

### Rider 1

Great ride, super fun. I did the 50-mile route and my one comment (and shared by everyone in my group) is that the stops were severely deficient in salty snacks. There were enough sweet options, but hardly anything salty. I am not sure we saw anything after the roasted potatoes. Thanks.

### Rider 2

Amazing event!

Signage was excellent!

Stops were excellent!

After Party was excellent!

Hospitality from the entire event volunteers was amazing.

Glad to be part of this event.

I also liked this year's route vs last year.

I'll be back!

### Rider 3

My only comment would be to have an FAQ on the website for first timers. As a bit of a planner, I felt a bit in the dark until the day before. Some acknowledgment that things will be in flux until the days before would be good to have in mind.

First timers FAQ thoughts:

- What should I pack with me?
- Beyond the proper clothing, we will have plenty of water and snacks at each checkpoint.
- If I am getting a shuttle to Vashon, what should I expect?
- Plan on taking either the 6 AM or the 6:50 AM ferry from the north end. In the days leading up to the event, we will reach out regarding your shuttle contact
- How long should I anticipate this race taking. Pick a number in your head, and add an hour 😊

Honestly, we had a great time. Every person we interacted with was lovely and so friendly. You guys have a great thing going over there. Thanks for letting me be a part of it!

### Rider 4

Overall, another great event! I was disappointed that there were no Cokes at the lunch stop, that is always a great thing for a boost. The other would be zip lock bags at the start to put the passports in. They tend to get soggy without some protection.

#### Rider 5

The dry weather made Burma Rd so much more enjoyable. When that road is slick it's hard to stay upright!

As usual, the ride was one of my all-time favorites.

- I love the support and enthusiasm from the P2P team and volunteers.
- I noticed that the "Evil Triplets" are labeled "1" and "2", but there isn't a third unless I'm mistaken. Maybe rename it the evil twins?
- My favorite rest stops (80-mile course) were the BLTs at the midway point, the chocolate milk and Oreos at the next stop, and the coke and root beer at one of the stops after that. I didn't eat at most of the stops -- not because the food didn't look good, I was just trying to beat my previous time.
- Routing markers were excellent. No issues.
- Food at the BBQ was AMAZING. I can't say enough how much real food like tacos and homemade cookies hit the spot after a ride.
- The rest stops seemed to be less costumed than Star Wars, 1950's, etc. but I'm ok with that. As I mentioned I only stopped for a moment to get the passport stamped.

If I had to choose, I would still do the route counterclockwise to get Manzanita and Gold Beach done early, but you probably have several other good reasons to do the clockwise route.

Keep up the great ride!

#### Rider 6

This was my first P2P, and I went for the Idiot. I registered on the day of (I meant to register Thursday evening but missed my alarm), which was easy to do. Understandably, I don't think the "lower the jersey number the older you are" thing really worked, but I don't see how it could for day-of registrations.

I normally live and work (and ride) overseas but I am between work assignments and have found myself waylaid in Gig Harbor, so this was the perfect distraction for me. It was my lifetime longest ride and biggest climb, and I'm proud I was able to complete it. I happened to hear about this ride from the world's friendliest road cyclist, James Cottrell, who happened upon our small group of Cascade group riders a few weeks before and

told us about it. So, special shout out to James who made me feel very welcome, including after the ride when I was sitting alone eating my scrumptious tapas when he came up and sat with me and struck up a conversation and introduced me to his on-island friends. Cool guy.

I also would like to thank each of the passport station attendees -- all were so friendly and encouraging and funny! The other riders were all courteous and nice as well. I only had one car pass me closer than I cared for while I was climbing (can't remember where, but I think somewhere in the last third of the ride), but most cars were respectful.

I was really glad I had James' GPS map for the Idiot downloaded onto my computer. The markings and signage were really great, but the GPS map provided me with some reassurance for a few of the interchanges, especially as the day wore on and the pack thinned out to solo riding at times. I loved the community volunteer aspect of it, which made me feel better about the \$150 entrance fee -- I feel like those volunteers really earned it (non-disposable plates and napkins requiring washing was thoughtful and appreciated), and I feel like I got value for money with all the food support.

After finishing up the tapas, I was going to buy a shirt, but it looked like by that time (4:15 or so), the merch shops had either sold out or packed up.

Thanks for a great and memorable ride. I hope to have the chance do it again one of these years.

Rider 7

Loved this event, first-time participant. Thank you and thank you to all the volunteers!!

The only complaint is the jersey sizing. I order a lot of Primal jerseys, and the XXL P2P jersey must be mismarked by Primal because I am unable to put it on.

Hoping to exchange for a different one or return this jersey altogether.

Rider 8

I have thought before but not said, and saying now without thinking too much:

After a long day of sweat and road grime and who knows how many port-a-nasty visits with how many brands of hand sanitizer that smell like what ... being able to wash my hands and face with hot water and soap before eating would feel very civilized.

Thanks for another most grueling day of the year.

Rider 9

I'm at the end of a battle with kidney disease that took me out of all activities for a year. I signed up for The Tourist to see if I could do it. I did it! Awesome. I've done a fair share of organized rides over the years, so my comments come from some idea of how rides are done.

All the volunteers were very friendly.

As "Tourists" we didn't know if the Spam stop was for us. It was not marked for us to enter but there were directions for Tourists to leave the stop so we decided we would go in.

I was a little bummed that the Sandwich stop was only BLTs. I did have a slice of tomato. I was glad my ride was relatively short plus there were tacos to look forward to at 1. The catered food had a great veggie option. I wish PB&Js had been an option at the Sandwich stop. I totally understand you can't please everyone. Next year I'll carry my own food.

I appreciate very much that you let my partner change his ride so he could ride with me in case I had trouble. (And you let him change without knowing about my health stuff.)

I loved getting to pick a song. I was super happy to hear my song come on.

I liked the staggered start times.

I talked to one guy over from Kent who said he spent almost his whole ride by himself, only seeing other cyclists at stops. He didn't think he'd be back unless he talked friends into joining him. What the heck was he expecting?

I had a very good time riding the Tourist. Thank you. See you next year.

Rider 10

great weather! great BLTs!

Rider 11

This was my first P2P ride, and it was a great day. I have done RAMROD several times and STP three times but P2P was very challenging on account of some of the grades reaching 22% according to my riding buddy.

I commend you on how well organized the ride was. Pavement markings were good, food at the stops was better than average, and the volunteers were great. I look forward to doing the ride again next year. I have a year to think about whether to become an Idiot or remain a Weasel.

Thank you for a job well done.

Rider 12

All went well, perfect weather, many thanks to the volunteers and coordinators.

Rider 13

Thanks for soliciting feedback on the ride. As always, it was awesome and very well organized. I can't wait to do it again next year. My only feedback is it was slightly deflating not to have a vegetarian option at the lunch stop. The folks working the tent volunteered to make me a lettuce and tomato sandwich, which was appreciated, but obviously not very filling. There were PB&J bites at a rest stop toward the end, which was awesome and appreciated, but I'm hoping next year there might be a vegetarian option at lunch—certainly doesn't need to be fancy or made on the spot—just a few PB&J, hummus or cheese sandwiches held in reserve for the occasional vegetarian that rolls through. Thanks again for putting on an amazing ride.

Rider 14

First time riding the P2P! I'll do it again.

What worked:

- Registration
- communication with Pat
- Tacos
- the course was almost all well-marked
- asking for feedback
- friendly volunteers!!!
- plenty of snacks and water at the check points
- controlled start
- some of the bad potholes were marked!
- downloadable gps routes
- well organized!
- the theme, the fun

What didn't:

- I ended up with a women's large (usually I'm a men's medium) jersey—it was too short and had a left-handed zipper. Consider Voler next year; good quality and appropriate

sizing. Voler provides jerseys for the “Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride,” [deathride.com](http://deathride.com).

- no arrow stickers on the asphalt for the left turn onto 121st
- could have used honey buckets at a few more of the check points (generally, more potties early on during events are good—we Boomers are getting older and it’s morning 😊)
- ran out of turkey at the lunch to make no-mayo-no-mustard sandwiches

You put on a great event!

Rider 15

Thanks for the great weather!

The event was very well organized.

The safety flaggers at the dangerous crossings were great.

Could use more portapotties at the checkpoints.

Rider 16

Thank you to the P2P team and volunteers for putting in the event, it was a blast as always!

I really enjoyed the salted watermelon at one of the first stops. Would have been really nice to have at in the afternoon when it had warmed up!

I also had a thought for bike storage at the start and end of the ride. You could use the sawhorses/boat stands and oars (or other wood or metal tube) to create stands people could hook their saddle onto like shown in the photo below from the velodrome in Marymoor Park. I don’t know how you’d make sure the oars don’t go anywhere or if it could damage them.



Photo from

<https://www.normalguytri.com/journal/2014/3/21/finally-getting-back-on-track.html>

Thanks again!

Rider 17

What a great day! My first time riding the P2P and proudly completed the Idiot. The volunteers were so friendly, and I loved the theme. My one request would be for porta potties at more of the stops. I ended up having to use the forest once, because we couldn't find a porta potty. Doesn't bother me, but I know you said the Vashon neighbors would prefer riders didn't do that.

Also, when are you bringing back the P2P socks? I was really hoping to snag a pair of bright yellow devil bedecked ones.

Thanks again for all the hard work.

Rider 18

Thank you so much for organizing such a great event. I haven't stopped raving about it. From the organization to the route to the food it was all excellent.

I don't have any complaints or things that I think should be improved.

One question I had is when can I expect my Merch order to arrive? I ordered a leftover 2024 shirt to be shipped.

Rider 19

It was my first time joining the P2P. I am glad to complete the course in time. I had a great time. I think each check point worked out well and volunteers did a great job. For

the check point #17, I was able to make it before 4PM but I wasn't aware that they would be leaving around 4PM. Thanks for having me.

Rider 20

The ride was fun! Got to see some really beautiful parts of Vashon, and to experience the warmth of the Vashon people. Everyone was so friendly. And the ride was incredibly well organized—all the passport stops were well stocked and fun, the signage was great, and the shuttles worked very well. And so many volunteers being helpful, especially in potential danger spots, like highway crossings. It felt like the whole island was participating in making this a great event! Thank you!

Rider 21

Really enjoyed the route this year - far easier to navigate than last year! So many good things - proactive communication, easy route-finding, nice people, great chow. Consider my comments as "polishing" suggestions -

- start time - was hard to find and unclear to me. suggest put it everywhere you make an announcement with a start time for each leg, e.g.: 80 milers start 7 am, 50 milers start 7:15 am, 30 milers start 7:30 am, 10 milers start 7:45 am, all from the boathouse

- food stations - the first three stations all seemed surprised to see me and the dozen or so of us late start / slower riders, and food was nominal or out. LOADS of food at the later stations - VCA and onward. So some communication as to the timing of the later riders so the stations don't shut down with enough food there. the 30 miler that we did essentially we got a real snack at Lisabeula. would have been nice to have something at Pleasant Cove. That said, I was able to draw on my own "personal stored energy supply" to live thru it :).

We enjoyed the theme, seems like folks at the food stations were having a good time with it - that really made it a memorable event for us. Well done! We'll be back next year!

Rider 22

Just wanted to say thank you... my son Jamie and I had a wonderful day!

Rider 23

The only thing I REALLY want to see is a t-shirt, again, like in 2016... as mine is thread bear. I've got a couple jerseys, and I really do like them... but, a t-shirt would be awesome

Thanks

See y'all next year... though I'll be riding the island a lot, twixt now and then.

Rider 24 (registered as a Weasel but turned into an Idiot on the course)

This was a fabulous event! Very well done overall. The only thing I can suggest is one or more port-o-potties throughout the course - particularly on Maury.

Thank you so much! Will be back again!

Rider 25

This was the most fun I've ever had at a bike event! The volunteers were so kind and supportive and brought such great energy. The snack stops were an absolutely delight! I loved the vibes at the start/finish line. The music and pomp added such a sense of occasions. The food with gf/vegan options at the party afterwards were the cherry on top. Thanks for including a great selection of non-alcoholic drinks as well.

It would have been great if there were more of the jerseys from this year in a better range of sizes. I loved the design but couldn't squeeze into it (generally wear a ladies large but these were TIGHT)

Thanks for an incredible time and the fantastic memories!

Rider 26

Thanks for another amazing year! This was my 5th time doing the idiot, and each year it only gets more fun. Here's some feedback:

Things that worked

- Burma the hard way. Burma is hard, and it should be. Doing northbound only keeps the ride difficult and riders safe
- I'm a fan of this route as opposed to the "Maury first" route
- The checkpoint volunteers are amazing as always, and the snacks are great
- La Isla taco feast

Things to improve

- Plastic bags for passports -- mine disintegrated by the end of the ride
- Personally, I was fine, but I think newer riders could have used a little more signage? No one seemed to get off track, but I think there was some doubting (am I going the right way?) going on. Thanks again for all the work organizing, y'all did an amazing job!

Rider 27

I thought the event was brilliant executed again this year.

One suggestion would be to have somewhere online (with easy to find link) a page that contains the tentative schedule for opening and closing times for the checkpoints. You might even update the status in real time. That would be helpful to some of us slower riders to figure out how much of the ride we could do before timing out.

I liked that there were plenty of rides to the ferries, but Jeff's constant reporting of status was so loud and obtrusive that it interfered with enjoying the music and conversations with other riders at the taco feed. Maybe tone it down with a single announcement before a vehicle leaves with space available.

How about varying the route so that it starts with the north end, then Maury, then the south end with 115th Avenue becoming the final tough climb? It's always seemed to me that one of Vashon's toughest climbs was being wasted.

How about climate as next year's theme? I saw Jay Inslee at McKibben's Town Hall talk last night. He'd ride it.

Rider 28

I just wanted to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the ride this year. The signs and the arrows on the ground were much easier to follow this year than in the past. I also really appreciated the volunteers with flags at the busier intersections. One suggestion would be to have one porta potty at the earlier stops just so people have some options depending on when their body is ready, potentially at the 2-4 stops.

Thank you for a great event!

Rider 29

Y'all killed it as usual. AAA experience. Many thanks and I expect to participate again.

Minor nits:

The signage beyond checkpoint 10 seemed inadequate. I'm considering going Garmin GPS as this is the 3rd year, for me, of a nonstandard ride :-). Missed a turn CP 10 ->11 and ended up in Burton and just calling it a day rather than hit CP 11 and 12. I was also completely physically wasted and might have missed something 100% obvious. Very much could have been my bad. But to me it seemed like at that point the road markings were quick spray markings if at all, not the arrows/signs.

That aside, the rest of the signage was AWESOME. I rode last year and did an extra bit of route due to fake turns thanks to vandals. This year it was all crystal clear up to CP 10.

Make no mistake, the check-in, registration, vols on the course etc. was top notch I cannot say enough good things about the youth up at 6AM checking folks in as well as the adults helping it all move along, the folks staffing the checkpoints, and the post ride feast. THANK YOU.

F Burma Rd. First time there, cannot like.

Rider 30

The tacos were great! No complaints about anything. If you guys have any extra medium jerseys I would love to get one. Kicking myself for not pre-ordering one

Rider 31

Overall, the 2025 event was well-organized and smoothly run. The support staff was very cordial and helpful.

The directional, road signage was perfect. Damn near impossible to make a wrong turn. Loved the limericks. Too bad more couldn't be seen later on. We need all the mind diversion devices available in our tool boxes to keep going.

I think that there could have been more porta potties at the staging area. There were waiting-line back ups. Otherwise, I would have started earlier.

My riding buddy and I were the last 2 riders to get streamers on the handle bars before the check point truck drove away a little after 4PM. From prior P2P events I remember that the last stop closed at 5PM. It would be helpful to post on the P2P website with ride information when the last stop closes. Old guys cannot Dilly Dally at preceding check points in order to beat the 4PM closure for streamers. Getting streamers at the finish line is not as satisfying as having them tied to the handle bars when crossing.

I really liked the design of the 2025 P2P bike jersey. Kudos for someone's great design work.

PS. If you have the data, how many riders over the age of 76 rode the idiot option?

Rider 32

Massive props to you and the P2P team! This was a really unique and awesome experience. The volunteers went hard in the paint on the Monty Python theme and it was amazing. Vashon is a beautiful place. I had never been before Saturday. There's no better way to experience a place than on a bike.

Parking was easy, the ferries were great, and the ride itself was beautiful. The food was awesome and I'm really grateful to eat on a real plate with a real fork. Thank you for all of this!

The only gripe I have is with a rider that went 5-wide and nearly hit me head-on by the South Point Ferry terminal (can't remember the name). There's nothing you can do about that, we just need riders to use some common sense and allow 2-way traffic!

This ride is REALLY hard, so I may do a different distance next year. I'm proud to have earned the title of "Complete Idiot"!

I found you on the website, "West Coast Cycling Events". I'm glad I did! Thanks for everything!

Rider 33

Great ride this year.

Traffic was hairy on the evil triplets. Way too many cars for comfort. I think you should drop one and add a hill on Maury in the middle, because it's just too busy over there.

I think the markings were better, though I think you under-estimate the need for (a) some lane markings on the long empty straights, to reassure people they haven't gone off track, and (b) markings after a significant intersections saying 'stop you missed the turn!!' (c) doubling up on signs, there should always be a leader sign and then the arrow sign. e.g. 'P2P turn ahead' as a leader sign.

There was no pickle juice, which was sad.

Great food and drinks afterwards - best so far in my 3 years.

Jerseys are unusably small. Most of your riders (OK like me) have sizable guts and don't need racing gear.

Thanks again! Favorite ride of the year, and next year I'm bringing some friends in from the east coast. I was very pleased to finish in <7:30 moving time. next year will shoot for 7:15.

Rider 34

The last 2 years I invited friends. My feedback would be to seek more ridership through maybe marketing somehow?. The first year I did it was I think in 2017. It was packed! There was a staggered start, I believe like 6-8 riders at a time. It was so fun to see the island packed. This year felt rather thin. To me this is the best organized ride in Washington. I live on Maury and I really appreciate the ride and I love to support it even though I often don't train ahead of time. All the friends I've brought over have been totally humbled by the hills and had a wonderful time and enjoyed the pain! Next year, I

hope to invite many more friends. Thank you so much for the hard work involved in this ride. A few years ago (3?) was probably the best one ever for me, there was a Star Wars theme at Lisabeula, Julia Child on Soper, Barbie at Reddings Beach etc. I loved the Monty Python theme this year so good! I'm gonna do my best to bring maybe 10 friends over next year.

Rider 35

This was my first time riding the P2P. I think I originally heard about it because of all the wonderful signs. I rode the Weasel, minus the last three hills, but I was signed up for the Weenie.

It was glorious and fun! Thanks for all the work you put into it!! I especially enjoyed the weather you so kindly arranged.

Rider 36

Thank you for reaching out and letting us give some feedback.

This is my 3rd time doing P2P — 2016, 2024 and now 2025.

Comparing 2025 to 2024:

The registration process (picking up number and passport) was 1000% times better. In 2024 it took us 1 hour in line to wait and in 2025 it literally took 30 seconds.

The stops were really well managed and fun. Appreciate all the volunteers.

The markings on the road for the course direction were much better this year.

I personally did not like the change on the course. I can appreciate it was trying to make it more 'challenging', but there can reach a point it becomes less fun.

Rider 37

my first time was a delight. perfect weather. i did 18 miles and enjoyed it all. only suggestion worth sharing would be around Signage.

-maybe they could be color coded or a universal color. i.e. - i was looking for all yellow signs and missed a white one

-would definitely help if they were taller!

all else was great.

congrats on hosting a fantastic event!

Rider 39

Thanks to you and the whole P2P team for organizing a challenging but fun event (it was my first time), with great snacks, and good food and beer at the finish!

I'm honestly hard pressed to think of any substantive feedback. Maybe the only thing would be to make available a downloadable bike computer route file for Weasels in addition to Idiots, so Weasel riders can ascertain their ETA and remaining distance (with longer rides, I keep track of these, esp. towards the end).