

If you rode the Pasport2Pain yesterday despite fickle ferries, stinging smoke and rotten roads, we hope you all have had a restful day, we thank you for participating, and we'd like to get your thoughts, good and not-so-good, about the ride.

If you didn't make it, we missed you, we are grateful that you supported our fundraiser, and we'd still appreciate having whatever feedback you'd like to share with us.

If you want ideas for topics, here are some possibilities:

Pre-ride communications

Ferry tales

Check-in

Course signage

Road conditions

Checkpoints

Staffing

Finish Area

BBQ

More ferry tales

Other!

Thanks for your help with this. Just hit *Reply* and start typing!

Colby & Zabette, P2P Co-Producers

1 \$210 was an expensive event to have to sadly skip after the smoke came in. I only registered Tues 9/6 so in case my shirt order was not placed yet, was wondering if I could just get a credit for next year's shirt? Otherwise, do you need more cash to mail it? (hoping not)

Thanks,

First-Time Rider

2 This was my third P2P. Yes, we were hosed by the ferries, starting a couple hours late, but that's certainly not P2P's fault at all. Starting earlier was a great idea, wish I could have actually done just that! But, everything was perfect, again. I'm a stickler about making sure routes are properly marked, and yours are the best I have seen in 30 years of biking. The volunteers are all top-notch, there was not a weak one in the bunch, all great. The bbq was fantastic. I have absolutely no gripes at all about the ride, other than it's ungodly hard. The hills seemed steeper this year, but that's age I reckon. Your whole ride is fantastic. You couldn't have that ride without the humor aspect you have throughout, it's just too hard to do, and would be worse if you were really serious about it. Congratulations on another great ride, I'm totally happy with your whole operation.

2-6 Times

3 First, big thanks for all the hard work. Despite all the challenges this year, I absolutely enjoyed it. I did not miss a turn or a hill (thanks to signage) and got all the support at every checkpoint (food/water and shoulder to cry)

Last year, there was a ferry at 6:50 starting at Seattle. This year, the posted times were not convenient. Moreover, posted times were canceled in the morning and I was able to get on the ferry around 8:50 from Seattle. However, I did not know that the ferry goes to Vashon and Southworth. I accidentally got into the wrong lane and that led me to an extra trip to Southworth. Loved to learn that there is a place called Southworth but caused me to start at 10. It did not cause much of a problem for me but good to call out to be careful and not be an idiot like me in the next year's communication.

I knew there would be heat and smoke and it wasn't as bad as I expected. I felt the roads were slightly worse than last year or maybe not. Hard to say.

Despite the late start, all the stations made sure (by communicating with each other) that I get the support and also get to eat at the BBQ. Box worked and glad I got to eat.

Catching the ferry back to Seattle was the real problem. I waited ~3 hours to get the ferry. I wish I could have reached home earlier or booked a hotel.

Loved another year of P2P and I feel my legs today. Thanks again!

Once before

4 HI! Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. I have to say that i would not change a thing. The only items that could be improved upon (potholes, smokey skies, and ferry) are totally out of your control.

I like that potholes and other "challenges" are marked on the road with spray paint. I live on the island and am familiar with roads, but I especially like the "P2P SLOW" signs. Great reminder for those of us who know the roads and essential for those who do not. Another GREAT thing was the road safety reminders by the fellow in the referee shirt at the start. While we all know we should yield to oncoming traffic, it's easy to get caught up in following the P2P signs and forget. Also mentioning how all roads are two way and oncoming may not stop even though you have a stop sign..... etc.

I heard several different groups of riders visiting the island for the first time comment on how well marked the course is and that there was so much support with all the rest stops.

Loved it!

2-6 Times

5 This is great, thank you! And please advise who I should talk to about helping with a 2022-2023 event. I can't take it on solo, as I have

competing responsibilities, but with co-chairs it seems doable. I have a freshman rower, so have at least four years of interest/loyalty and a career to offer from fundraising and sales.

Rider's mom

6 It was fun!

I have no complaints, and no obvious suggestions. Your team was a delight. The routes were clear (I'm a Vashon resident and this wasn't my first ride, so that helped too). The checkpoints were nicely spaced, and the route was as brutal as advertised.

I had a great time.

Thanks!

Once before

7 The point defiance ferry was a bummer and I lost hope there and went home.

Granted, I was planning on doing the tourist and having lunch with my wife at the turnaround.

No idiot for me.

I thought communication and logistics were all good.

Look forward to trying again next year.

First time

8 It was a wonderful event, as always! I would not recommend any changes... your volunteers are all fantastic. I hope you can find the energy and drive to keep the ride going despite all the stressors of the event.

2-6x

9 Great work overall. You and Zabette deserve lots of credit for the best ride anywhere. The roads were downright “life threatening”. Way worse than last year , so King Co. should do something. It looks like they are letting things go back to gravel. On the volunteers, they were really fun and supportive. Food was outstanding at all locations. So all that needs fixing is the ferries, the smoke and the roads. I hope the rumor about this being the last P2P are not true. Perhaps paying the both of you would encourage you to continue. Since I finally got the number one I honored the oldest rider number by finishing for the 11th time. I guess I am the oldest idiot. Thanks, Again,

7x+

10 First, top notch event. Y’all did a GREAT job, it was a wonderful if painful experience! I hope to do it again!

Pro’s:

- volunteer enthusiasm & checkpoint sustainance
- generally great signage (with one minor issue, I’ll note that below)
- great post event BBQ and hangout
- pre-event information including the email a few days prior were complete and correct
- I think your road condition warnings were spot on including the “P2P SLOW” signage on the course. Your roads are not nearly as crappy as ours in Oregon so I was pleasantly surprised how relatively good they are but appreciated the heads up, since crashing at speed downhill takes the edge off the buzz

Suggestions:

We were supposed to do the 30-mile weenie, but we both missed the signage for the turnoff. We only realized that after checkpoint 7 when we thought “Hmmm, wonder where that turnoff is....”. Being pretty zapped at that point we just called it a day and did not quite

finish in style. I'd suggest making the turn there PAINFULLY OBVIOUS maybe even putting a person there to direct. I don't think we were the only ones who missed that.

Thank you for a great event. I'm sure it's a PITA to put on so kudos to all of you who make it happen.

1st Time

11 It was an awesome event!

The aid stations were well stocked and friendly, fun
Maybe a couple more PortaPotties or a clear idea of where they are located?

Staffing was all very helpful and friendly.

The BBQ was amazing! Our first time and we would come again.

Signage pretty good -- we did have a question at the Talequah Ferry -- maybe another sign indicating the route up the hill to the east of ferry.

1st Time

12 I think all the the ride (all the parts you could control) were spectacular.

The places of road hazards were well marked.

The course lived up to it's name as passport to pain. No lying there!

Amazing support!

We will be back next year as this may be my new favorite ride of the year.

2nd time

13 Loved the ride as always.

Course signage and road alerts are great. Sandy Shores is a God blessed heap of a road. Worst on the island near as I can tell, especially the bottom 200 feet.

BBQ was awesome, and love the rowing crew pitching in for a zero waste Vashon dish duty. That BBQ crew is legit.

Checkpoints were great, but Lisabeula with Kelly could have only been better if "Walter" had screamed "You're entering a world of pain" a little louder, and then told me to F-you more than 3 times. Hats off to the Top Gun crew for bringing it, we heard it multiple times at the BBQ. Best station for crew and prep.

The air was a major bummer, we can navigate around the roads, and thank you for the hours it must have been marking all those pitted spots, frankly I'll use them the rest of the year in bike and car.

However, the air sucked by midday, and that was rough.

Love you guys doing this, and hope it continues for the rowing team, but totally understand how much work this is, and really appreciate you guys doing it. It really is a key piece of what makes the Island...well The Island.

2-6x

14 I can't describe what a wonderful experience P2P was yesterday.

I never thought that an event with Pain in the name would be something I would enjoy. Everyone working the event was so warm and welcoming. The climbs were definitely hard and my legs got so tired that they revolted a little on the last 2 hills and required a little walking. The red carpet finish put a smile on my face and the climbs were quickly forgotten (not really). The finish line BBQ was fabulous. Thank you for hosting the ride.

First time

15 I wish you had perfect control over the Ferries, Weather, Smoke and the roads.

I'm amazed at the many things you do so we can forget the pain of the screaming legs and lungs. A valiant but futile effort.

I'm impressed with the volunteers you are able to assemble. Cheerful, funny and kind. That and the accomplishment of surviving 10k elevation gain in 80 miles makes it all worth it.

I will be back to ride it again.

First time

16 For the second straight year, I am blown away at how amazing this ride is. All in all, this is the best organized ride in the PNW. It is just fun and the people are nice. The scenery is peaceful and spectacular. It is hard and once you finish you feel proud! I made some good friends with my fellow riders, and remember many kind faces from last year!

I feel the pre ride communications were totally fine, and the day of chats at each station were uber useful. I took a Friday night ferry and had no issues, and a Sunday morning ferry with even less issues! Ferries are what they are and they add some charm to the adventure. Checkin was 30 seconds and easy.

Coarse signage was really appreciated and very easy to see. Sometimes I had to ask which way out of a checkpoint but people told me. The road conditions were worse than last year but were so well marked that I felt safe at all times. Kudos to all who marked the road so carefully and thoughtfully.

Checkpoints were fun and a bit more subdued this year but everyone was so nice and encouraging. Fuel and liquids were perfect; no need to eat too much but just enough to keep blood sugar high enough.

As with everything, the people make the event worthwhile. As I said before, this is the best organized ride around, mostly because of the kind and generous folks who volunteer.

Bbq and finish were rad and so fun! Really appreciated the two red dressed ladies, too much fun! Food was tasty (damn those were great pickles!) and nothing better than local beer! It just felt like community.

I plan to do this ride and participate in this event in some way for the rest of my life.

First time

17 It sounds like you were aware of the ferry situation. I live just a couple of miles from the Point Defiance ferry and after arriving at 7am for the 7:35 departure, I was told the next ferry wasn't scheduled until sometime after 10am, which put me past the 9:30 am start time. The wsdot app also stated that the Southworth ferry, which would have been my second option, was not scheduled. So, I was unable to attend my first ever P2P, very disappointed. I guess next year I will have to wait for the day of registration.

Thanks anyway

2-6x

18 Signage was great (better this year I heard), although my brother said it could have been more obvious at the N ferry turn down the steep hill. Otherwise, great race, loved all the energy at each stop!

2-6x

19 Well what a day! My first mistake was going for the 8:15 ferry from Fauntelroy, and thinking it wouldn't be busy (haha). I was just a couple of cars from the front of the line - too late to ditch the car and bike, so was in for the 2 hour wait. Made it to the start line at 11am, but was still determined to give the idiot a go. Given how late I was, I was amazed to find some of the checkpoints still manned. Thanks SO much to those who hung around for me. Riding through the heat of the day, definitely needed those water top-ups, and a bit too much food (everyone taking pity on the last rider!). And the hills went on and on ...

I hardly saw another rider all day, but in the last mile finally found a fellow rider and we rode into the finish together (although the finish line was no longer there!). A bunch of bananas each for coming last was a nice gesture :-). Thanks for saving a bit of BBQ food back as well - little did I know that I might not see food again for a while... the ferry home was even more of a disaster. Waiting in line from 7pm till after 10pm, finally getting home after 11.

Mega day out. Thanks so much to the organizers, volunteers, other riders, and people of Vashon. May your island remain beautiful and your ferry service improve!

_____ First time

20 First, thanks so much for an awesome event! I'll definitely be back next year. Below are some thoughts:

- playing the song I chose for me was amazing!
- I'd love an option for a super idiot. Maybe 100/12k? Even if its just repeating parts of the route
- the snacks were solid. I would love more iced coffee and peanut butter to go with the bananas
- the pothole marking really helped

- the volunteers directing us at certain points on the route we're really helpful. I'd just suggest making sure everyone uses the same motions, because a couple people make motions that made it seem like I was supposed to go when it was actually meant for cross traffic

All in all, amazing! I appreciate all the hard work and communication.
2nd time

21 It was perfect in every way. I did skip the evil twins at the end of the 50 mile course. I was told by 3 people that it was too busy too skinny and Not fun. Also I was cramping by then. They had also skipped it after doing it in previous year's. Otherwise I changed from the weenie to the weasel which was the right move For me. I really appreciate the lack of paper plates and disposable cutlery et cetera at the end. That was remarkably good. The people at each of the stops were ridiculous and perfect. I appreciate them a lot. the riders were so encouraging and helpful especially when I missed the turn. Thanks to all of you.

First time

22 It was fun! BBQ by Smoking Pete is the best. Really excellent. Glad you had enough.

Great crowd, and most riders understood the spirit of the event. Not a race, a happening. A few needed encouragement to say hello as they roared by.

You might consider offering more weenie circuits - so that a rider who did a weenie circuit one year could pick up where they left off and do another 30 mile loop, and then the third year finish off on Maury Island. Gives people a reason to come back, gets you more repeat business from those who might be intimidated otherwise.

Even give them an award/recognition for finishing the third year? A Spécial t shirt for sale?

And give people on the island a chance to sign up as volunteers. It is an inside deal on who or where to go to hear about this, either in prep support or day of support. You have an excellent track record, that attracts volunteers.

But also give day of the event volunteers a way to at least ride part of the course - maybe choose a weenie loop for volunteers?

2nd time

23 It was a fun family day. A few drivers were not so considerate.

The only downside for us.

Thanks!

First time

24 This was my 3rd Passport2Pain and I want to commend you on a fantastic ride. The volunteer support is off the charts and all the aid stations are incredible as is the food and drink at the finish!

My only suggestion is to improve the course marking. This year in particular, it seemed like many interactions had no markings and some of the signs were almost hidden (like the one on Vashon Hwy in downtown) and some got knocked over. I think it would help a lot if you had signs AND arrows at every turn and if you incorporated something called "confidence marking" that is regularly used in trail runs where there are occasional arrows on the road even if you have not seen an intersection in some time just to give you confidence that you are on the right track. Although I have done this ride in the past I almost took the wrong turn twice and had to ask for directions once.

It also could not hurt if you let people know there are only two sailings Saturday morning but I realize that these schedules might be in constant flux. :(

I plan to be back!

2-6x

25 First off thanks for putting on! Secondly, purchased four pair of socks and have requests for two more pair? Any chance of purchasing at this date?

Comments for improving: At the 30 mile cut off much bigger sign or person directing. Rode right by it. All we saw was P2P sign pointing straight up road. Maybe a 10, 20, 30, 40mile mark on road for first timers. Smaller maps with bigger font that more easily fit in pockets.

Finish line ladies great. Food fabulous. All the beer one could drink. What can I say about that? Cloth napkins and real plates and silverware that are washed and saved. Two thumbs up for that.

Love to see potholes filled (I'm sure little you can do to encourage that) but for first time riders who have never been on roads a bit challenging.

Keep on keeping on.

First time

26 First time participant. Check-in was a breeze. Volunteers were all in. BBQ and beer were wonderful. The weather (which you don't control) was fine. Road conditions were challenging for those who

hadn't rode the course before (I live on island so I knew the score).
The finish line was really fun! The whole event was so Vashon!

I thought the signage was a little bit confusing. I rode the 30 mile course, which is actually 34.8 miles, and thought the cut off at Cemetery Road and Westside Highway was confusing for the 50 mile riders. I heard several complaints about that. One other confusing sign was after the stop at the high school the sign sent people down Monument Road instead of back down to Tramp Harbor, which is specified on the map. Not sure if the route was changed or what happened.

I had a great time and am really appreciative of all the hard work everybody put into this. I look forward to riding again next year. I'm also interested in helping out in some capacity, just not on the day of the event.

First time

27 Despite the ferry hassles, road conditions and smoke, I had a great day.

I think the communication around the ride was perfect, the road signage worked for me, the checkpoints were all great (I did miss the bacon though) and the finish/BBQ was fun.

So for the things you folks had control over I think you did great.

I did hear talk about this being the last P2P, that would be sad.

thanks for everything you do/did.

First time

28 First, thank you. We know that putting on these events takes a great deal of effort. We greatly appreciate those that take on the feat.

Overall, the experience was excellent! We signed up for the event at the beginning of the season when we were looking for a bit of training motivation. COVID got us both before it became a pandemic and its been a long road back. We were looking for events in areas that we are potentially interested in fr relocation and the Seattle area is at the top of the list. As soon as we started reading the pithy commentary on the event website, we were sold. Both of us being in the marketing and advertising industry, the transparent descriptions and rye humor rang true to us.

The volunteers were wonderful at each aid station. Please extend our thank you to them. The road signage was excellent - even the Burma road detour! And the BBQ at the end was delicious. We walked away from doing our 70 mile version (having had to pull the plug after 15) with a desire to do a bit more strength work over the winter - a perfect motivation.

We stayed at an Airbnb on the island down by check point 9. Our host Joe mentioned that the neighborhood would love to host that rest stop. While I don't have his direct contact information, his address is: 11031 Patten Lane Southwest, Vashon, WA 98070, United States.

Thank you again!

First time

29 I was a first-time rider at the event and was very impressed with the support. The aid station and all other volunteers were fun and supportive. I thought communications were good and didn't have

any surprises. Course markings were fine as long as I paid attention. BBQ was spectacular. And if you can control the Ferries, weather and road conditions, you have a higher calling than being a Race Director!

First time

30 The ride was awesome, it is really made a success due to the fantastic volunteers at the stops. They were all super friendly and fun loving. The island is also very beautiful, albeit hilly, I thought the roads had some issues but the pot-holes were marked very well.

The ferry cancellations from Tacoma definitely impacted my ride time. Next year I plan to come over the night before and stay on the island so I am able to start earlier. Due to the late ferry, I began pedaling lot later than planned.

Sadly I rode right past the lunch stop. Not sure if I was delirious at that point or just distracted but I missed it.

I wish there had been a porto-potty at a couple of the stops. I usually ride alone so leaving my bike outside a public store or library I have a perceived theft risk. I feel more comfortable leaving it if there are other bikers or volunteers around who can be on alert.

A fantastic event and I will be back next year!

2nd time

31 Wow, what a party!

It was great fun and I'm grateful for the hot weather. Cold is not fun.

All the volunteers were amazing and so generous!

I sort of did get lost a couple times on the tourist route. I think directional signs were posted on the opposite side of the road and I went past them. Truly enjoying the immense beauty of the island was why.

How could a person not come back again? Bravo for the easy rides.

Cheers and many thanks,

First time

32 First - thank you for putting on the ride. It was a shame that there were so few participants this time. Given the hurdles, I suppose it was a decent turn out.

Positives - I think you guys did a great job marking the course (both the turns and the broken bits on the road). The volunteers and station operators were wonderful.

Negatives - (largely out of your control). We had several very negative interactions with drivers on the road. One of the closest passes I've ever had in my life (and I've been intentionally clipped by wing mirrors) plus lots of negativity from drivers. My suspicion is that most of those were off-islanders who were visiting and wanted to be rude as I ride on Vashon frequently and don't typically experience any issues.

Otherwise - great ride. I hope this can continue for years to come.

First time

33 Great event as always! The thought, care, and fun the volunteers put into this event truly set it apart.

2nd time

34 Thanks for a great 2022 ride.

All the communication prior to the ride was stellar, in my opinion: fun, informative, encouraging, and not too much of it. Appreciate the efforts in that regard.

Check-in was smooth - nice to get help pinning on my number.

Once we were ready to head out, it wasn't clear if we just go ... ? -- or if there was some volunteer who was going to send us off ... ? It didn't seem to matter

Course signage was a little sparse in some areas -- when we exited from Vashon HS, there was no sign indicating a left turn ... though we knew that was the way out. I also thought we were going to go back down Ellisport Rd --& the small sign indicating we should instead head right at the fork down Monument Rd was just at the last minute -- we almost missed it.

Also, at Young's Corner, checkpoint 12, an off-island weasel rider (my niece's friend) arrived and after the pitstop, he continued west on Cemetery Rd, getting lost ... it'd be nice if the JLScott crew there could've helped him realize he needed to go back down the hill from where he came.

Road conditions weren't perfect, but I think all the hype about poor roads & potholes made me more attentive while riding so thanks for the hype. And the chalk marks around or along hazardous pavement were excellent.

Volunteer Staffing seemed lighter than when I did the ride last, in 2019 -- checkpoint personnel weren't quite as enthusiastic as I recall

either. I remember the music playing at checkpoints in 2019 was particularly welcome. There seemed to be less of that this year.

I sorely missed the bacon and cold, red seedless grapes at checkpoint 5. It would've been nice to have more variety overall -- it adds to the anticipation of getting to the next rest stop - & a tad of disappointment when the turkey jerky appears ... again.

Finish Area was good -- love having the flower bouquets, trophy, & tour de France pic for photos. Great also to have a good Playlist going all afternoon.

BBQ was awesome!! No changes!! Do it again, do it again!

BTW will you do it again? We heard a rumor at the BBQ from a longtime participant that this was the last year pleeeeeease let that not be true!

Thanks again for all your work.

2nd time

35 Great ride, no complaints. I only have a beef with myself for missing the turn signs and riding off course, way too many times. I would try and concentrate but loose concentration when I needed it the most. Are there guide dogs for this?
Great job of putting on the event, thanks!

2nd time

36 This was my first year participating and was impressed! The organization of this event was outstanding. My husband road the 50 and I rode the 30. We were able to ride together until the cut-off. He

had the navigation on his bike computer, but I had zero concerns when I broke away as the signage was so good throughout the route I knew I would have no issues.

The volunteers for this event were OUTSTANDING! Everyone was high energy, encouraging and made you me so happy to be part of the event. Each check point with the individual themes were creative and fun. All of the snacks were outstanding (special shout out to the home made banana bread - YUM!). Also loved the "Walk-up Song" - little extra jam to pump you up! The photo opportunities throughout the event and with the twins at the end were fabulous. The BBQ was a fun festive way to complete the day.

So impressed with how much we received for our entrance fee.

The event also did a great job of informing us to expect poor road conditions up front, and then went the extra mile to call out exceptionally bad roads. One person noted the check stations should have a jar to collect funds for Vashon Island road repairs!

Thanks for hosting such a great event. I hope it continues for years to come as we plan to participate.

First time

37 Really enjoyed the ride despite all alliterations :)

I know this is a lot of work and I appreciate it as a rider. I was worried about all those people on race bikes with the roads but seems like it turned out fine.

I made my own route this year with 30 mile plus lunch in town stop.

No feedback other than thank you!

2nd time

38 Thank you for yet another fun (kinda sorta) P2P. 2022 is my 7th P2P and, as usual, ride day was super fun and well organized. It seems as though there weren't as many people this year?? I'm guessing the ferries being out of commission in the morning as well as the smoke kept some folks away.

The only comment I have would be on safety. I know the course like the back of my hand having lived on Vashon and still riding on the island frequently. There were several times that people were barreling down the hills and missed a turn, passing my me just as I was about to make a turn causing me to hit my brakes super hard to avoid a nasty collision. I know you have signs that emphasize "slow down" but perhaps signs near (or just before) the turns on downhills might be helpful.

An example would be the turn off 103rd onto 112th (towards Patten Ave) - that is a steeper downhill with a turn to the left about 3/4 of the way down the hill. I knew the turn was coming but 2 people didn't and as I slowed down to turn, they came screaming by me on my left missing the turn, and there was near disaster when I went to turn left.

The volunteers at the check points were terrific, and the check points were very well stocked with food & water. I really appreciate not having to carry food & water for the entire day, and it's great that I can count on having more than adequate supplies.

2-6x

39 The most iconic ride in the PNW, thanks to Colby and team.

Staid old STP. Frumpy RAMROD. Both brushed aside with the seemingly flawless execution of a big (and complicated) cycling event.

Sure it was hot, smoky and a few crap roads, oh well, no complaints - worth it!

Great vibe on the course at every stop - no exceptions.

2-6x

40 Myself and a friend, _____, we're scheduled to ride yesterday.

We showed up for the 645 ferry in Tacoma. It wasn't running because there was no crew. They said they didn't know if they would get any crew but that they hoped to get the ferry running for the 1005 crossing but they couldn't guarantee anything. Because that was over three hours away and 30 minutes after the last riders were supposed to leave we elected to leave the area and do a ride elsewhere. We are bummed that we missed the ride.

Are you by any chance doing anything for those of us that were not able to attend this year at no fault of our own? There were at least two other riders in the same predicament who also elected to leave.

First time

41 Ride well organized. Pre-ride communications good. check in was good. BBQ was delicious!

I did the Tourist. Had a great time and did better than I thought I would. Folks were super nice all around. When I started out I went RIGHT at the end of the driveway which I think is the correct way to go, even though the staff told me everyone goes left. The check in was not set up when I went through at the HS to the lunch spot yet but not a problem Tourist was well signed on the way to the sandwich stop. On the way back I somehow missed the HS turnoff, and then turned at the regular P2P and ended up at check point 11.

At 11 I asked if I was on the right route for tourist and they said yes. Which of course was not right. I went a bit further then stopped and checked my phone app. At that point (and even at 11) I didn't want to go back UP. So I had a super nice ride down to the bayfront. Fun downhill and then nice level ride, I connected back up by taking SW quartermaster over to Vashon HWY. Honestly I think this was a BETTER ride home, as it had few hills and I was a big leg tired by that point Overall ride was 14.4 miles. Had fun!

Other suggestion I have is that it would be nice if there was a 30 mile ride or so, that did NOT have the super steep hills, maybe up and around more of the island? I think this would attract more people who are good but not super conditioned riders.

First time

42 Hey there! P2P was definitely one of the best organized events I've been to! The volunteers' costumes were an utter delight, and the BBQ afterwards was absolutely delicious.

I did the 50mi route this year, but I'd love to do the 80mi route next year. The one thing I'm concerned about is speed - I'm not entirely sure when the stations start shutting down. I'd love some clarity around that so I know my target times!

I also know one of my fellow riders is allergic to nuts, and many of the stations had almost no nut-free snacks.

Thanks for putting together such an amazing event.

First time

43 This is great, thank you!

First time

44 What a cool event! I'm a first time P2P'er, long time idiot. I loved the whole thing.

- Roads: thanks for all the warnings. The road was very rideable in all areas so I don't feel like the "horrible condition" reputation is deserved. The far far majority of the road was excellent and clean. The road paint worked great as warnings and I appreciate that big undertaking to paint 80 miles of pavement.

- Checkpoints: wow, great enthusiasm. Loved rolling in to see what theme was next. Special thanks to the 'Ladies of the Night' for the, uh... cultural education. And elves and jet crew were a blast!

- I can think of two things that would have been nice additions:
 - if there was sunscreen before the Manzanita checkpoint I missed it. That was a very welcome benefit but an earlier suncreening would be nice

- for communication ahead of time, I wasn't sure what to expect for food/water. For planning on what to bring, it would have helped to have more specifics like "all stations have water, and a few have electrolyte solutions". Or a list of findings at a typical station would help know what things I would want to bring with me.

Hoping you keep this event going, I'll be back!

____ First time

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47 Great event overall, thank you! This was my 5th time (4 idiots, 1 weasel)

A couple of suggestions:

- The clip in zone after the Sylvan Beach stop was too short/steep. Had to walk up to a flatter place. The setting is nicer than further up the hill like in past years though.

- Sandwiches at the High School for the 80mi riders. The Vashon town lunch stop is too soon if you are riding the full distance. You want to finish the Vashon hills, take a break w/real food, then head out for Maury. The stop had a few sandwiches but ran out.

- Have pre-order cotton Tees for each year. They did this for The Burby this year and it worked out fine. You don't have the shirt for the end of race but you have a nice memento for the event. Plus, you are not stuck with a bunch of left over shirts.

By the way, can I buy a 2017 M somehow?

2-6x

48 I loved the ride but there were definitely some issues. Pre ride communication was great, the stops were "manned" with energetic and helpful volunteers and you know how to make the ride fun. I have to say though there were some places where there was a fork in the road and there was not clear signage for where to go. This could have been solved with a couple of road stickers and chalk, also the roads are terrible in some areas they are down right dangerous. I loved the sandwich stop and it was nice not to have that at the bottom of a hill and also in a place where weasels could enjoy. The final BBQ is always really nice, the food is excellent and the beer is very appreciated. Thanks for a great ride. I look forward to better signage and hopefully better roads in the future.
Thanks

2nd time

49 I had a wonderful ride! Last year Manzanita almost got me, this year Sandy Shores was the hardest for some reason. My favorite bit is

finding the people who have never ridden on Vashon - the looks of disbelief while coming up from Lisabuela are particularly choice.

The smoke wasn't too bad until after I'd finished, but it seems like September is the time for wildfire smoke here - could the P2P be pushed later in the year? I know that means worse weather and maybe leaves on the road, but I'd rather deal with gross roads than gross air.

The volunteers were fantastic, the checkpoints were great, and the scene at the finish was awesome. BBQ is not a good meal for me after a ride like the idiot, but it was very tasty.

Thanks so much for putting on a killer event, I look forward to going very slightly faster next year,

2nd time

50 As you're well aware there was ferry issues and I arrived at Pt Defiance for the 6:45 ferry but after hearing there was no crew available I decided that some things just don't work out and went back home. But considering how the air quality was that day and being in my 70's I'm ok that I missed it. I finally did make it over yesterday and followed your wonderful arrows around the south portion of Vashon and all of Maury (paperboyed a couple of those climbs). The roads on Maury were very peaceful and there were some shoulder and road issues between Dockton and the Kiro tower. Hopefully next year!

PS. The bakery goods and coffee at the Vashon Roasterie made for a delightful "checkpoint" and the staff there was great!

First time

51 I had a beautiful experience on this exceptionally challenging ride! I loved meeting the people of Vashon. I was thrilled to see how much each checkpoint poured into the rider experience. I was met with grace at every stop and never felt like there was anything missing from the ride or the event.

As for the ride itself, Passport 2 Pain is truly unique. Why would you ride up and down a bunch hills that aren't part of an actual loop or ride? For streamers of course. I love exploring and navigating a new ride. When you're navigating sometimes you see a fork where you can go nice, flat, and easy, or up a big ass hill. The Passport 2 Pain, doesn't allow you that small courtesy of hope, it's the big ass hill, every time. I wasn't sure I could do this ride and when I finished, and somewhere around the 14th or 15th checkpoint, I said to myself, "I don't ever need to do this again." Now I can't wait for the next time and I'll be seeking new and bigger challenges so I can do it FASTER next year!

Thank you for the amazing and wholly unique cycling experience.

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