

# Battenkill

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## Race & Gran Fondo Technical Manual

Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations

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# 1. Introduction

The Battenkill race, organized by Anthem Sports, is a professional and amateur road cycling event attracting cyclists from all over the world. This technical manual aims to provide detailed guidelines, rules, and regulations to ensure the smooth functioning and fair conduct of the race. Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents of this manual to enhance their preparation and adherence to race protocols.

The Event address is **6 Broad Street, Cambridge, NY 12618**

## 2. Race Categories & Awards

The Battenkill race features multiple USAC categories & Gran Fondo age groups to accommodate various skill levels and age groups.

- 1) Battenkill Finisher medals are provided to all Full, Mid, and Mini Gran Fondo participants.
- 2) The USAC categories include:
  - a) Men's Elite / Pro.1.2
  - b) Women's Elite / Pro.1.2.3
  - c) Junior Men & Women 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18
  - d) Masters Men 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
  - e) Masters Women 40+, 50+, 60+
  - f) Men Cat 3,4
  - g) Women Cat ¾
  - h) Men Cat 5
- 3) The Full Gran Fondo categories include the following for both Men & Women:
  - a) Under 18
  - b) 18-29
  - c) 30-39
  - d) 40-49
  - e) 50-59
  - f) 60-69
  - g) 70+
- 4) The Mid & Mini Gran Fondo categories include the following for both Men & Women:
  - a) Men Overall
  - b) Women Overall
- 5) Awards:
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> Place –Custom Chocolate Milk Bottle by Battenkill Valley Creamery
  - b) Places 2-3 - Custom Chocolate Milk Bottle by Battenkill Valley Creamery
- 6) Participants must be present to receive awards. **Awards will not be mailed.**
- 7) The 15 min protest period applies for USAC Categories.

### 3. Event Schedule

1) The Event schedule is below:

a) Event Registration

- Online Registration – through Thursday, May 8 at 11:59 PM at [battenkillrace.com](http://battenkillrace.com)
- Onsite Registration & Check-in

(1) Friday, May 8 – 2:00-6:00 PM – 6 Broad Street, Cambridge

(2) Saturday, May 9 – 6:30 AM – 12:15 PM – 10 Ford Ave, Cambridge **(NOTE CHANGE FROM 2025)** participants may register / check-in up to 30 minutes prior to your individual start time.

b) Battenkill Expo & After Party – 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

c) Race Schedule:

FIELD	START TIME	DISTANCE	ELEVATION
• Gran Fondo Mid	8:00 AM	45 miles / 56 km	2840 ft / 866 m
• Juniors 13-14 • Juniors 10-12	8:20 AM	14 miles / 23 km 7 miles / 11 km	569 ft / 174 m 148 ft / 45m
• Gran Fondo Mini	8:45 AM	23 miles / 37 km	1091 ft / 333 m
• Men 40+ • Men 50+	9:30 AM	62 miles / 100 km	3627/ 1104 m
• Men Cat 3, Men Cat 4 • Junior Boys 15-18	10:00 AM	62 miles / 100 km	3627 ft / 1104 m
• Men Cat 5	10:10 AM	62 miles / 100 km	3627 ft / 1104 m
• Men 60 • Men 70+	10:20 AM	62 miles / 100 km	3627 ft / 1104 m
• Women Pro.1.2.3 • Women 40+ • Women 50+ • Women 60+ • Women Cat 3/4 • Junior Girls 15-18	11:00 AM	62 miles / 100 km	3627 ft / 1104 m
• Gran Fondo Full	11:10 AM	62 miles / 100 km	3627 ft / 1104 m
• Kids Race	11:15 AM	200m – 1/2 mile	--
• Pro.1.2 Men	1:15 PM	105 miles / 169 km	6687 ft / 2038 m

## 4. Course Layout and Specifications

The race courses are designed to provide a challenging yet rewarding experience for all participants. **See enclosed maps and above schedule.**

- 1) Course features: The courses feature a mix of paved & dirt roads, direct passes through villages & hamlets, bridge crossings, various railroad crossings, and a technical finish in the Village of Cambridge.
- 2) Course directional signage will be located at every turn or critical intersection on the course.
- 3) Area Law Enforcement and traffic control will be present at critical intersections on the course. Proceed with caution through all intersections & obey Law Enforcement.
- 4) Start: There is a 1 mile / 1.6 km Neutral start through the Village of Cambridge. **Do not pass pace car.**
- 5) Finish: Riders and racers will have the full width of the road from 1 km to the finish line. Please be aware that local residents will be periodically ushered to and from their driveways on these streets.
- 6) Feed Zones / Aid Station Locations

FEED ZONE	DISTANCE
1. 1385 Co Rd 64, Shushan, NY	19.7 miles
2. 21 Bunker Hill Rd, Cossayuna, NY	
• 45 mile	28.8 miles
• 62 mile	44.7 miles
3. 308 Ferguson Rd, Salem, NY (Mid Fondo Only)	30.9 miles



## 6. Rules and Regulations

**Held under USA Cycling Permit. All USA Cycling Rules apply.**

To maintain the integrity and fairness of the Battenkill race, participants must adhere to the following rules and regulations:

- 1) Registration: All participants must register online before the race prior to Thursday, May 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM. **On-site registration is available up until 30 minutes prior to individual start times.**
- 2) Race Numbers: **USAC racers will be issued 2 numbers. Numbers must worn on the back left & back pocket of your jersey.** Gran Fondo numbers must be attached to the front of your handlebars. Racers must not tamper with or alter their race numbers.
- 3) Starting Protocol: Participants must arrive at the starting line at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- 4) Center Line Rule: All riders must remain to the right of the center of each road throughout the course. All Gran Fondo riders and all USAC Category racers out of contention must stay to the right near the road shoulder to allow auto traffic to pass.
- 5) Drafting: Drafting is permitted within the same race field but not between different fields in USAC category races. Drafting is unrestricted in the Gran Fondo fields.
- 6) Aid Stations/Feed Zones: Designated aid stations and feed zones will be available. See enclosed maps and locations. Trash must be disposed of in receptacles provided. **Littering will result in immediate disqualification.** People supporting gran fondo riders and USA Cycling racers must park fully off the course on intersecting side roads only.
- 7) Support Vehicles: Official support vehicles will be provided. SAG vehicles will transport participants who are not able to complete the event & their bicycles to the main parking area from the course. **Personal or team support vehicles are not allowed on the race course to support riders.**
- 8) Public urination and public nudity are crimes. Violators will be prosecuted and disqualified from the race.
- 9) Penalties: Any violations of the above rules may result in penalties, disqualification, or suspension as deemed appropriate by the event officials.

## 7. Equipment Regulations

Participants must comply with the following equipment regulations:

- 1) Gran Fondo Bicycles: Bicycles in good operating condition are permitted.
- 2) Helmet: Helmets must meet USAC standards and be worn at all times during the race.

- 3) Clothing: Refrain from loose clothing. Personal clothing items should not obscure race numbers.
- 4) Accessories: Aero bars or clip-on bars are not allowed for safety reasons.

## 8. Important Area Conditions

Battenkill returns only with careful consideration & approval of the local communities where it resides. When you registered you acknowledged the following additional conditions for the Event:

- 1) Participants racers must yield to Emergency Vehicles at all times by pulling to the side of the road and coming to a complete stop until the Emergency Vehicle has passed, no matter the position on the course.
- 2) No littering of any kind. Immediate disqualification will result.
- 3) Participants must be alert to all farm equipment and slow-moving vehicles along the course routes and understand many of these pieces of equipment do not have turn signals. Furthermore, operators may not be able to see cyclists coming from behind their equipment.
- 4) We also ask that competitors be made aware of several Amish families that live in our community who ride our roads on horse and buggy that may have limited visibility towards what may be coming from behind them. Please be cautious and courteous of them and their horses.
- 5) Participants and spectators must not deface local roads with paint or markings of any kind.
- 6) Penalties: Any violations of the above regulations may result in penalties, disqualification, or suspension as deemed appropriate by the event officials

## 9. Medical Support

The health and safety of participants are of paramount importance. Medical support will be provided at various points along the course, including:

- 1) First Aid Stations: Located at the Feed Zones and in designated support vehicles.
- 2) Mobile Medical Units: Equipped to handle emergencies and provide immediate care.
- 3) Emergency Contact: Participants are advised to carry a mobile phone with the emergency contact number provided by the race organizers.

## 10. Parking

- 1) Parking is available at various locations within the Village of Cambridge – **please follow event signage for designated & pre-approved parking areas.**
  - a) Main Parking - Cambridge School, 24 S Park St, Cambridge, NY 12816

- b) Overflow Parking:
  - i) St. Patrick's Church - 17 S Park St, Cambridge, NY 12816
  - ii) Cambridge United Presbyterian Church - 81 E Main St, Cambridge, NY 12816
- c) All participants must use designated parking or use any legal parking spot
- d) **Participants parking illegally or in undesignated parking spots will be towed.**

## 11. Event Staff

Director	Dieter Drake
Chief Referee	Chris McBurnie
Technical Advisor	Connie Kontogiannis
Chief Registrar	Alan Atwood
Registration Manager	Amy Drake
Auto Coordinator	Jeff Goldstone
Moto Coordinator	Chris McBurnie
Aid Station/Volunteer Manager	Christine Congelosi
Expo Manager	Matt Reece
Course Managers	Arlon Chafee, Charlie Lainhart, Levi Drake
Merchandise Managers	Dagny Drake, Eowyn Drake
Finish Line Announcers	Frankie Andreau
Start Line / Awards Announcer	Bill Elliston

# 12. Course Maps

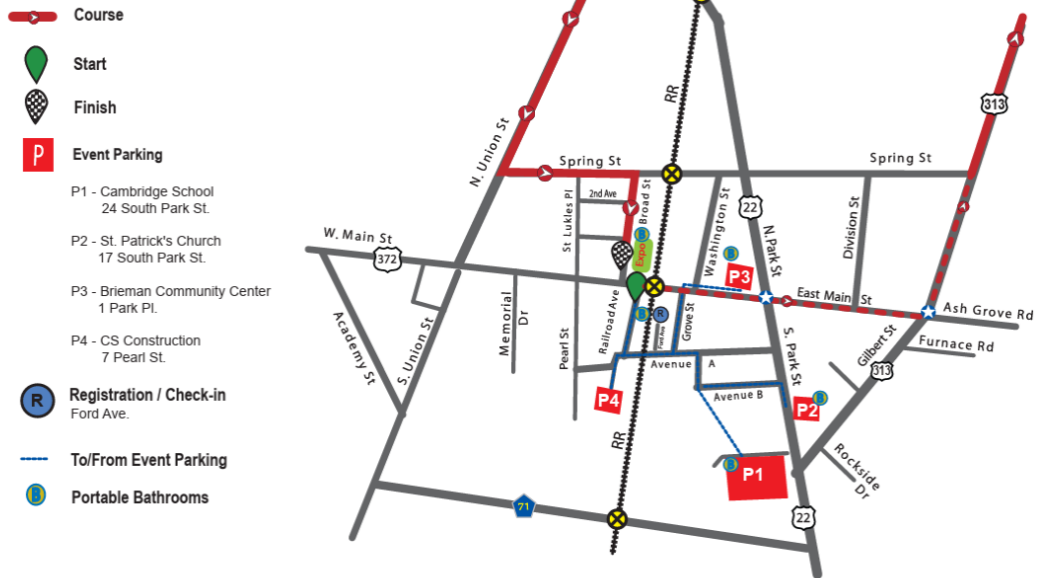
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### Village of Cambridge Map



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### Start/Finish & Expo Area Map



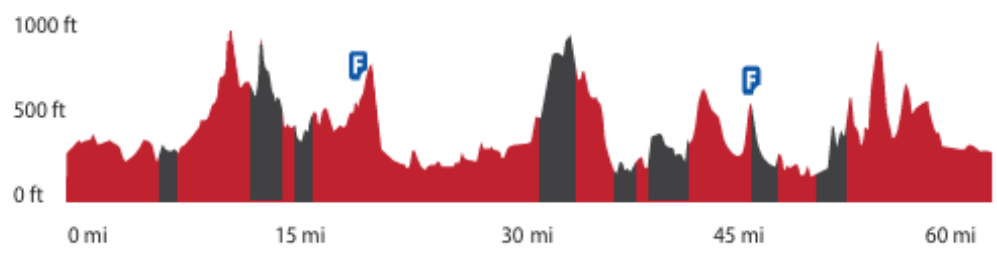
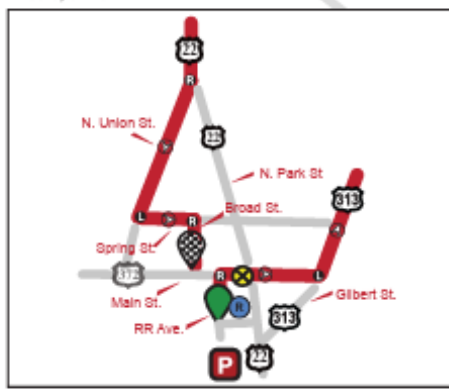
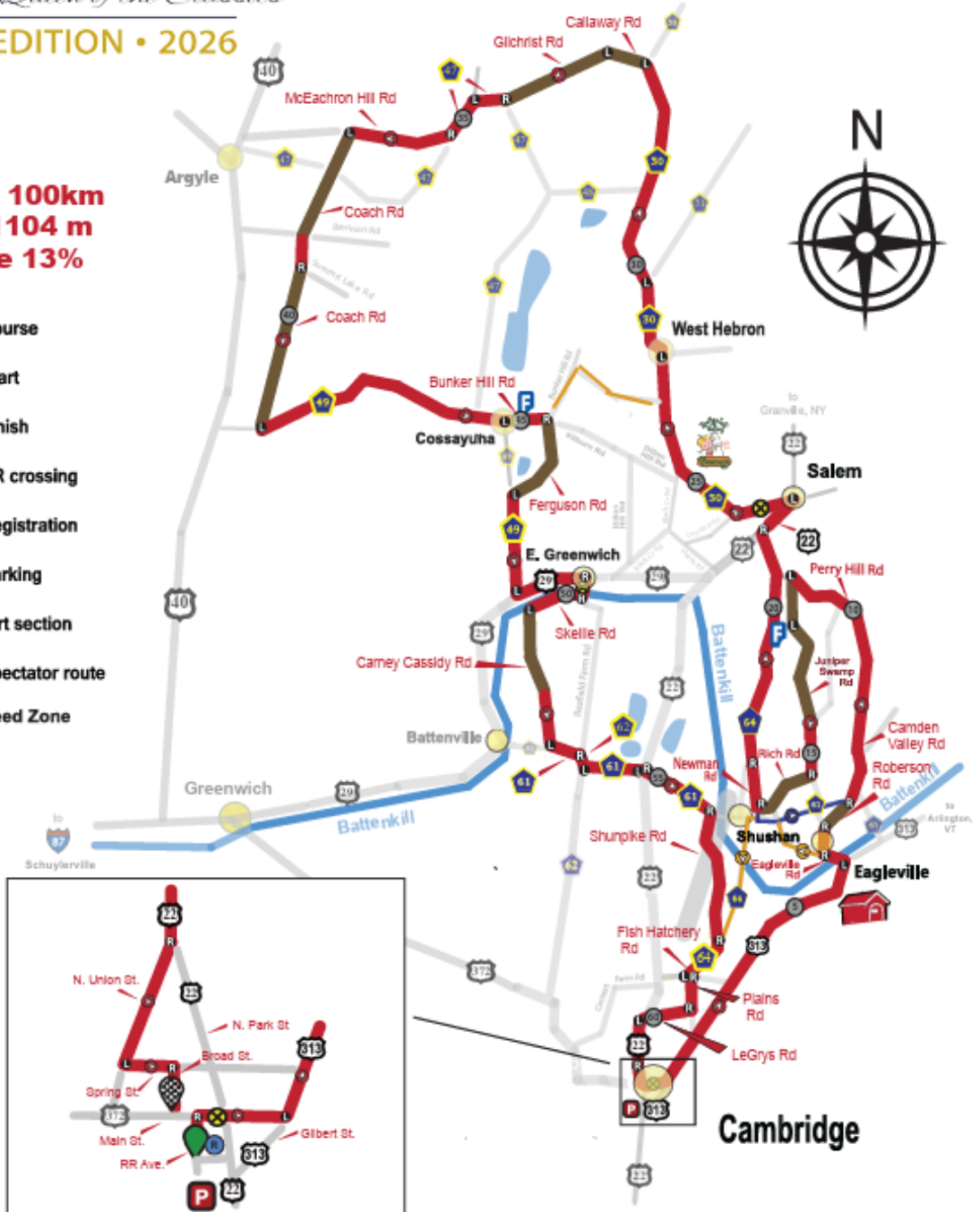
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**62 miles / 100km**  
**3627 ft / 1104 m**  
**Max grade 13%**

-  **Course**
-  **Start**
-  **Finish**
-  **RR crossing**
-  **Registration**
-  **Parking**
-  **Dirt section**
-  **Spectator route**
-  **Feed Zone**



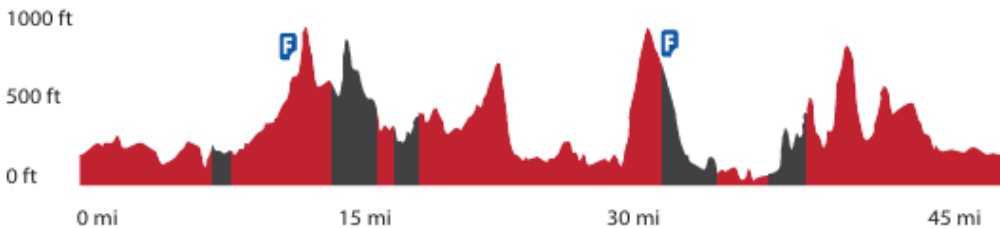
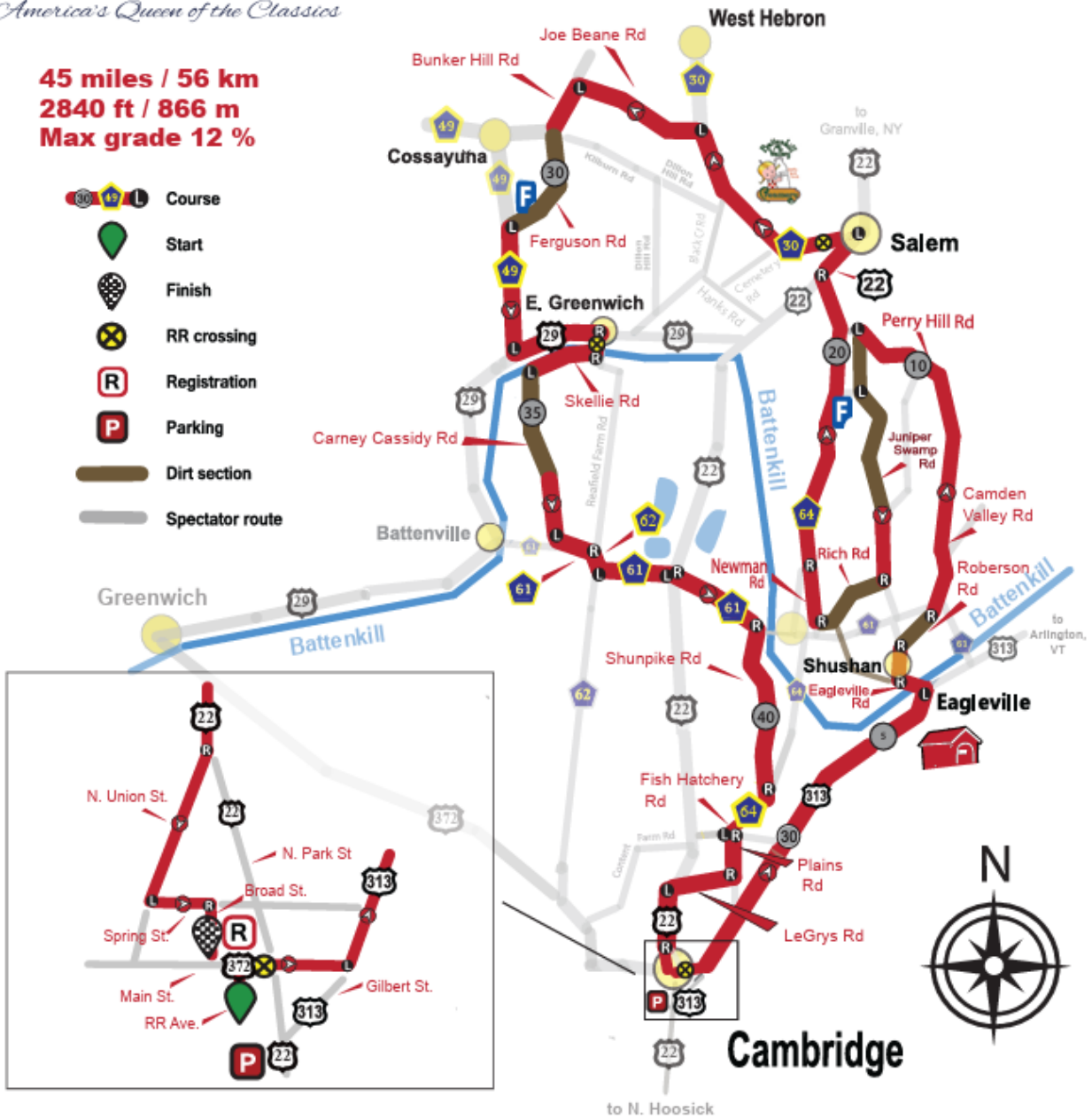
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# MID FONDO

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**2840 ft / 866 m**  
**Max grade 12 %**

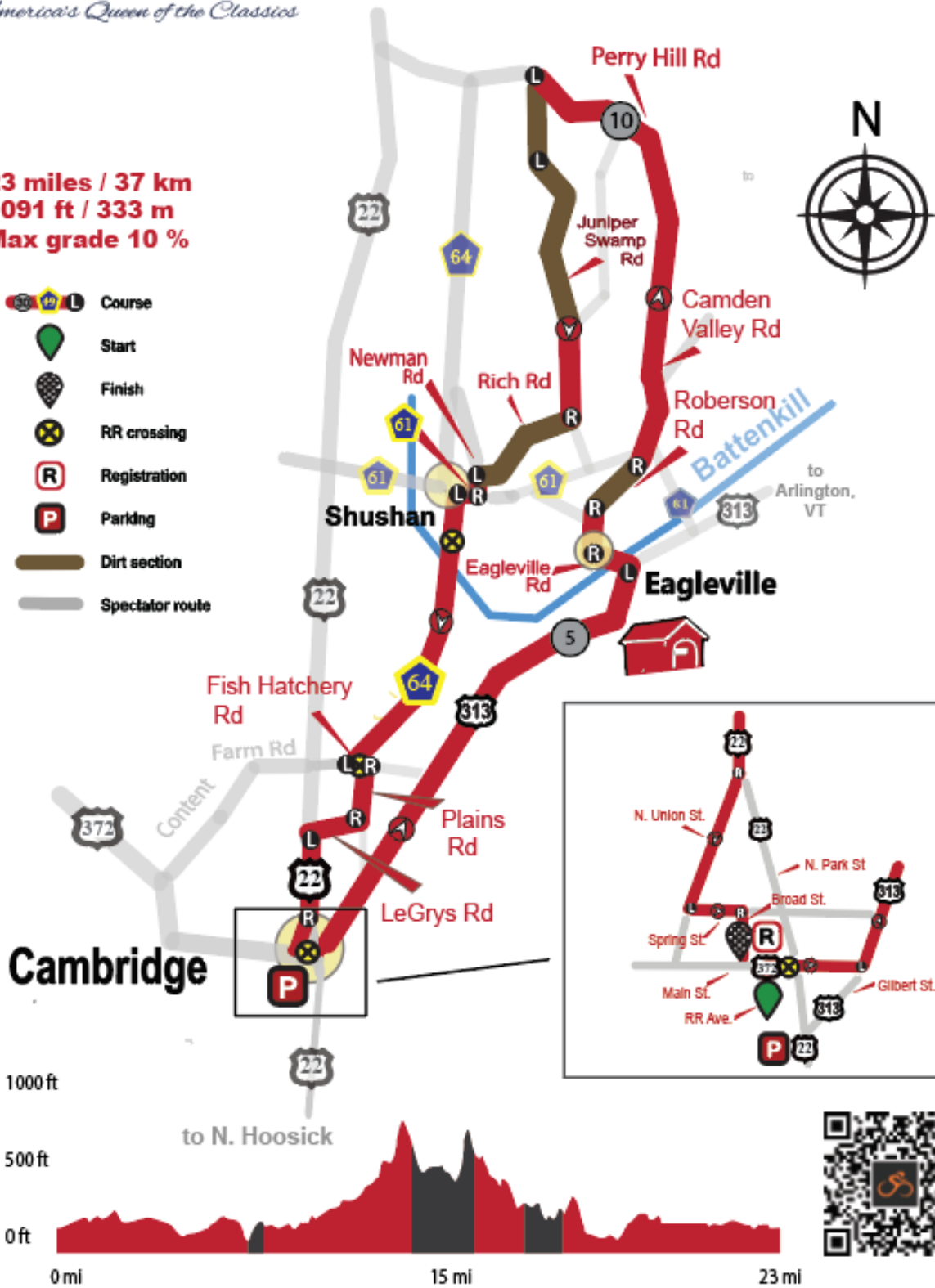
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- Spectator route



# MINI FONDO

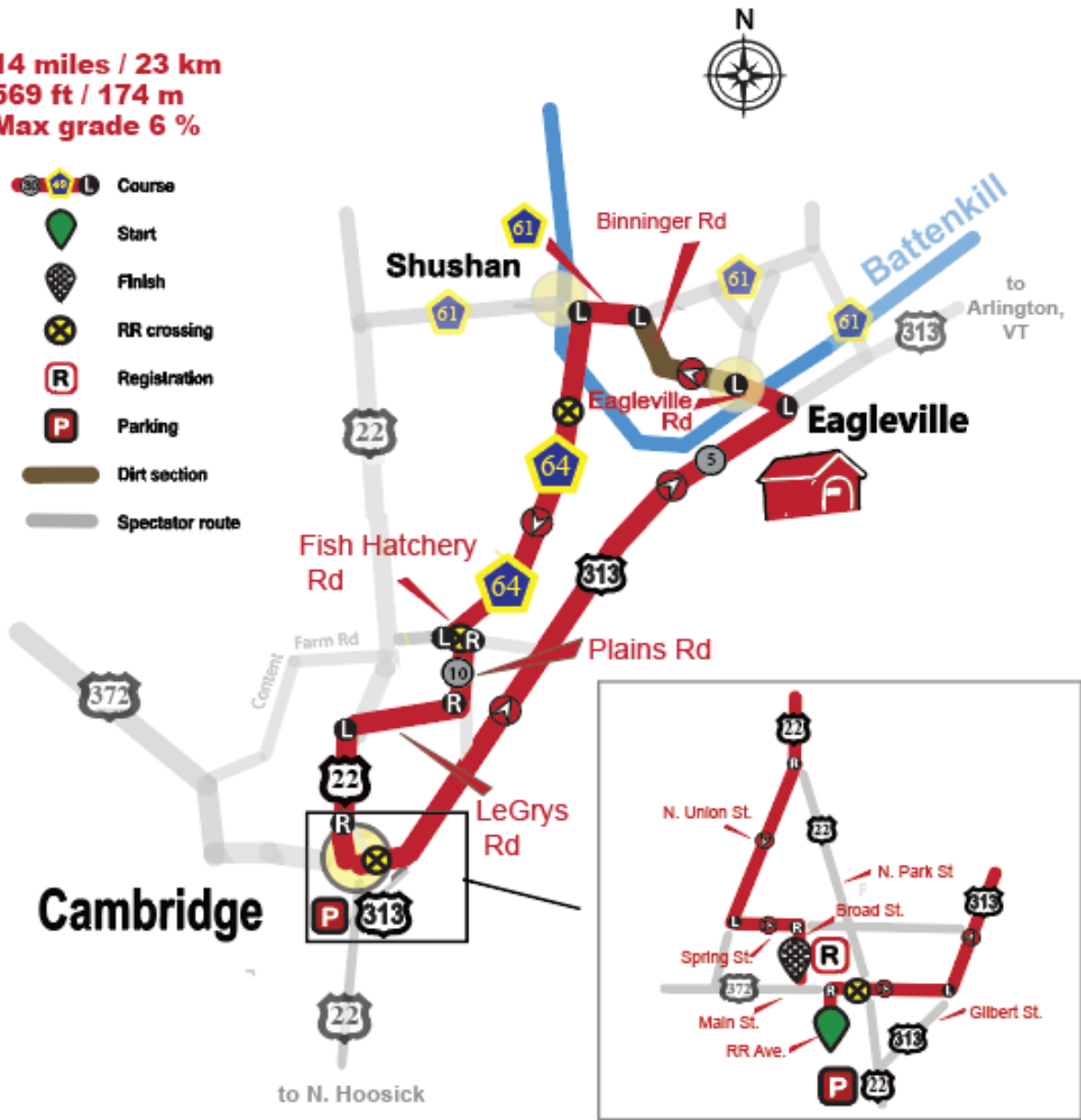
**23 miles / 37 km**  
**1091 ft / 333 m**  
**Max grade 10 %**

-  Course
-  Start
-  Finish
-  RR crossing
-  Registration
-  Parking
-  Dirt section
-  Spectator route



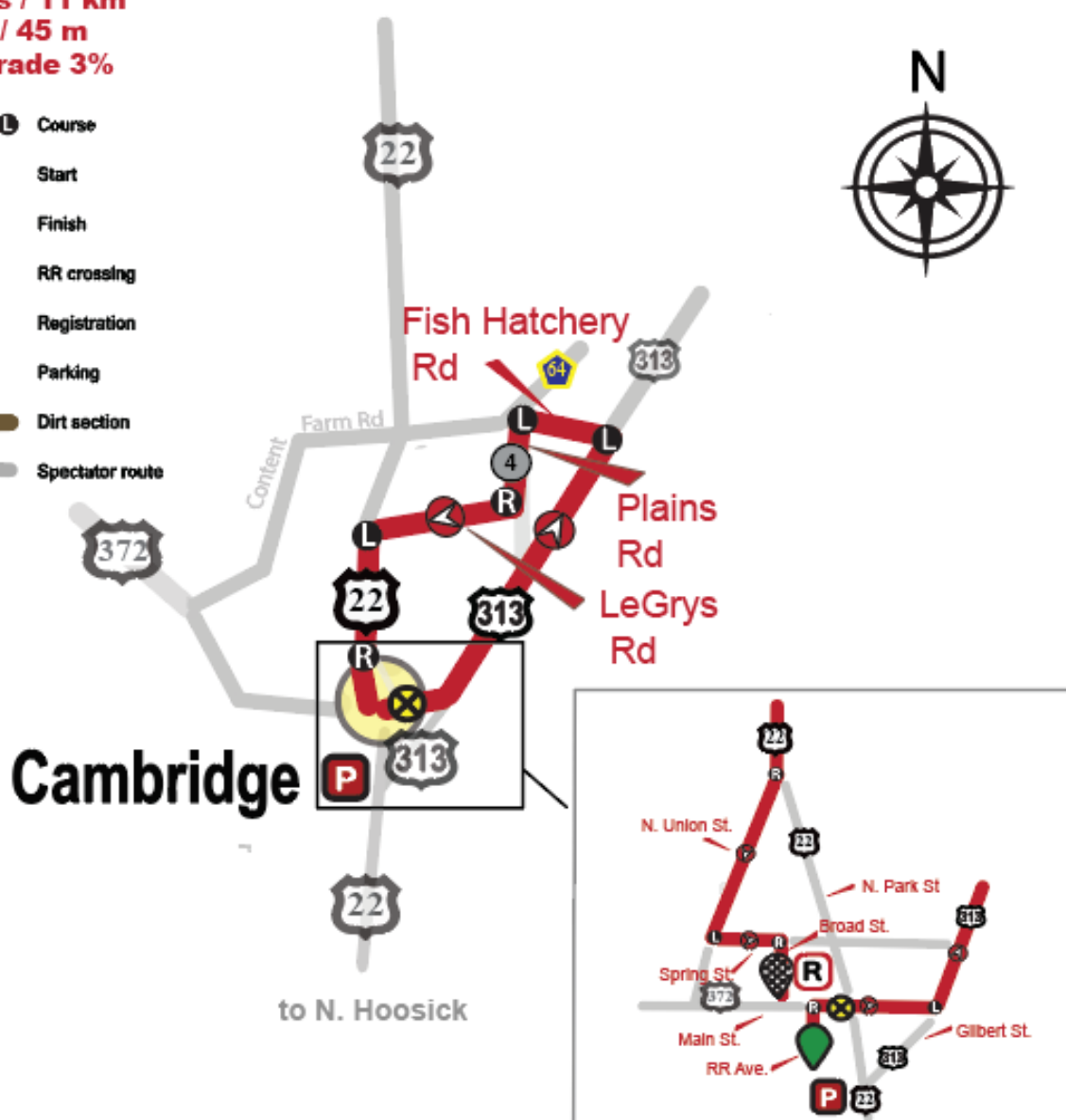
**14 miles / 23 km**  
**569 ft / 174 m**  
**Max grade 6 %**

- Course
- Start
- Finish
- RR crossing
- Registration
- Parking
- Dirt section
- Spectator route



**7 miles / 11 km**  
**148 ft / 45 m**  
**Max grade 3%**

- Course
- Start
- Finish
- RR crossing
- Registration
- Parking
- Dirt section
- Spectator route



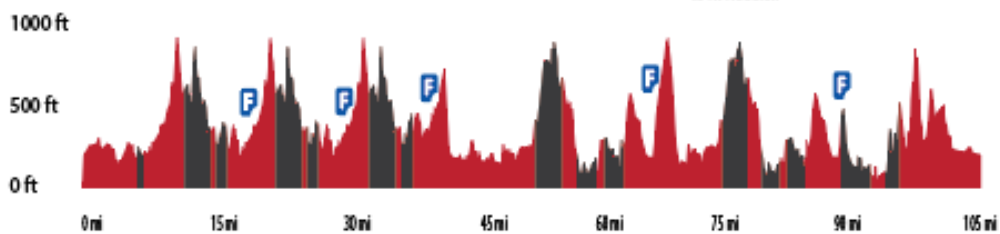
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## PRO MEN

**105 miles / 169 km**  
**6687 ft / 2028 m**  
**Max grade 13%**

-  Course
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-  Finish
-  RR crossing
-  Registration
-  Parking
-  Dirt section
-  Spectator route
-  Feed Zone



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