

MCC Celebration 2020
Century for a Century bike tour
June 20, 2020
Info sheet

Registration opens March 1, 2020
Registration deadline June 1, 2020

Short-ride option (22 miles)

The short-ride option is ideal for a broad age group. All riders must be at least 12 years old; no passengers on riders' bikes. The [Northwest Lancaster County River Trail \(NRT\)](#) is a paved, flat, 11-mile trail that runs from Columbia to Bainbridge. You can park at the trailhead (Columbia Crossing, 41 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA 17512), or you can leave from Manor Church (530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, PA 17603) and ride the five hilly miles to the trailhead. There will be a group starting at 10 a.m., or you can start later. At the halfway point, there will be water, snacks and a light lunch for registered riders (at the pavilion from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Bathrooms are available at the pavilion and at the trailhead. At any point along the trail, you can turn around and return to the trailhead. The entire trail is 22 miles out and back.

Long-ride option (65 miles, a metric century)

This route is for experienced riders 16 and older. Departure is from Manor Church (530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, PA 17603) at 7:30 a.m. Please arrive at least 30 minutes ahead of time so you are ready to leave on time. The 65-mile loop will include some hills and is primarily backroad riding. The route includes approximately five miles of the [Warwick Ephrata Rail Trail \(WERT\)](#), which connects Lititz and Ephrata. There will be a visit to the MCC campus in Akron as well as a stop at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, which will include a light lunch for registered riders. Several options on the way back from Ephrata include the Countryside Roadstand (Amish owned and operated), where you can partake of fresh pretzels, homemade root beer, lemonade and ice cream (this is at your cost). If the weather is nice, you may see camels at the Amos Miller Organic Farm nearby. The Hans Herr House is also along the route, as well as many picturesque farm scenes typical of the area. This option has approximately 1,500 feet of vertical climb and five points to refill water and use restrooms. A few weeks before the ride, you will be emailed cue sheets as well as a link to the ride on RideWithGPS.

Prices and what is included

Short-ride option: \$40 (The family maximum for parents and children — 12 and older only, please — is \$100.)

Long-ride option: \$50

Included in registration (both options): an MCC centennial T-shirt, snacks and a light lunch, and water refills and basic SAG (support and gear) along the road. A custom-designed ride jersey will be available for \$75, with fitting at the event and delivery five to six weeks after the event.

Fundraising

You are encouraged to raise money for MCC's New Hope in the Name of Christ centennial fundraising campaign as you participate in the tour. Upon registration, you will receive information on setting up an online giving registry to assist you in your fundraising. If you raise \$300 or more, you will receive a complimentary custom-designed ride jersey!

Type of bike to use

Use a bike with which you are comfortable. A trail or road bike would work fine for the short course. A road bike would be ideal for the long course.

Weather

We will ride rain or shine, while steering clear of lightning or other dangerous conditions; if these occur, the tour will be canceled, and you will have the option of receiving your registration fee back.

Registration transfer

Registration is nonrefundable but transferable to another rider, provided this is done (including the new rider signing the waiver and sending it to MCC) no later than June 18, 2020.

Additional activities at Manor Church

There are centennial celebration events all weekend — June 19-21! See more [online](#). As part of the festivities, there will be food trucks selling an assortment of cuisines. There are no shower facilities available at Manor Church.

Rider assumption of risk and waiver of claim

Upon registration, each participant will be required to acknowledge and accept that participating in MCC's *Century for a Century* bike tour is a potentially hazardous activity. In acknowledging and accepting the waiver, you will assume responsibility for the risks associated with participation in this event, including accidental injury or death resulting from falls, contact with other riders and contact with traffic along the route. All riders are required to wear a helmet; earbud use is prohibited.

Questions?

Contact centennial@mcc.org.

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