

The responses below have been edited for brevity against the following list of numbered questions.

How was the change from BBQ to Taco Bar

Were the Limericks something we should continue?

If you were a first-time rider, how did you hear about P2P?

Do you prefer the old traditional course or the new "reverse" course?

If we went with more stick-on arrows and fewer placards would that work as well?

What Checkpoint foods did you particularly like or not?

Would you use a shuttle to/from the event from either ferry?

Do you plan to come back next year?

Rider 1

Congratulations on a well-organized, challenging and smoothly run event. Everyone involved was cordial and helpful. However, there is an opportunity for improvement.

This ride is the hardest that I have ever participated in. This was the ultimate test for a single-digit body (009) and the double-digit body of my riding buddy (067). We were extremely disappointed that the last checkpoint had been dismantled with no sign of life at 4:50PM during the arrival of 4 riders. There were no arrows pointing the way back toward the finish line. At this T intersection there was confusion among us about direction, but after more than 10 minutes of discussion and map review, we finally figured out that we had to backtrack. Your website says that "5:00PM - Last checkpoints close". Whoever was in charge of the last checkpoint left early. This cannot happen for future rides. We were very disappointed to arrive at the finish after 5:00PM without streamers on the handlebars and without the finish line still up for photo ops. There were riders behind us who were also probably disappointed.

Suggestions for improvement:

The person in charge of the last checkpoint cannot leave early! Close to the 5 PM closing time, the person in charge should ask if any riders are behind those stopped at the checkpoint. If so, it would be nice to wait even just for a few minutes beyond the 5PM deadline. There are old riders still trying their best to make it within the time crunch.

If it is definite closing time for the last checkpoint, place an arrow or arrows pointing the direction toward the finish. The T intersection this year raised the possibility of 3 options for getting back to Jensen Point Park.

Questions:

I prefer the traditional summer barbeque menu similar to 2019: pork, beef, chicken options with classic potato salad, baked beans, rolls etc.

Loved the limericks. Any mind diversion technique away from the pain is a welcome addition. What happened to the music that was supposed to be our choice?

Not my first time, but I learned about it from other cyclists.

I prefer the traditional course (Vashon first, Maury second).

I liked both the placards and arrows on tricky turns. Also liked arrows along the way to assure that riders are on the right course. But I did stray of course because I was daydreaming and missed the arrows on the road. My buddy shouted at me to come back. Arrows are not fool proof.

Liked the checkpoints with lively music. It seems that there were fewer music-available sites this year than in 2019.

The late ferry leaving from Point Defiance was the cause of many riders being late for the start. You have no control over ferry operations.

Don't know yet about next year.

Continue your great fundraising, production, advertising and organizing work for the P2P. Job well done.

Rider 2

Liked the Tacos. Gotta work on the beer kegs for us. That was a miss. Loved the napkins and plates.

Limericks were funny. Keep 'em.

Another rider told us about it.

First timer. It was a solid, challenging ride.

Stick on arrows were really good, even with my GPS.

More bananas, sweet/salty. Honestly, having that many stops was a bit distracting. 7 or 8 would be sufficient, but I get the theme of passport.

I might use shuttle, but I'd likely come the eve before and stay at with friends.

Plan to come back next year.

My bike derailleur blew up and another rider lent me his AllCity bike to finish the race. Although not ideal for my knees, I did finish. I wanted to thank the volunteers, especially the bike mechanic couple who gave me a ride so I could finish. The bike was unreparable for that day.

Rider 3

The taco bar was great!! It was my first year so I can't comment on if the tacos are better than the BBQ.

YES!! I loved the limericks. Brilliant touch.

I've been putting it off since I moved to Vashon in 2014, and then couldn't back out when my Seattle friends wanted to do it.

I loved the Maury Island weenie route.

The arrows were really great.

Turkey jerky and hard-boiled eggs were great. Watermelon was great.

I live here, but I have more Seattle friends who would like to join next year and would use the shuttle.

Yes, will be back next year.

Rider 4

Thanks for providing a space for feedback. But before that let me say THANK YOU for a well-run, super fun, and rewarding event. Good times were had, my legs were tired, and I felt a good deal of accomplishment at the end. This was my first time doing P2P, so please view my answers with that in mind.

How was the change from BBQ to Taco bar? I would rather have tacos than BBQ, however part of that is we still had to ride back home to west Tacoma and tacos sit better in the guts if ya know what I mean....

I loved the Limericks! If they are not too difficult to do, I would say stick with it.

I have known about P2P for a long time, I used to own Old Town Bicycle and we had a lot of riders who did the event, and I think we may have even given some level of sponsorship way back in the beginning.

Again, first time rider, however I thought the course was great. And I can't imagine doing Burma Road the other direction lol. Actually, the placards were super helpful. However, from a rider's perspective I would have been helped more by having the arrows on the signs be larger. Pretty much the reverse of the images on the placards this time, larger directional arrows, and a smaller P2P logo. Our group was riding pretty fast and at times the signs were hard to read until right on them. (More arrows on the ground is good for sure!) Also, regarding the placards, I would advocate moving them farther up the road, so

riders get more warning there is a turn coming. We had a particularly scary situation where a left turn snuck up on us and one of our riders went down trying to slow down in time to make the corner. The placard, while a larger than normal one, was much too far down the hill where speeds were high, and the turn came up very fast. This was just one of many times where our group of five riders commented that the placard was too close to the turn being called out.

Hmmmmmm, there were one or two spot that had chocolate covered coffee beans and those seemed popular. (I know they were with me lol.) Also, one stand near the end offered pedialyte and that was great! Someone had chocolate drizzled bananas and I am sensing a theme in my remarks that I am a fan of putting chocolate on things.... The spot with the MoonPies was popular w our group.

We did not utilize this shuttle service as we wanted to pedal to and from, however I bet folks liked it!

Yup. I would admit to being a bit weather dependent and rain might get me to stay home. However, I think the P2P is excellent!

Rider 5

Taco bar was "okay". Liked the BBQ much better.

Loved the Limericks! Please continue.

Second time rider. Live on island so can't miss the adverts.

I was fine with the course.

I rode the weenie. I find both the stick on arrows and placards helpful but I pretty much knew the course by looking at the course map. Road it a couple times prior to the event.

Didn't partake much in the Checkpoint foods. Protein bars are always good.

Live on island so shuttle not important for me. Might be though for other people.

Plan on riding next year if God is willing.

Thanks to all volunteers for their hard work and dedication to make this a really fun event. Hopefully pictures will be posted like last year. Only saw one person taking photos so not sure how many we'll get a chance to see. Live streaming via YouTube might be fun.

Rider 6

Never had the BBQ. Tacos were good, wish there was a veggie / vegan option. I'm sure catered tacos is easier to pull off for organizers so do whatever is easiest for you all.

Yes loved the limericks! More please!

Friend of a friend

First time, so it worked for me! I think doing Maury hills is the highlight so I wouldn't change the route direction back to "forwards".

If we went with more stick-on arrows and fewer placards would that work as well? Stick with the combination. Signage was excellent.

No changes. Didn't eat much other than some tortilla chips.

Yes shuttle, Tacoma side.

Maybe, I'm not a road rider but I really enjoyed it on my mountain bike regardless.

Really nice job y'all, charming ride. What if you threw in some trail miles along the route? Hmmmm...

Rider 7

Thanks for putting the ride together and hosting us on the island again. This is truly one of the highlights of my year and I look forward to riding it and enjoying the downtown every time. I enjoyed the

reverse route because it changed things up and had an opportunity to visit new sections of the island I've never seen before. Regarding food, the homemade cookies and pastries were amazing, but I was really sad that you didn't have the traditional barbecue that I've come to love. The taco bar was ok, well managed, but a bit too spicy for me and I couldn't eat it. I have to admit I was really looking forward to the historical barbecue meal that you serve. Regarding a shuttle from the north end, I probably wouldn't use it, because I like the flexibility to explore the island by car after, or stay in an Airbnb after the ride. Thank you for all the hard work and wonderful ride!

Rider 8

Tacos were very good, but since this was the first year I participated, I can't comment on the change.

Yes, they were a nice touch.

I live on Vashon, so I've known about it since the beginning.

Again, I can't compare it to the normal course since I have never done it before.

In most places, but I have seen groups of people miss the turn onto 112th from 103rd, so there are places where the extra visuals are good, including the turn off points for the shorter courses.

It was all good. The chocolate covered coffee beans were especially appreciated.

Possibly, but since I live on the island, it's hard to say without knowing the schedule.

Sure. I've wanted to do this for years and it was a lot of fun.

Thanks for all the hard work!

Rider 9

Hey!

Congratulations! It was another GREAT event, and everyone I saw had a great time! Except for Maury Island. That was [***] hard.

Maybe don't have the route go by my house, with its stocked cooler of iced beer, next time? I dropped out after mile 47 or something ... but I was seriously done. I should train or something for next year.

I'm sure my two buddies and I will be back ...

Rider 10

Hey folks, you solicited some feedback, here is mine.

Fine, but both are great!

I did laugh at them so why not?

Third time

I wouldn't call it "backward", how about "counter-clockwise" instead? I thought this direction was just fine.

Sure, I thought the course was very well marked, the only time I had to ask a volunteer which way to go was leaving an aid station that had 50-mile and 80-mile riders going different ways.

Watermelon is always good! So are PB&Js. One aid station had plums that were delicious!

Yes, I'll never drive to this event again. Next year I will probably park at Fautleroy and ride to the start.

Sure! This was my third time and I love the event.

Rider 11

I liked the BBQ better.

Yes, they fit in well with the whole spirit of the ride. Add more, please!

I'm a second time rider.

Fun to see what only idiots got to see before. Boy, that was hard. I think a mix is good. There are spots that the arrows can be too subtle.

I liked the nut rolls. Also, the Gatorade mix at Sandy Shores (I think) I used a bunch in my water bottle.

Fortunately, I live on Maury and don't have depend on early AM ferries.

Yes! I aspire to be an idiot!

Other feedback:

I think it would be good to add a sign going down to Gold Beach and Sandy Shores: "hairpin turn". There were signs to slow down, but hairpin turn is really what the situation is and should be more effective.

I think it might help to have signs indicating where and how far to the next toilet. We used the port a potty at Dockton Marina which we knew about only because we're locals. It might help off-islanders to have a P2P sign there on Dockton road showing there's a toilet in the park. And maybe by that big parking lot for horse trailer up by Dockton Forest.

I was disappointed that the numbers were not assigned by age as in the past. Perhaps I speak only for myself, but reaching the 'elite' of low 2 digit numbers is a source of pride. I imagine people that are 100+ don't care.

Thanks very much for all your hard work, it was a lot of fun! And I pledge to volunteer next year for pre-race day work.

Rider 12

tacos are great
absolutely
friends

I thought this was great. admittedly, I have not done it the other way

signage was good overall, stick on arrows are fine

it's hard to have that many original options, so I think it's great
as is
no. just stay on island
yes!

Rider 13

This was my first time so I can't compare but I enjoyed the Taco.
Yes, please. Those were pretty funny.

First on

<https://westcoastcyclingevents.com/locations/washington/> Also
got reminded on Seattle Cyclist discord.

This was my first time so I can't compare but judging by the
gradients, I'd say backwards made it easier.

Either way works for me. I also had the route loaded on my bike
computer.

For the most part, I only refilled my water bottles and didn't
grab much snack.

But there was one particular gummy thing at checkpoint 9 that
was super sticky on my teeth, that is unlike the other gummy
things. (I'm not good with American snack names)

I used it on my way back to the ferry terminal. It was great to
have that option.

Yes. I think this was the most interesting bike event I've ever
been to. There are other bike events with good routes, but the
checkpoints were very unique and fun.

Thank you for organizing the event.

I had a lot of fun.

Rider 13

Great job on the weather this year! Responses below:

- 1) I missed the bbq.
- 2) Loved the limericks! Bring them back.

- 4) I really liked the backwards course for the 50 miler. Otherwise, I'd have to be an idiot to ride Manzanita, Sandy Shores and Gold Beach.
- 5) Arrows are fine.
- 6) Food was great, except Lisabulla.
- 7) I'm an islander, so no need for shuttle.
- 8) won't miss it!

Rider 14

How was the change from BBQ to Taco bar? Great- preferred to BBQ - easier to eat after the ride
Great idea!

It made it easier (which is not a good thing in my view) - especially Burma Rd - going down the steepest part instead of up. For the 30-mile folks, Maury Island looked to be really hard - harder than doing it frontwards. Is there a way to do the route so that we go up the Burma Rd instead of down?

Sure

Chocolate covered coffee beans were aces! Zebette and her prostitutes get the prize for best checkpoint!

No - I like to ride to and from the Tahlequah ferry

I wouldn't miss it! It's my favorite ride and helps some great organizations. Thanks for doing it!

Rider 15

I think you all did a GREAT job on the P2P this year! Similar to last year, I did the weenie ride. I thought the signage this year was great (I managed not to get lost).

I'd like to give a shout out to the great checkpoint folks at stops 1-5 and the welcoming crew (pun intended) at the finish.

The BBQ was great as well.

I did have some hassles getting registered but in the end y'all were prepared for folks like myself and even though the 'system' was not 100% the folks with registration packets were ready to deal with it and it was a complete nonissue on race day.

I hope to attend again next year and maybe bring some more friends, would love to see the event flourish

Rider 16

Hi and thanks so much for another great event! Here's my feedback:

Tacos were great. I also liked the BBQ. Both options are fine. My only complaint of the whole ride is that when we arrived at about 3:30, having completed the Idiot, they were out of beer (except for Miller Light - yuk). They did go get some more but by then, it was time to go. I suggest getting more beer or reserving a certain amount for Idiots, so it doesn't get all used by the earlier/shorter course riders.

I liked the reverse order of the ride. Nice to get Maury out of the way early!

I was psyched to be in proper shape again this year. The ride went well. If I'm feeling like this again next year, I'll almost certainly ride next year!

Rider 17

Loved it all. (Was an observer who dined last year)

Super fun and would love to see more. (see below)

Inspired me to work on my own limericks (which distracted me from the hills). Wonder if it could be somehow integrated more widely for participants... Here are a couple of my hill-climbing-distraction creations:

(- my BIL, David, has a mirror affixed to his glasses and is married to my sister)

Dave rides a cool bike with a rear view
He pedals ahead and does see you
But the one that he sought
Is the one that he courts
And she did finally shout out , "I do!"

I went for a ride with my sister
She rode very fast so I missed her
We rode up and down hills
And now I need pills
For my back ache and my big fat blister.

There was a fine rider named Sheyne
Who rode up the hills without pain
He rode very fast
Lest he be dead last
"He's the BEST", his teammates would ordain.

There was a fine rider named Sue
Who rode really fast. Oh, not true!
She tried really hard
Wouldn't let down her guard
But she'd rather be watching birds coo.

N/A

N/A

Seems like they serve very good and different purposes... placards to alert vehicles of riders and stickers to help riders. All fantastic.... so fun and yummy... hummus/crackers were 10/10.... watermelon awesome... plums from the neighbor at pirate's stop were tops.... coffee beans with strawberries with Barbie was the bomb. The snacks were the only thing that helped me finish 50 miles (OK, I admit it, I took a few shortcuts so didn't clock 58 .)

N/A

Yes, I think so... as long as the food stops are promised to be as awesome as they were this year.... amazing.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZERS!!! SUPER FUN!

Rider 18

I much prefer the BBQ - my stomach was upset overnight after the event & through the following day ... so even the thought of a taco bar now does not appeal. Bring back BBQ!

OMG, LOVED, LOVED, LOVED the limericks. Since the first 2 checkpoints had them, I anticipated that ALL of the checkpoints would have them so was sorely disappointed that there was only 1 more (I think) along the weasel route. I wondered if perhaps you could have folks who register for the event submit P2P-themed limericks (with no promise that they will be used) — and then the powers-that-be could choose which ones to display along the route. It might give riders yet another reason (as if we need more reasons!!) to ride, ride, ride!! This was my 3rd time riding ...

Since I'd only done the weenie prior to this year, I was (initially) excited to do the last part of the idiot this year since the other 2 times were the same weenie, and on Vashon. An added bonus was that we live on Maury, so we were happy to be 'hosting' the first leg of the event on home turf. We also took advantage of

living on Maury by riding lots prior to the event, along the weenie and weasel route to get prepped for the event. All in all, it was a more challenging ride for the weenies, but I loved it all the same.

I kinda like the combo — signage was good this year, thanks!! I think the placards are also a benefit to drivers — I doubt they see the stick-on arrows.

In general, prefer natural sweet things (watermelon) versus unnatural (espresso coffee beans) & salty things).

Very yummy, do it again! > good watermelon (Gold Beach), Hummus and pita chips (Sandy Shores, I think), roasted potatoes with ketchup (Young's Corner) or with salt for dipping (Lisabeula), grapes (The Leaning Church), Ruffles (Shawnee)

Not so much > beef jerky, espresso coffee beans

Nope, we have a house on Maury so will start from there.

Definitely!

I would consider volunteering before the day of the ride —

Thanks again,

Rider 19

First time participant but I loved the tacos

I ABSOLUTELY LOVED THE LIMERICKS

multiple friends (one who grew up in the area and another who had done the event in the past

First time participant, no comment

I like having both

Checkpoint one needed more than oranges. With there being no restaurants open until after the ride started many people struggled to get a decent breakfast in

Possibly

Probably not next year but I plan to do this event again sometime in the next five years

Pat and crew of P2P,

P2P was amazing this year! Weather was perfect. Volunteers were cheerful and helpful. As usual I gained weight on the ride even though I completed the Idiot. I've done P2P four times and it's my favorite ride in the Northwest.

I thought the reverse route was better than the traditional route. We rode Gold Beach in the cool of the day instead of 2:00 pm baking heat, then we did the west side roads in the shade of the afternoon. Some of those beach climbs don't get any easier but I thought Burma Rd was easier going the "reverse" direction.

Food was excellent at all locations. The homemade sandwiches at the half-way point (Windermere?) are always a welcome sight (spicy mayo and fresh tomatoes are the best). I appreciated the Electrolit drink at all the locations. It tasted good and didn't upset my stomach like some drinks do. My favorite rest stop was Star Wars. Where did they get the life size R2D2?!

Did I miss the place where they play your favorite song? That was fun a couple of years ago.

Signage was excellent. Placards or stick ons are ok with me.

My only regret was trying to catch the 5:55 am ferry at Point Defiance. Since the first two boats were going to be canceled I drove to Southworth because I needed to start the ride as soon as possible so I could get back to Olympia by a certain time.

The taco food was AMAZING. Please bring them back.

Rider 20

Hi!

My ride was greatly altered by asthma this year, it slowed me way down and robbed my legs of oxygen!. But even taking that into account, I don't think I will ride next year if the weenie route stays on Maury Island; it was just too relentless for me. The 2021 route was a lot more fun.

The tacos were great, the BBQ was great, either one works! I applaud your zero-waste approach for the meal--I wish all organizations would make the effort to do that. I know it is a lot of work and I appreciate it.

Arrows would work fine to replace placards, the route was easy to find.

Thanks for your amazing work.

Rider 21

Here are my thoughts on the P2P, as a first time rider...

In my personal opinion, any type of food is good as long as there is a vegetarian option ;)

The limericks were entertaining to read during the ride. I think that as long as there are people willing to create limericks then there's no harm in continuing them.

I heard about the P2P through word of mouth from my boss, who rode the P2P in previous years.

I have never ridden the entire course forwards, but I have ridden many of the hills before. I cannot even imagine riding up gold beach at the end of the ride, so I felt like it's probably easier to ride the course backwards.

I think either way is fine as long as there are enough of them.

My one concern is the clean-up of the stick-ons. Does somebody pick them up eventually? Or are they biodegradable?

The fruit was a lifesaver, but I was disappointed that there were no pickles! Pickles can help get rid of cramps, and I have seen them at other supported rides, so I was expecting to see them at the P2P as well. Lack of pickles is my only gripe about the P2P this year. Otherwise, it was a very fun experience.

I live on Vashon, so no.

Hell yeah! (I think.)

Rider 22

tacos vs bbq? Both were good; no net win either way

Limericks were fun.

my first time

I enjoyed seeing Maury, but I think the other direction is nicer.

But I'm just a weenie so far.

I saw the arrows before I saw the signs. I suspect arrows are more

cost-effective.

No opinion; the water was key, though.

I live on-island, so a shuttle helps me relatively little. It might find it useful, but would expect to abstain, to leave it for the

ferry-folk.

Yes; I like the P2P and I like how it motivates my riding the rest of the year.

Rider 23

I preferred the BBQ significantly.

Limericks were great. Humor helps on a ride like this.

N/A

Definitely preferred counterclockwise on Vashon. Maury was fine, but maybe too much for the Weenies. Maybe they should stay on Vashon.

Placards are easier to see than the arrows on the pavement.
Favorite snacks: BLT, chocolate covered coffee beans and strawberries, orange slices, banana pieces & peanut butter.

N/A

I plan to ride in 2024, too.

Suggestion: Let riders print out their passports at home, and start riding from the ferry terminals. From the south is easy as it is mostly downhill to Jensen Point. They could then do a loop to the Shawnee stop later. From the north riders could have alternate routes that don't do 80 miles and still end up at Jensen Point.

Thanks to all the volunteers. Great job.

Rider 24

First thanks for another year and another great ride.

Loved the reverse course.

PLEASE bring back the BBQ. The BBQ has been the payoff at the end and we love it!

Pit stops... it would be cool to get quick liquid fuel like at the stops further out...maybe I missed it but I only found water this year.

Regardless, love the event and the community.

BBQ!!!!

Rider 25

No problem with the change. Nice group of people!
Anything to distract us from riding is fun. I enjoyed the limericks.

N/A

HARDER! It was fun to have the opportunity to ride Maury's hills and it is a whole different beast than the first 6 stations going the other direction. I would recommend returning it to its original direction next year (or change the name- because it ain't no "Weanie"). Comments I heard while riding those Maury hills were people wishing they had another gear and not sure they had the legs to do the Weasel (as they had planned to do) I like the combo. I think we need more signage to warn riders of unsafe conditions. Some of the hills are gravelly and potholes, uneven... and riders were flying in = some scary conditions.

More protein, carb food! Last year felt a lot more loaded in the food dept.

N/A

Every year until my body says **NO!**

Thank You!

Rider 26

I liked it, it was quite good, be nice to have a little more staff to move the line faster.

Really liked them, several were pretty funny.

N/A this is my 5th or 6th

Best thing ever. Getting Maury done in the morning means you aren't roasting there in the afternoon. Seriously hard to stay hydrated out there some years. Also gets the non-idiots out there too. Vashon stays more shaded and cool in the afternoon.

I wouldn't cut back on the placards, they are a reminder that the next turn is at hand. The stickers are the reinforcing feature as you make the turn. Remember, after a couple of hours in the saddle your head isn't really crisp.

Bacon sandwich, on white bread. PBJs, and salted potatoes, and coke.

N/A I live on Vashon.

Once an idiot always an idiot. Yes I'll be back, sadly.

Nice job this year and thanks for all the work,

Rider 27

Hi there!

I was a first-time rider this year — I heard about the ride from a former Vashon resident.

A few thoughts in no particular order:

- I did the weasel — a brutal course in the best possible way. Loved it! Will absolutely be back for the idiot next year!
- Volunteers were absolutely lovely and extremely helpful. I've done many organized rides like this, and these were far and away the most supportive and kind volunteers!
- the Limericks were cute, I enjoyed.
- The route was well marked and easy to follow.
- The ferries definitely made for a rough timing in the morning, but nothing to it but to make the 5:10am next year!
- I was disappointed the meal didn't include a vegetarian option. I certainly ate my weight in cookies, but it would have been nice to have some real food. A vegetarian option would be easy and wonderful in the future!

Thanks so much for organizing, already looking forward to next year!

Rider 28

Overall, this was an amazing event run by amazing people. Can't say enough about the effort you all put into this.

LOVED IT. Super tasty and nice portions.

Yes. I really appreciated the humor on tough ascents

N/A

Harder, but great. Loved the change.
Signage was beyond excellent this year.
LOVED the fresh plums at the last Maury stop. Loved the variety overall, but some were a bit sugar heavy (more like candy) though vs fruit, healthy.
No. I live on the island
Yes!

Rider 29

Tacos always win.
The limericks were fun, keep them!
N/A
I rode the weenie and liked it better on Maury than on Vashon
I like the placards. They're helpful
They were all good!

Yes!!!

And, a **MASSIVE** thank you to all the volunteers! They make the ride so much fun.

Rider 30

I'm the wife of a rider, who rode in 2019 and 2023.
In 2019 I volunteered with Sandi and Michelle (Core Centric) at the S Pohl Road stop.
This year I was the crazy asking for the cowbell at the finish :)

This is a huge event and takes so much time and effort and organizing to put on - thank you for your work!

Additional feedback:

- to make sure more people are enthusiastically on at all times welcoming the riders at the finish.

There was no cowbell at one point because people were "on break" and riders were coming in to minimal fanfare - they are working so hard and it felt anti-climactic.

Cyclists love that fanfare at the end - I think it means more than we might imagine. I love how Euros bang on cans (and whatever) when riders go by.

Before we came to the finish we waited for Dylan at the end of the driveway beating wooden spoons on dog bowls - he LOVED it.

- I heard the food was kind of strange offerings based on where the stop was on the ride? Maybe this has already been considered, but perhaps a suggested small food menu could be created across all the stops, like each stop does two things that are healthy but have energy, simplifying it...the one we did in 2019 had hard boiled and pickled eggs with salt and watermelon juice shots - delightful and riders loved it.

Thank you again for all your hard work and for asking about people's experience.

I can help cowbell next year if you like. :)

Rider 31

the signage was great. They wished they knew each stations working hours. So, the riders could decide if they could make to the station before closing or not.

They liked the food, but wished that there was more options like quacamole and fajita veggies.

Beer, this year we got the baby kegs, we should definitely get only big kegs next year.

Rider 32

Loved the Taco Bar. Thank you!

Loved the Limericks.

13th time rider

I found it brutal starting with Maury, but hey, pain is pain. The gift was Burma in reverse. A "breeze," as opposed to impossible. I thought the ratio of stick-on arrows to placards was good. But the feedback from first-timers is what matters to this question.

All good.

I stay overnight.

Hell ya'

Thank you Lindsay, Pat, and all the volunteers by keeping this ride alive! You're the best!!

Rider 33

This was my first time riding the event so I can't speak on the BBQ. The Taco bar was tasty, but there were limited options for me as a pescatarian. Even the refried beans had meat!

The limericks were a highlight. My riding buddy and I were a bit disappointed that they tapered off toward the end of the ride.

Our neighbors were registered but then scored a great campsite they couldn't pass up. They gifted us their registrations. I'd heard about the ride before, but never looked into it as I'm primarily an off-road rider.

As a first time rider, I thought the course was great.

It found the stick-on arrows much more effective than placards. Lots of places for eyes to look when they're up, only the road when they're down.

I liked apples and peanut butter, tortilla chips, and fresh strawberries.

Yes! I used the shuttle from the ferry and would have used a shuttle back to the ferry if it was available.

TBD. As I said, I'm primarily an off-road rider, but really enjoyed the chill vibe of this event. If I can convince a few friends to join I would definitely consider.

Rider 34

Loved the taco bar. I liked the BBQ, but the taco bar is superior.

Fun idea

N/A

It was great to ride backwards – it was a hot day, and it was much nicer to ride Maury in the cooler morning since it's more exposed to the sun. I was strangely disappointed about not riding Burma the hard direction.

It would be fine with me.

Loved the potatoes, coca cola, grapes, and chocolate dipped bananas. The sandwich stop is great- the white bread PB&J hit the spot. I always appreciate the water availability and electrolyte options.

I wouldn't since I live close to the start/finish line, but I like the idea.

Absolutely! I hope this ride continues for many years to come.