

GMBC Touring Ride Leader Responsibilities

We recognize that all ride leaders are volunteers who are giving of their own time to support the Green Mountain Bicycle Club. We expect all ride leaders to exercise their best judgment in all situations.

- Introduce yourself as the ride leader
- Introduce your co-leader
- Talk to new or less experienced riders to make them feel welcome
- Be sure everyone signs the waiver forms if they have not yet signed in for the year
- Be sure everyone signs the log in sheet so you will know if all riders return
- If possible, have some blank membership forms with you to offer new riders
- Review safety guidelines (see checklist)
- Review highlights of the ride, including food stops
- Tell riders to let you know if they are going to modify their ride (eg, turn around early, add an extra leg, etc.) so you won't be waiting somewhere for them
- Start the ride on time – you are not obligated to wait for late comers
- Take steps to insure that new or less experienced riders are not left behind by doing one or all of the following:
 - Ride sweep yourself
 - Ask someone else to ride sweep
 - Talk to riders at the back to assess their experience and fitness level and to determine that they will all ride together
 - If the last riders are experienced and specifically request that you not wait for them, it is not necessary to do so
 - If the ride breaks into more than two groups, determine which group needs another sweep
- It is not your responsibility to repair bikes. However, if you have the following, it is a good idea to bring it: spare tube and/or tube repair kit, pump, very basic tools or all-in-one tool.
- Account for all riders at the end of the ride
- Ride leaders are obligated to show up at every ride they are leading with maps, regardless of the weather. Ride leaders are not obligated to ride in bad weather.
- If you can't lead your ride, please find a substitute – either one of the other leaders or another responsible person
- Call Leslie Carew (865-2805) if you have any questions
- Leader or rider should report any harassing motorist incidents to Local Motion, 802-861-2700, or info@localmotion.org