



The Liberty Bell Wanderers

Welcome You to Bike

The Circuit of Greater Philadelphia



Pennsylvania counties:

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia

New Jersey counties:

Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer

About the Circuit:

The Circuit is a vast network of inter-connected trails in the Greater Philadelphia area. The plan is to have about 800 miles of connected trails when completed. Many of these trails are already open and new sections are being added constantly. The trails are (with few exceptions) off road, 10 feet wide or greater, open to bicyclists and paved.

Bike Registration:

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Bike Completion and Bike Credit:

Once you have physically completed the bike event, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your bike event as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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Taking a bike ride on the Circuit:

First determine which one of the nine counties in the Greater Philadelphia area you would like to bike in. This sanction covers trails that are part of the Circuit and trails connected to the Circuit trails.

Go to circuittrails.org. On the home page there is a very easy to see "Find a Trail Section". You select the State / County you want to bike in, and it gives you a complete list of every trail in that county with an excellent description of the trail, highlights that it passes thru and status on completion. If you need help there is an interactive map referenced on the site:

<https://www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/thecircuit/>

Start Point / Driving Directions / Special Programs and Restrooms will vary depending on which trail you decide to bike. Due to the fact new trails are being added and improved upon constantly it is impossible to provide a document that is up to date on the dozens of trails.

Once you have decided where you want to bike, I suggest you do the following in order:

- If you subscribe to TrailLink.com, use this as your source. TrailLink provides maps, driving directions to access points, parking, restroom locations, drinking fountains, etc."
- If you are not subscribed to TrailLink.com you can download the application and download one trail for free. To download additional trails there is a \$29.99 annual fee.
- Do a Google search on the trail to get specific info such as maps / trailheads / restrooms / current biking conditions etc.

For IVV Event and Distance Credit, bike any section(s) of The Circuit from 10 km on up, either one-way or out-and-back (round trip). These event directions include links for specific start and finish points, and turnaround points (for the out-and-back segments). The start, finish and turnaround points for bike events are entirely up to you to decide. The advantage of out-and-back trails, of course, is that you return to your parked car. For 1-Way trails, you might arrange a two-car team, with one car parked at the finish and another driven to the start. To do this for biking, both cars will need to accommodate all of the cyclists and their bicycles.

Note of Caution:

The Circuit is a dynamic set of trails. Before riding always check the reference sources mentioned in this document to obtain the latest conditions. You may encounter any of the following while biking: incomplete trail segments, damaged trail segments, trail segments that are under construction and signage to avoid these using roadways, The Circuit's goal is to be an off road experience. If you encounter a situation that you do not feel is safe immediately turn around and find another route.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me **Dave Brown, 610-906-6252, ocmdbreeze@aol.com**. I am the POC and I am familiar with many of these trails.

Emergency Numbers:

Some suggestions:

Picking a trail from the dozens of trails that make up the Circuit can be overwhelming, so I have picked one trail in each County with a website as a guide.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks County PA: Delaware & Lehigh towpath

<https://delawareandlehigh.org>

Chester County PA: Chester Valley Trail

<https://www.chesco.org/4643/Chester-Valley-Trail>

Delaware County PA: John Heinz Refuge Trails

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/John_Heinz/visit/plan_your_visit.html

Montgomery County PA: Pennypack Trail

<https://www.montcopa.org/922/Pennypack-Trail>

Philadelphia City / County PA: Schuylkill River Trail

<https://schuylkillriver.org/schuylkill-river-trail/>

NEW JERSEY

Burlington County NJ: Rancocas Greenway

<https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/986/Rancocas-Pointe-Trail>

Camden County NJ: Cooper River Trail

<https://pecpa.org/wp-content/uploads/12-Trail-Itineraries-Brochure1.pdf>

Gloucester County NJ: Elephant Swamp Trail

<https://southjerseytrails.org/2016/01/10/elephantswamptrail/>

Mercer County NJ: Delaware & Raritan Canal towpath

<https://www.dandrcanal.com>

Map of the Circuit:



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