

**ROUTES / LODGING / TRANSPORTATION GUIDE**  
**Making an informed choice for your PMC weekend experience**

**ROUTES**

The two-day rides from Sturbridge

Sturbridge to Provincetown: 192 miles\*

Sturbridge to Wellesley: 180 miles

These are serious endurance events. The first 45 miles out of Sturbridge are hilly, though not mountainous, but require extra effort that will tire you gradually over the course of the day. The hills between Sturbridge and Franklin are more formidable than those in southeastern Massachusetts or on Cape Cod. Novice riders may want to consider a “triple” (three gears in front) or a “granny gear” in the back of their chain ring. If you have trained adequately, re-fuelling and rest will enable you to comfortably complete Sunday’s ride to either Provincetown or Wellesley. The day-two legs of these routes vary in distance by 10 miles but are similar in difficulty.

\*The PMC provides two finish lines in Provincetown: The Provincetown Inn and the Family Finish. As the PMC has grown, space mandates that the Inn admit riders and volunteers working their shifts only. The Family Finish affords riders the opportunity to invite guests to join them for the cookout festivities. The Family Finish offers all the amenities of the Inn (except beer), and entertainment for kids, as well as a shorter walk (1/3 mile) to the ferry pier.

The two-day rides from Wellesley:

Wellesley to Provincetown: 163 miles\*

Wellesley to Wellesley: 153 miles

While the mileage is formidable, these routes are much less difficult than the rides that start in Sturbridge, due to the flat roads from Wellesley to Bourne.

The one-day ride from Sturbridge

Sturbridge to Bourne: 111 miles (same description as two-day rides from Sturbridge)

The one-day rides from Wellesley

Wellesley to Bourne: 84 miles (same description as two-day rides from Wellesley)

Wellesley to Wellesley: 47 miles (Sunday loop)

Wellesley to Wellesley Sunday Loop a 47-mile ride that is relatively easy. The route meets up with those riders returning from Bourne in Sharon halfway through the ride.

## LODGING

### FRIDAY NIGHT LODGING

Sturbridge: All are encouraged to register on Friday, park or get rid of the car, and spend the night in the Sturbridge area. All riders are responsible for finding their own lodging on Friday night. A list of Sturbridge area hotels can be found at HYPERLINK "<http://www.pmc.org/contact.asp?ArticleID=85>" <http://www.pmc.org/contact.asp?ArticleID=85>. The PMC provides shuttle service between the hotels listed on this website and the Sturbridge Host Hotel, which serves as the site for Friday night's opening ceremonies and the Saturday morning start which will be at 5:30am beginning in 2009. While Sturbridge hotels sell out quickly, there is additional lodging at Becker College in Leicester. The campus is 30 minutes away, but costs only \$25/double room bed \$30/single room bed and has Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday morning shuttles to our starting line.

Babson College in Wellesley: All riders are responsible for finding their own lodging on Friday night. A list of lodging options can be found at HYPERLINK "<http://www.pmc.org/ride.asp?topic=Ride/WellHotels>" <http://www.pmc.org/ride.asp?topic=Ride/WellHotels>. All are encouraged to register on Friday and RIDE TO THE CAMPUS ON BIKES Saturday morning. The 2008 start will begin at 7:00 a.m. and if you plan to arrive via car, plan to encounter traffic. Those coming by car should arrive no later than 6:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY NIGHT LODGING IN BOURNE ON-CAMPUS

There are no 'frills' in any of our Mass-Maritime Academy on-campus choices. Lodging on-campus, however, is the best way to facilitate all your needs: food, beverage, medical care, mechanical assistance, massage and luggage loading and unloading are all offered on site.

All riders lodging in the dorms or on the ship will have the opportunity to select roommate preferences from July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will do our best to accommodate your requests, but cannot guarantee them. Remember, this is one night only. All riders sleeping on-campus must provide their own pillows, sheets, and toiletries. We suggest packing sheets and a sweat suit rather than a sleeping bag.

### CHOOSING – AND RECEIVING – THE ROOMMATE(S) OF YOUR CHOICE

1. Coordinate with a group of four riders. Each must select the other three as roommates.

2. Make sure you all have indicated the same preference: Dorm, Ship, or No Preference.
3. If you are a mixed-gender group, make sure that no one in your group selects the option for “single gender.”

Here is what we have to reconcile to match riders with rooms:

Room Size:

Most dorm rooms are 4-person rooms (2 bunks and 4 mattresses); we occupy every bed which might mean assigning strangers together. Ship rooms can be as large as 60 bunks.

Gender:

Some floors are designated as single sex. If you select “single gender,” it will override a roommate request from the opposite gender.

Dorm or Ship Preference:

If two friends intending to room together pick a different lodging preference (dorm vs. ship), they will not be assigned as roommates.

The Dorms: The dorms house three to four riders in each room. All dormitories have warm showers and toilets. There is no air-conditioning.

The Training Ship: The lodging on the ship is as basic as it is in the dorms, though slightly smaller. Room sizes vary to a large degree. All rooms include bunk beds and may have as few as four or as many as 60 in a room. Homeland Security requires check-in and check-off, which can slow things down in the morning. There are warm showers and toilets in all facilities with variable air-conditioning.

PMC Tents: Tents provided by the PMC are comfortable and assembled on the grass before cyclists arrive. Riders must provide their own sleeping bag and/or support pad. A rain tarp is provided. If you select the tent option, we suggest you choose a roommate with whom to share the tent.

Your Own Tent: Use one of your two luggage tags for a tent so it will be transported with your bag throughout the weekend. You are responsible for setting up and taking down your own tent. You may setup your tent behind the dorms and along the shore. Additional tenting space will be indicated in the event manual which you will receive prior to PMC weekend. Roommates are not assigned thru the PMC.

## OFF-CAMPUS

Bourne offers motel lodging typical of a seaside town. If you have a support driver and vehicle, you must rendezvous at the guest services tent outside our secured campus quad. Only registered riders and volunteers are allowed on-campus. All off-site lodgers are still welcome to campus amenities: showers, food and massage, etc. When you leave the campus, we suggest that you take your bikes with you, eat breakfast at your motel, and make sure you know how to merge with the PMC route (have a route map). Accessing the

campus with 3,500 people departing on bicycles between 4:30 -5:45 on Sunday morning can be confusing. Bourne area lodging is listed at: HYPERLINK "https://www.pmc.org/contact.asp?ArticleID=196" <https://www.pmc.org/contact.asp?ArticleID=196>.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### BUS SERVICE

Friday Bus from EDIC to Sturbridge: This bus is designed for those who are starting in Sturbridge and returning to Boston on a ferry from Provincetown. All ferries arrive at the EDIC/Black Falcon Terminal. This option allows you to park your car in the EDIC Garage on Friday (for a fee) and have it available when you disembark the ferry on Sunday. This is particularly useful for fast ferry passengers as there is no bus service to Sturbridge or Wellesley from EDIC on Sunday, until 7 p.m. when the slow ferry docks.

Friday bus from Wellesley to Sturbridge: This bus is designed for those who start in Sturbridge and 1.) finish in Wellesley 2.) take a bus back to Wellesley, or 3) take the Ferry and a bus back to Wellesley. Park your car at Babson College over the weekend, take the bus to the Sturbridge start, and your car will be waiting for you in Wellesley when you finish on Sunday. Cars that remain in the parking lot on Monday will be towed.

Saturday Buses for one-day riders: Cyclists have plenty of time to finish in Bourne, recover, and eat prior to their departure to either Sturbridge Host Hotel or Babson College in Wellesley. Buses depart from Bourne at 7 p.m.

Sunday Buses from Provincetown to Sturbridge or Wellesley: Buses that will take cyclists from Provincetown to either Sturbridge or Wellesley are located at the Family Finish, which is one mile away from the finish at the Provincetown Inn. Buses will depart, when filled, starting at 1:30pm. Air-conditioned buses shuttle continuously between both finish lines

Provincetown Shuttle Buses: These buses drive a continuous loop between the Provincetown Inn and the Family Finish. Riders can take the shuttle from the Inn to the Family Finish to meet their guests. In addition, many riders take the shuttle to the Family Finish because the walk to the ferry is only 1/3 mile as opposed to the 1.2 mile walk from the Inn! The shuttle buses are located 200 yards outside the front of the Provincetown Inn on Rte 6A and at the school rotary at the Family Finish.

Sturbridge Shuttle Buses: These shuttles are located at the entrance to the Sturbridge Host Hotel adjacent to the parking lot. The shuttle buses riders to and from the Sturbridge area hotels listed on our website on Friday night and on Saturday morning. The shuttle schedule is posted at the information booth at the hotel. A list of hotels serviced by these shuttles can be found at: <http://www.pmc.org/contact.asp?ArticleID=85>

## FERRY SERVICE

Sunday High-Speed Ferries from Provincetown: The PMC will have four high-speed ferries that take 90 minutes to travel from Macmillan Wharf to the Black Falcon Terminal in Boston. The ferries depart at 11:45a.m., 12:15p.m., 3:45p.m. and 4:15p.m. and allow cyclist to be completely self-sufficient by bringing their bike and bag on board. There is a \$75 charge to take a high-speed ferry assessed when you register. This choice is non-refundable. Please be aware that bus service from EDIC/Black Falcon Terminal to Sturbridge or Wellesley is not available. You must either park a car at EDIC or arrange to be picked up upon arrival.

The 3 PM Ferry: This ship carries 1,000 people – no bikes or bags allowed - and takes a minimum of three hours to travel from Macmillan Wharf to Black Falcon Terminal in Boston. All bags and bikes must be placed on a bike and luggage truck prior to leaving Provincetown. There is live entertainment, which is a lot of fun, but can be less so if the weather is lousy! There are three decks. The lower decks, while quite comfortable in good weather, will be crowded in bad weather...you take your chances! NOTE: The walk from the Inn to the Ferry is 1.2 miles and we recommend you carry a bottle of water. The shuttle bus can take you from the Inn to the Family Finish, from which the walk to the ferry is only 1/3 mile!

3 PM Ferry + bus to Sturbridge/Wellesley: This choice includes the 3 PM Ferry, plus a bus from EDIC/Black Falcon Terminal to your starting point in Sturbridge or Wellesley.

## OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FROM PROVINCETOWN

Own Transportation + Family: You must meet friends and family at the Family Finish. Consider access to the site to be similar to (but mellower than) a rock concert – advise your family to arrive early. You may purchase their meal tickets online in advance during registration or through your MyPMC page. Provincetown, in August, is a major destination area; throw in the PMC constituency and you have a loving, massive, moveable feast!

Fly Home: The Provincetown Airport is a 10 minute cab ride from the Inn or Family Finish. For private reservations contact Cape Air: 1-800-352-0714, or 508 771-6944. For taxi service contact Cape Cab: 508 487-2222.

Private Ferries: Private ferries can be booked to Plymouth through Captain John (<http://www.captjohn.com/>) and to Boston through Boston Harbor Cruises (<http://www.baystatecruisecompany.com/>).

## **PARKING**

Boston: EDIC at the Black Falcon Terminal: This is where you can safely leave a car (for a discounted parking fee) if you plan to return from Provincetown via any of the ferries. We will work with EDIC to ensure a smooth exit from the lot when the crowd hits after the ferry disembarks.

Sturbridge: Weekend parking is available and lots are within walking distance of the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Wellesley: Weekend parking is available and vans will be on hand to transport you back to your car on Sunday.

## **MEAL TICKETS**

Meals are provided free of charge for all registered riders and volunteers. If you plan to have your family meet you Friday night in Sturbridge, Sunday afternoon in Wellesley, or at the Family Finish in Provincetown you must purchase their meal tickets in advance during registration or by using the “edit my ride” option on your MyPMC page. Please note that due to space limitations guests are not permitted to join you on the MMA Campus or at the Provincetown Inn. The places to meet are: the Guest Services Tent just off the main campus at MMA and the Family Finish in Provincetown.

## **PMC CYCLING JERSIES**

You will receive your PMC cycling jersey when you pick up your registration packet on PMC weekend. The cycling jersey is specifically designed to wick away sweat and is the appropriate gear for long distance riding. We ask ALL PMC riders to wear the PMC rider jersey on Saturday as a statement of unification. Two-day cyclists are encouraged to wear PMC jerseys from previous years, or their own personalized team jerseys, on Sunday.

## **NOTE CARDS**

During registration you will have the opportunity to order PMC note cards, to be utilized as either solicitation or thank you cards. Each year the PMC designs a new card. Riders are charged for postage only.