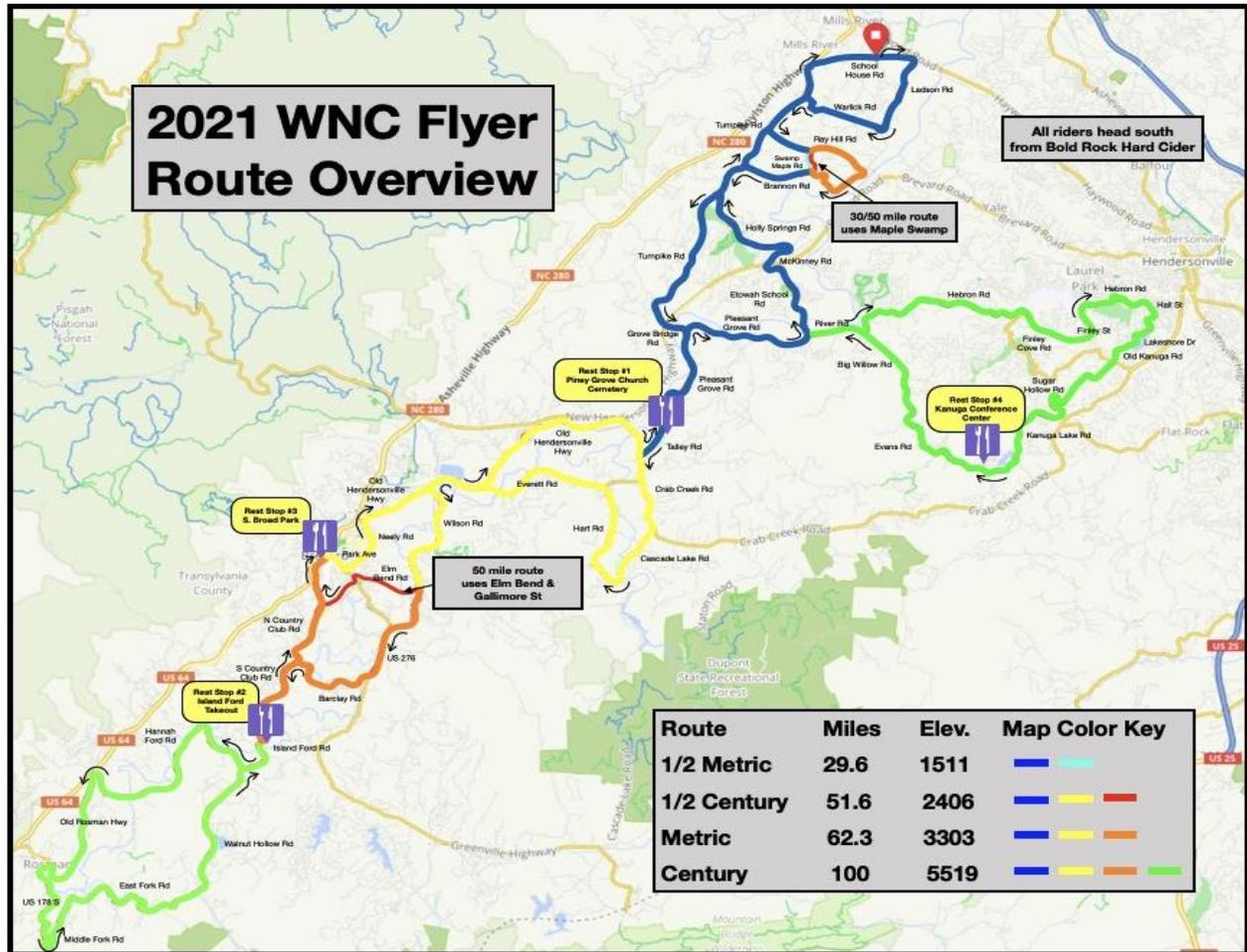
For those that follow directions on their cycle computers the routes are all loaded on RWGPS and can be accessed through the links below. **These routes have been under revision for the past month. If you downloaded the RWGPS route before TODAY, please download again to ensure you have the updated version. If you want a cue sheet with you on your ride, please print and bring with you. We will NOT have copies of cue sheets. They can be found by clicking on the route link below and print 'cue sheet.'**

1/2 Metric - 30-mile 1511 ft elev  
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35427180>

Metric - 62 mile 3015 ft elev  
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35427116>

1/2 Century - 50 mile 2435 ft elev  
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35365712>

Century - 100 mile 5507 ft elev  
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35427164>



**30 and 50 mile route specific points:**

The 30- and 50-mile routes will bypass the Ray Hill Rd climb and turn onto Maple Swamp to rejoin the other routes on Brannon Rd.

The 30-mile route will make a U-turn at the end of Talley Rd at or just after Rest Stop #1 at Piney Grove Church Cemetery. They will then return to Bold Rock.

The 50-mile route continues into Brevard turning off Wilson Rd onto Elm Bend Rd toward downtown at mile 26.3. The route will rejoin the metric and century riders at the southwest end of Gallimore Rd and proceed to Rest Stop #3 at S Broad Park in downtown Brevard. From there the 50-mile riders will return to Bold Rock along the same route with the 62-mile riders.

### **62- and 100-mile route specific points:**

The 62- and 100-mile routes bypass the Swamp Maple turn and proceed up and over the Ray Hill Rd climb to Brannon Rd.

The 62- and 100-mile routes split from the 50-mile route at Elm Bend Rd. They will continue straight on Wilson Rd to US Hwy 276. ***Use extreme caution crossing onto US 276 and the roughly 1-mile ride to Barclay Rd.***

The 62-mile route will U-turn at Rest Stop #2/Island Ford Takeout (river launch area) and head back toward Brevard. The 100 mile route will continue on to Rosman and return via Walnut Hollow Rd. ***Please use caution on the steep descent down Walnut Hollow Rd.***

The 50-, 62- and 100-mile routes will merge together entering downtown Brevard and all will pass Rest Stop #3 at S Broad Park off Varsity St. These routes rejoin the 30-mile route at Talley Rd/Rest Stop #1. After the ride along the French Broad River, the 30-, 50- and 63-mile routes will turn off Pleasant Grove Rd onto Etowah School Rd and head back to Bold Rock.

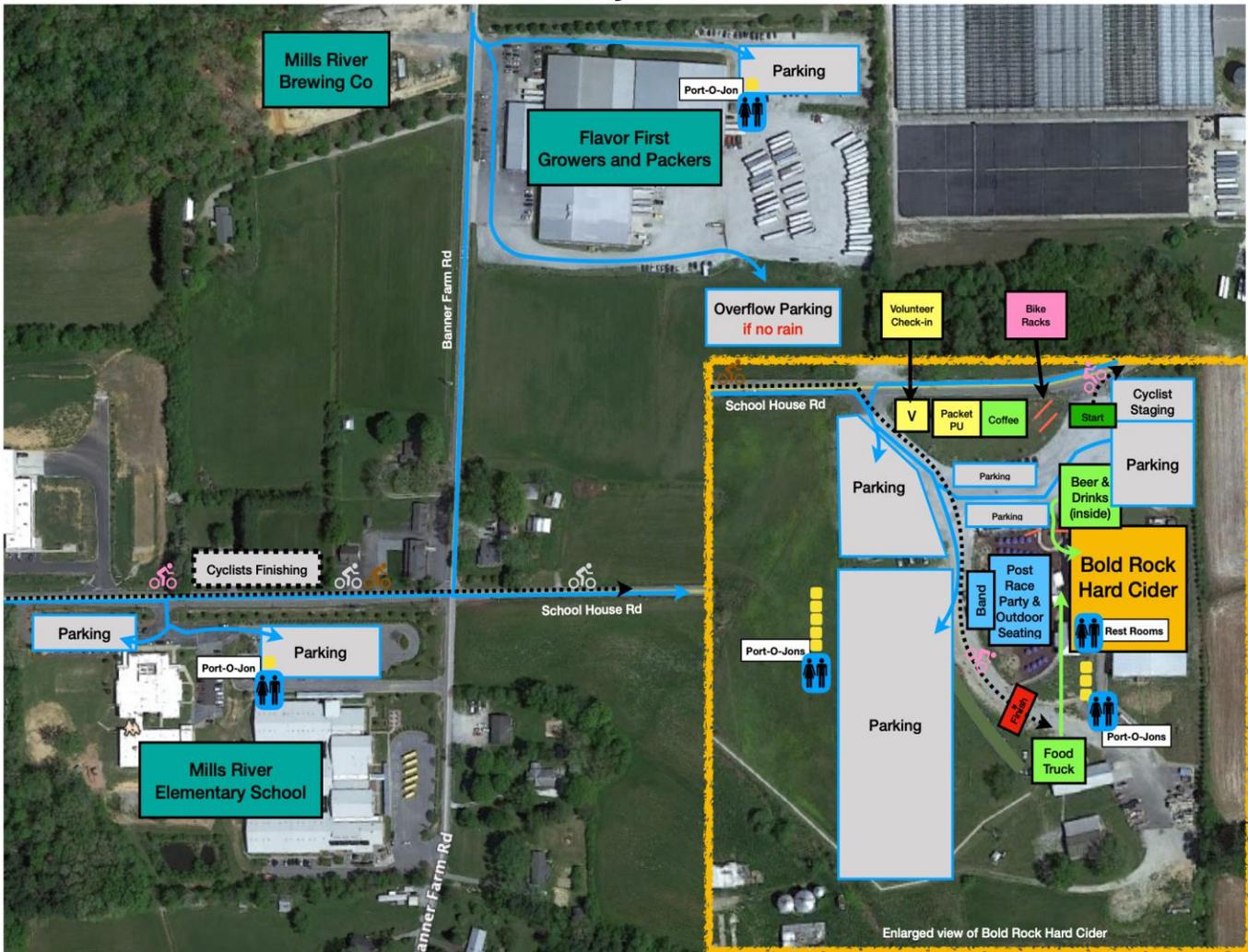
The 100-mile route will split from the other routes at this point (mile 71.5) and continue straight onto River Rd and eventually up and over Finley Cove into Hendersonville. ***(Should a century rider decide they're not up to the full 100 miles this is a good point to turn left with the other routes and return to Bold Rock. This will reduce the route to 80 miles and 3950 ft elev.)*** The 100-mile riders will then loop back to Etowah via Evans and Big Willow Rds. The last rest stop will be found on Evans Rd at mile 86.

### **Parking Plans**

We suggest the participants who have not received their ride number and socks arrive 30-45 minutes before the ride. ***If you have already received your ride number in the mail, you do not need to check-in before the ride at packet pickup on ride day. You are ready to start whenever your assigned start time is at.*** All riders can pick up a Hunter Subaru goody bag AFTER the ride. There will be a number of parking spots at Bold Rock. However, to accommodate all riders and volunteers, we've also secured parking space at Mills River Elementary School and Flavor First Growers and Packers. These are noted in the map provided below. Volunteers will be on-hand to help direct drivers to available parking spots.

*There are many people volunteering their time to make this event a pleasant and memorable experience. Please pass on your thanks, we know they'll appreciate it!*

## 2021 Hunter Subaru WNC Flyer at Bold Rock Hard Cider



## EVENT RULES

For your own safety and the safety of others, there are rules you must follow:

1. You must wear an approved helmet.
2. You must wear a WNC Flyer bib, with the number visible from the back.
3. You must pull off the road to let emergency vehicles pass.
4. Please do not wear headphones or otherwise impede your hearing.
5. Please do not have personal SAG vehicles on the course. Personal SAG involves any vehicle which is on the course specifically to give you support, such as

providing water, food and clothing. There just isn't enough room for additional vehicles.

6. Please obey the directions of Course Marshals, SAG Drivers, and all Law Enforcement and EMT vehicles:
  - a. Stop at intersections when directed to by Law Enforcement or Course Marshals – they are for your safety. They are not there to direct cars.
  - b. Obey any other instructions – this is for your safety and the safety of others.
7. The Event Director may halt the ride, delay the ride, or prohibit any riders to proceed past a certain point due to severe weather, unsafe conditions, or other emergencies. If it becomes necessary to delay or halt the ride, the Course Marshals will communicate this decision to you.
8. Please be polite, respectful, and calm with the public, whether on the bike, on foot, or in a vehicle – even if they are frustrated or verbal – please do not respond in kind. Hand gestures are not acceptable, no matter how "right" you may be.

## **STATE LAWS**

In North Carolina bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles. Traffic laws will be enforced for cyclists, and law enforcement may issue citations to riders who break the law.

1. You must obey all traffic laws.
2. You must come to a full stop at stop signs, flashing red, or other traffic control devices.
3. You cannot block traffic by taking up the entire lane.
4. You should allow vehicles behind you to pass by forming into a single file.
5. You must stay on your side of the double-yellow line at all times.
6. When you hear sirens and see lights, you must pull over to the side of the road and stop to allow emergency vehicles behind you to pass safely.

## **SAFETY TIPS**

1. Please be aware that there may be wildlife on the course. Please stay alert.
2. There may dogs on this course – not all property owners control their dogs.
3. SAG vehicles and Course Marshals are in vehicles with flags and/or flashing amber lights.
4. Marshals will be at each rest stop, wearing high visibility vests. Any of these people can help you.
5. If you need non-emergency assistance, give a Thumbs Down to SAG vehicles.
6. In case of an emergency
  - Call 9-1-1
  - And then SAG at (828) 329-8863
7. Your cell phone may not work in some locations as some of the course is beyond cell service.
8. SAG Vehicles will have Ham radios to report emergencies. Most Marshals can get help via Ham radio or phone, so just ask.

## **SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

Thunderstorms with life-threatening lightning strikes are unavoidable in this part of the country. If you experience thunderstorm activity during your ride, it is up to you to evaluate the potential danger and take action.

Due to the unpredictable nature of weather, and a large course that may include severe weather in one part of the ride but no danger in other parts of the ride, it is the sole responsibility of each rider to determine the danger of the weather.

We recommend you follow this guidance from NOAA Weather Service:

1. If you can hear thunder, then you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Lightning strikes can be fatal.
2. Take shelter to protect yourself from a strike.
3. Remain in that sheltered position until you cannot hear the thunder for at least 30 minutes.
4. If caught outdoors and no shelter is nearby:
  - Find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.

- If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees.
- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground and make yourself the smallest target possible.

**Help us keep this beautiful and challenging ride on public roads.  
Please be an ambassador for all cyclists!**

- **RIDE SAFE**
- **REMAIN ALERT**
- **FOLLOW THE RULES**
- **OBEY THE LAW**

**Enjoy the Ride!**