

Thank you for joining the Marking Crew for the 2023 Capital City Century!

Marking the route is one of the most important aspects of making the CCC a successful event. Many of you know what the "drill" is, but if you're unfamiliar with our process here are some points to consider:

Meet Time/Date: 8:00 AM, Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Location:

Sherman Athletic Club
300 S. First
Sherman, IL

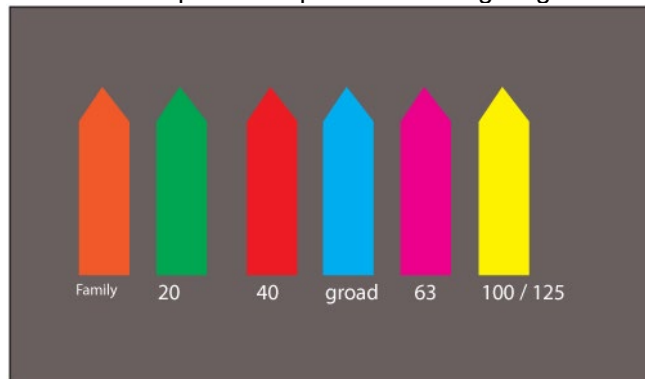
How it Works

Using large arrow-shaped stencils, we will use high visibility paint to mark **country roads**. We will use paper Route Arrows to mark **city or village streets**. We also use above-ground signage to mark turns. Each team will be provided with paint, stencils, arrows and colored signs needed to mark the route.

Teams / Color Assignments

Route	Paint/Arrow Color	Team
12-Mile Family Route	Orange	David Kalaskie / Libby Shawgo
20-Mile Route	Green	David Kalaskie / Libby Shawgo
40-Mile Route	Red	Jeff Meyerhoff / Bob Coady
63-Mile Route	Pink	Jon Edwards / Donna Brayfield
100 / 125 Mile Routes	Yellow (Orange for 125-mile loop at Middletown)	John Kinsel / Anne Schroll
51-Mile Groad Route	Blue	Casey Primm / Steve Schroll

Arrows will be placed as per the following diagram. :



Supplies

After meeting at the Sherman Athletic Club, each team will be provided with marking materials (arrows, stencils and paint). You will be provided with a safety vest and are encouraged to wear it. If you have your own hi-viz apparel, feel free to bring that.

Marking

One member of your team will drive, the other will mark the roads. One person in your team will need the GPS route. We will mark the roads as follows:

Prior to each turn, either paint an arrow or place a paper arrow (only if in town) at the following intervals:

- Before the turn (approximately 150 feet). This will be about the point where your GPS will start to alert you of an upcoming turn. A small sign will also go here.
- At the turn. A small sign will go here.

- After the turn (confirmation arrow). Put this about 10+- feet beyond the turn, just to let riders know they are on course.
- At any long distance sections (example – a 5 mile stretch) – it's good to put an arrow about every mile.
- Before and after any cross roads (use your discretion, but this just confirms that the rider is to continue riding straight vs. making a turn).

Please review this link for the Route Arrow marking instructions:

<https://routearrows.com/pages/instructions>. We will set a few marks together (with the stencils) so that everyone can get a feel of the distance between marks and how the layout works. We will only use 3 marks (1 before the turn, 1 at the turn, and one after), not the 5 marks that Route Arrows recommends.

Reimbursement for Mileage

If you will be the driver, please note your mileage at the start (taking a pic with phone works), then track it when finished. You'll be reimbursed for the gas you used during marking. You can email me with your mileage at abaker61@gmail.com

Checking In

My cell number is (217) 414-4101. Go ahead and put this in your phone now. You may call me for questions as you go along, and I would appreciate a call when you're finished.

Schedule

The goal is to get the marking and small signs done on Wednesday. Typically, the Route Checking Crew finishes up on Thursday and Friday along with putting out large caution signs for vehicle traffic.

If you finish marking and I'm not available to gather extra supplies from you, please leave them at my van in the parking lot at Sherman Athletic Club (black Chrysler Pacific, plates SKAPO 6). Please keep all empty cans (don't throw them away) I need to make an inventory of what was used after the event.

Routes

The routes are available on the website. Here's a link to them.

<https://ridewithgps.com/events/229310-2023-capital-city-century>

Running RWGPS on your phone or bike computer (in the car) on the route is an easy way to navigate the course and identify where turn and straight marks need to be made. The easiest way to know where to put the first arrow is when running RWGPS on your phone, slow down and stop after the first tone, or verbal confirmation is complete. Mark your first arrow in front of the vehicle (keeping marks in the tire track). A confirmation above-ground sign goes at this mark. Then, walk to the corner where the turn will be made, making one more mark just before the). Then, turn the corner and make the final confirmation arrow about 10' after the turn.

New this year are multi-colored confirmation signs that say, "all routes." We'll use these instead of having 4 or 5 of each color of signs where the routes use the same roads. The team marking the 100 / 125 route will place these signs.

ONLY If you Are Checking Routes on Friday

If you've signed up to check routes on Friday, sweeping intersections is another basic task is extremely important for the safety of all the riders; anyone can be a sweeper so if you know somebody who may be able to help, please just bring them along. If you as a sweeper encounter any hazardous conditions such as too much gravel to sweep, or big potholes, please advise me at (217) 414-4101. If you have a leaf blower bring it along as this is a very valuable tool for clearing gravel from corners, in addition to a push-broom or even flat-tipped shovel.

If you think I've missed any points, please "reply to all" and let the whole crew know.

Thank you again for volunteering. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

