

Gould Academy Cycling Team Road Race, 2018

We will start the race where it started in 2017 but not where it started in prior years.

We will host our annual race through Maine's Grafton Notch at 3:00PM on Saturday, 28 April. We will start a couple hundred meters up route 26 (Bear River Road, Newry, Maine) from the new start line we used in 2017, so that we are not as close to incoming traffic from route 2. A good GPS address for the parking area is 3 Bear River Road, Newry, Maine. The rest of the route, and the finish line, remain unchanged. The race is 20 miles, finishing through Grafton Notch, at the height of land in Upton. There will be mass starts, by category.

Directions and Parking *There are no bathroom facilities at the start. Plan ahead to use the Gould Fieldhouse or the pit toilet at the rest area that was the former starting line, 2.5 miles back on routes 2 and 26, across from Sunday River Brewing Company.*

Travel north through Bethel on routes 2 and 26. Turn left off of route 2 to stay on route 26, Bear River Road. (In your GPS: 3 Bear River Road, Newry, Maine) Park immediately on the left, in the parking lot at the closed general store. Park efficiently, and most of us might fit there. You can also park along the Bear River Road on the right (in the breakdown lane or in the grassy field), past the parking lot that is immediately on the right side of the beginning of Bear River Rd (Rt 26). The parking lot that is immediately on the right hand side of Bear River Road is the entrance for a gravel pit, and there could be truck traffic using that driveway. There are no bathroom facilities at the start. Plan ahead to use the Gould Fieldhouse or the pit toilet at the rest area that was the former starting line, 2.5 miles back on 2 and 26, across from Sunday River Brewing Company.

Teams are welcome to use the locker rooms and bathrooms in the Gould Field House (10 minutes from the start) before and after the race. We will bring drinking water to the start and refreshments to the finish. Showers are available for use in the fieldhouse. The women's locker room is downstairs; the men's is upstairs.

Please help in keeping the road clear of riders as they cross the line. Park vans and cars on East B Hill Road, a few yards past and to the right of the finish. This will help in keeping the roads clear. Riders can warm down by heading north on route 26 past the finish or on the East B Hill Road. We have had complaints about confusion for local traffic at the finish area, so keeping kids and spectators off of the paved road is imperative. Keep your fans, coaches, and athletes off the road at the finish. Please e-mail your preference for driving a lead van or a follow van and for which race category, and any questions, to rileyj@gouldacademy.org

Race Schedule:

Coaches' meeting: 2:45

A Boys 3:00

B Boys 3:05

C Boys 3:10

A Girls 3:20

C Girls 3:25

Hope to see you all on Saturday!

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