

# Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve

Founded 1980  
Our Agricultural Heritage

Montgomery County, Maryland farming began in the early 1700's with tobacco and corn. Improved agricultural methods in the 1800's brought prosperity to grain and livestock growers. During the Civil War, when the Potomac River divided North and South, military activity disrupted the agricultural economy, but until the early 20th century, 90% of the population still farmed. After World War II, farms began to rapidly disappear as the Washington suburbs spread. Today, multi-generational grain and livestock farmers share the land with equestrian facilities and with expanding numbers of innovative produce, plant and livestock producers.



## The Agricultural Reserve & Rural Open Space

Montgomery County's nationally-acclaimed Agricultural Reserve was created in 1980 to preserve farmland and rural communities. The reserve also protects historic sites, and provides open space for biking, hiking trails, and other recreational activities. About 93,000 acres, a quarter of the county's land, are currently in agricultural production. With over 540 farms and 350 horticultural enterprises, the county's production is growing steadily, with output at more than \$287 million annually, and over 10,000 jobs.

## Montgomery Farm Production 2012

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ag/services](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ag/services)  
93,000 Acres • 540 Farms • 350 Horticultural Operations  
County receives \$287,575,081 in Economic Contribution

Product	Farms	Acres	Operations
10,000 Horses	233 Farms	45,000 Acres	
Cash Grain Farms	219 Farms		
Fruits, Vegetables			350 Operations
Horticultural			

- LEGEND**
- Selected Working Farms
  - Historic Farms, Communities, and Landmarks
  - Site on National Register of Historic Places
  - 1980 Agricultural Reserve & Rural Open Space

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Scale 1 inch = 2 miles

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# A National Model of Farmland Preservation



**15th Annual Ride for the Reserve Fall Bike Tour**  
*"Ride Like the Reserve Depends on It"*

September 25, 2022



Linden Farm

There is a Ride for Everyone!

Your choice of routes from 6-62  
Miles on the Ag Reserve's Rustic  
Roads

[mocoalliance.org/ridereserve](http://mocoalliance.org/ridereserve)

*New this year...*

Pop-Up Farmers and Artisan  
Market at Ride's End

- Local Produce, Crafts, Baked Goods
- Face Painting, Music
- Fall Indoor and Outdoor Plants

~Open to Riders and the Public~



# The Picnic

Two ways to join your riders at the picnic:

- Just picnic tickets
- Volunteer
- Yes we have SSL Hours!



# The Pop-Up Market

- Opens at Noon
- Free and open to the public
- BBQ and Ice Cream Truck
- Local Produce/Art/Plants /Face Painting/ Vintage
- Get your pumpkin!



# Thank You!

- Your support of MCA and the Ag Reserve Matters!
- Share your ride photos with #RideForTheReserve
- Be Safe! Have Fun!
- Questions?  
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# Ride for the Reserve 2022

## RIDE REVEAL

*Vivien Bonazzi*

*(Reserve Resident/Cyclist/ Ride Leader)*



# Ride for the Reserve 2022 - Ride Reveal

Ride curated paved Routes through the reserve

ALL rides START and END at Linden Farms

## Ride leader & sweep supported

- 6 mile Family Ride
- 17.7 mile
- 26.2 mile

## Self Guided

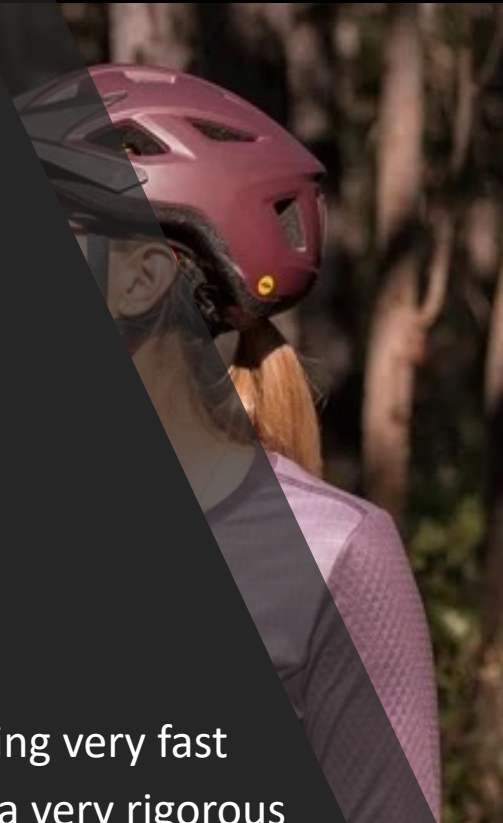
- 34 miles
- 46.5 miles
- 62.6 miles

- We ask that all riders are COVID19 Vaccinated



# Bike Safety First!

- **Ride a mechanically sound bike**
  - Brakes, tires, gears, chain in good working order!
  - Ability to carry a least 1 water bottle if not 2
- **Suitable Bike types**
  - Road bikes are the most suitable
  - Hybrid bikes with street tires
  - Recumbents
  - ebikes: suitable *but* be aware that guided rides wont be riding very fast
  - MTB/fat tire bikes are not recommended (unless you want a very rigorous workout)
- **Ride with a helmet**
  - That meets or exceeds one of the three standards for helmets: SNELL, ANSI , ASTM
- ***Pick a ride that is suitable to your current fitness/biking abilities***





The logo for 'BIKE DOCTOR' is displayed in a bold, italicized font. 'BIKE' is in white, and 'DOCTOR' is in red. The 'O' in 'DOCTOR' contains a black plus sign. The background of the logo is a dark, textured image of a bicycle tire.

# **BIKE DOCTOR**

Bike mechanic available from start of event

SAG will also be available

# Riding the Reserves Roads

The Agricultural reserve has active farms!

## The rides are mostly on quite rural farm roads

- Roads are all paved but are NOT always smooth
- Watch for gravel outflow from home/farm driveways and fields and bridges
- There are some narrow single lane bridges
- There IS some traffic from farms and visitors to orchards
- The reserve is rolling terrain, that means not flat...

## Ride Etiquette

- Ride on the right hand of the road/lane (*not in the middle or meandering*)
- Observe all traffic rules
- Be respectful of property, people and animals at rest stops



# Ride Leader/Sweep Supported Rides

## Rides for less experienced cyclists or junior riders

- 6 mile Family ride (Children 7yrs+ and adult family member/s)
- 17.7 and 26.2 mile Adult rides

## Ride leaders & Sweeps – Help guide the ride

- Ride leader will lead the ride
- Ride sweep will be at the back of the ride
- *Recognizable by their bright red bike shirts!*



# Self Guided Rides

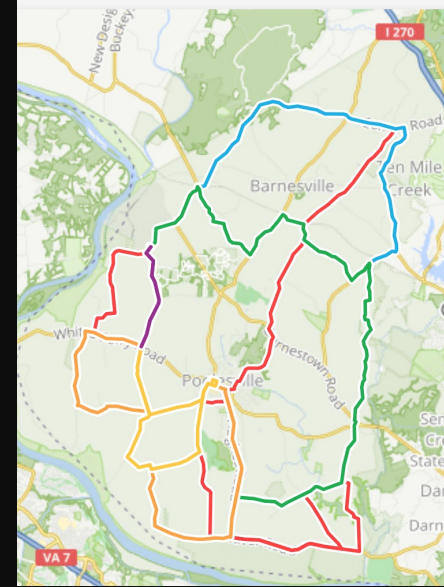
34, 46.5 & 62.6 Miles

No ride lead or sweep

There are some high road traffic intersections

- *these are all marked on cue sheets and discussed in this ride reveal*

2 rest stops (equally spaced)



# Cue Sheets

Cue sheets (doc) will be available to **download** for ride registrants

(limited) Printed Cue sheets will be available on the day of the event

**GPX files** for bike computer head units will be available to download for ride registrants

## Ride with GPS

- The app is free download from Apple or Android App store
- Load the app on your phone (prior to the event)
- Ride Links will be provided
  - To registered riders
  - Scannable via QR codes on day of event



# Rest Stops

*Water, Local Fruit, Snacks, Bathrooms*

## Locals Farm Market

- Located in downtown Poolesville, MD
- **ALL** rides *except* the 6 mile family ride will stop at Locals

## Old Bucklodge Lane, **Stonefield Farm**

- A working horse farm
  - Hosted by Anne Davies a long time resident of the reserve and Montgomery County Alliance board member
  - 34, 46.5 and 62 mile rides
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- Rest stops are run by local resident/s of the reserve and are active businesses and farms
  - Please respect all property, animals and people
  - All rest stops are outdoors



# Ride for the Reserve

## Timing

- **Self Guided Rides (34, 46.5, 62.6 mile)**

- Start 8am - 10 am to allow your own pace
- please don't leave before 8 am – our stops will not be ready for you!

- **Ride Leader & Sweep rides**

- 9:30am                    26.2mile
- 10:00am                 17.7mile
- 10:30am                 6 mile

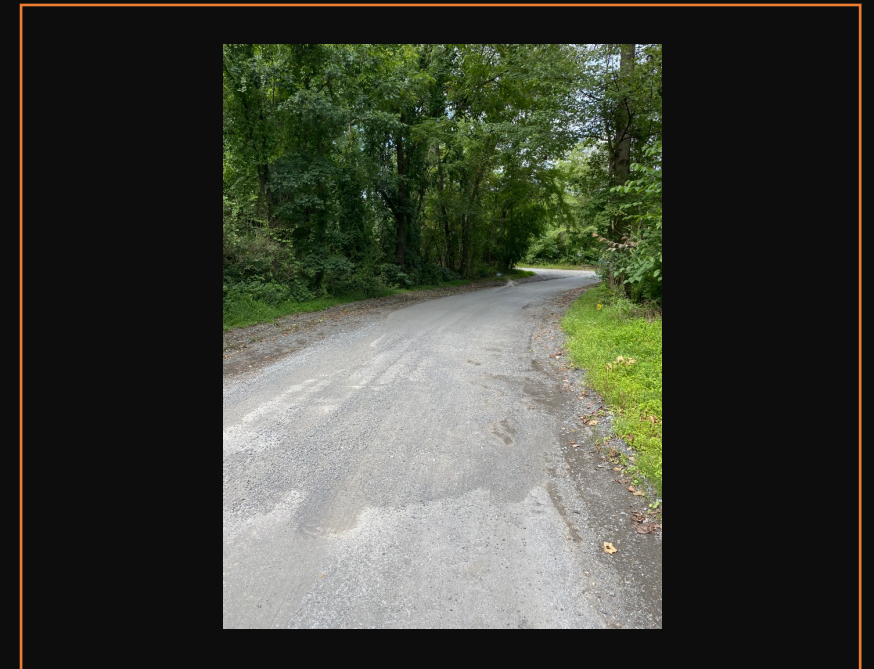
- **Picnic** starts at 11 – goes till 3pm



# Ride Reveal : The ride Routes in detail!

## A walk thru each of the 2022 routes

- General overview
  - Areas of caution:
    - *High traffic intersections, single lane bridges, concrete slab/rough roads, high traffic areas etc*
  - Hills 😊 (for the shorter rides)
  - Rest stops
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- All routes have been pre checked ridden/driven in the last 2 weeks

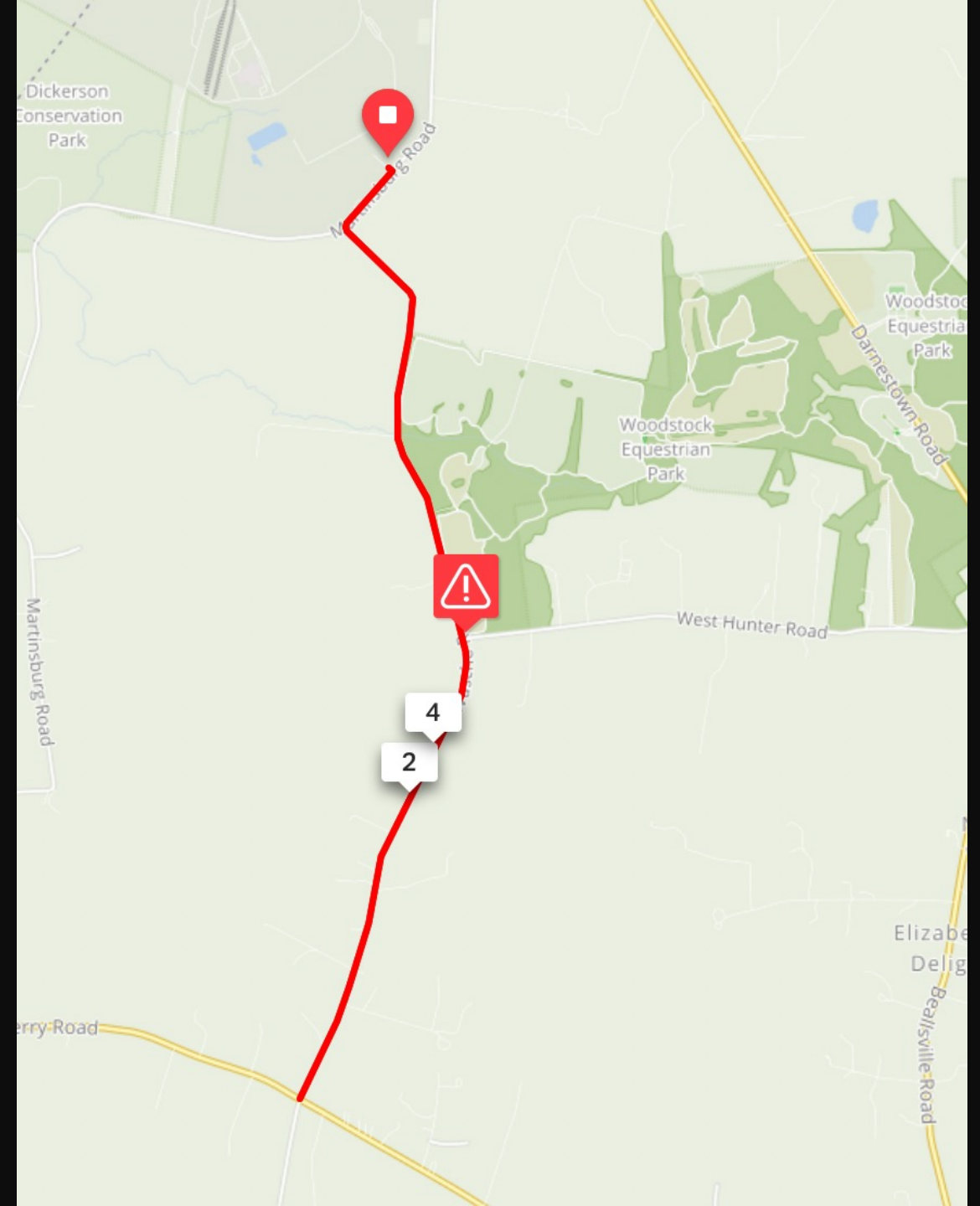




# 6 Mile Ride – Family Ride

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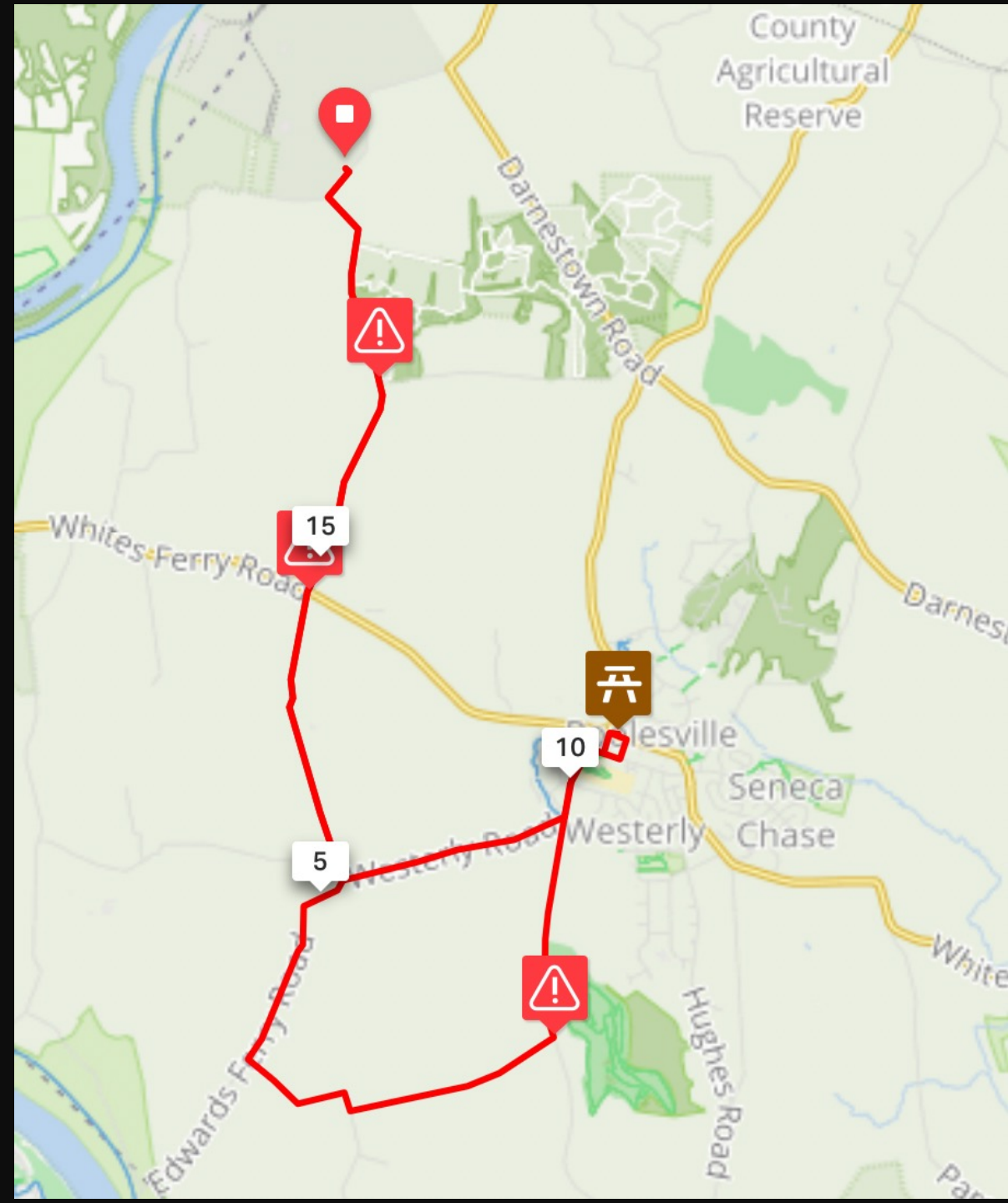
- Children 7yrs and older + Family member/s
  - Ride leader/sweep supported
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# 17.7 Mile Ride

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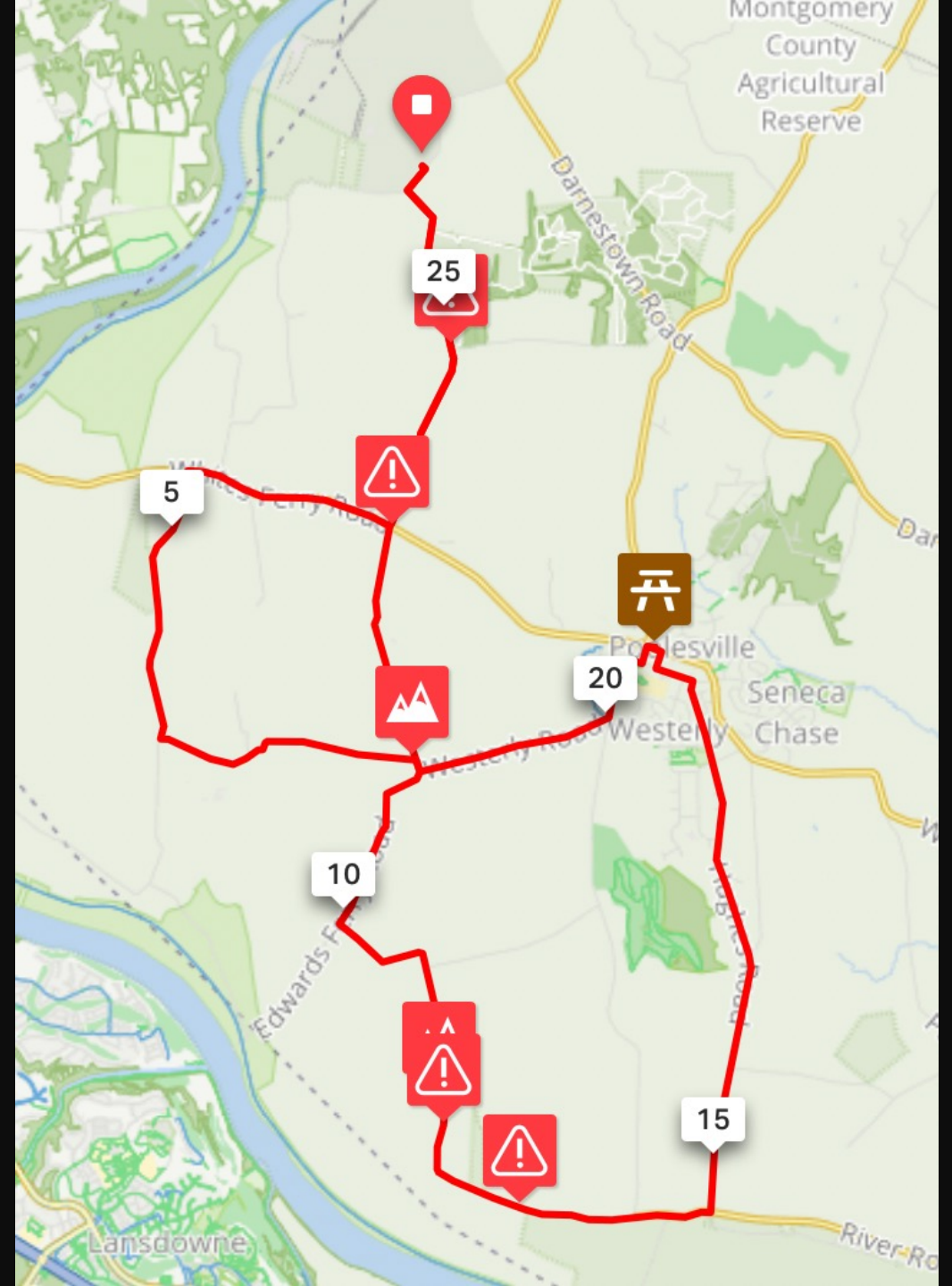
- Adult only ride
  - Ride leader/sweep supported
  - Meant for average fitness person
  - Some gentle hills but not many!
  - Rest stop at Locals: 10.7 miles
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# 26.2 Mile Ride

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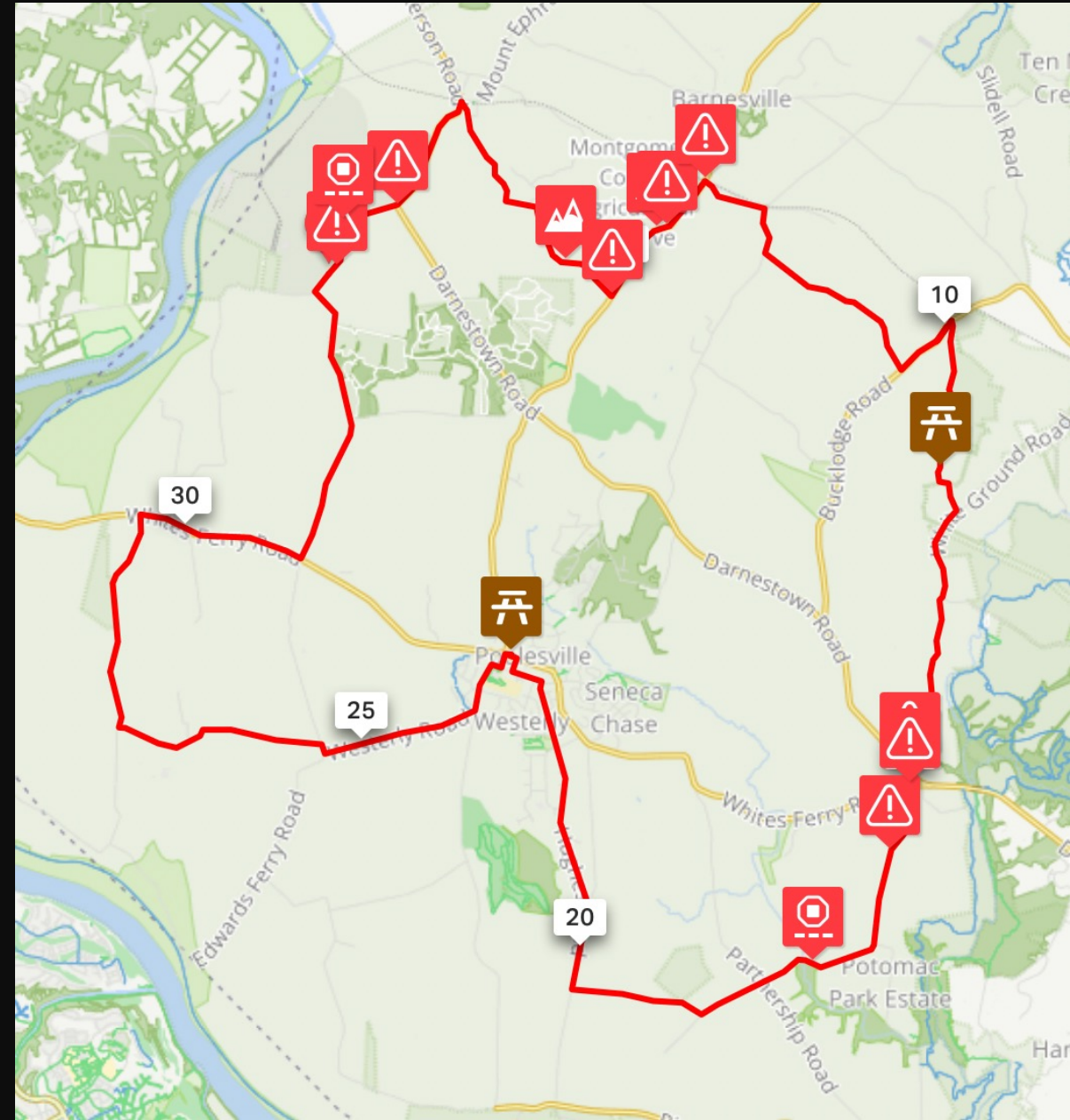
- Adult ride
  - Ride leader/sweep supported
  - Meant for reasonable fitness person
  - Some hills but not many!
  - Rest stop at Locals: 19.2 miles
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# 34 Mile Ride

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- Self Guided ride
- Meant for fit cyclists
- Many rolling hills
- Riding *some* high traffic roads
- Rest stops
  - Old Bucklodge: mile 11.6
  - Locals: mile 23.1



# 46.5 Mile Ride

- Self Guided ride
- Meant for fit cyclists
- Many rolling hills
- Riding *some* high traffic roads
- Rest stops
  - Old Bucklodge Ln. mile 15.2
  - Locals Poolesville. mile 26.6



# 62.6 Mile Ride

- Self Guided ride
- Meant for *very* fit cyclists
- Many rolling hills
- Riding *some* high traffic roads
- Rest stops
  - Old Bucklodge Ln. mile 15.2
  - Locals Poolesville. mile 26.6

