

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The race starts in the service road outside Silverstar Casino and heads straight up the famous Hillsnacks.

At the top of the mountain (4km), riders take the Robert Broom off-ramp and head West. After crossing three 4-way stops the route takes a right past the Sterkfontein Hospital and Protea Ridge School.

It carries on straight past the Zenex garage at the Hendrik Potgieter extension junction. About 1km after the junction the 99km event forks left on the N14 towards Ventersdorp while the 55km riders carry on straight towards the Sterkfontein turn-off.

After descending for more than 5km, the 99km route flattens out and is only mildly undulating until the right turn at the access road to the R24 (the second 4-way stop after the fork).

Then it's mostly downhill until the race crosses the R24 between Magaliesburg and Krugersdorp. Riders have to negotiate a railway crossing shortly before this intersection and will be advised to slow down and take caution.

After the R24 intersection it's a staggered 8km climb towards Maropeng. Then it's right on the Hekpoort/Krugersdorp road and a long downhill past Greensleeves.

The 99km route then takes a left at the Sterkfontein turn-off where they join up with the 55km event.

It's flat and fast riding to the Kromdraai cash store T-junction and also after the left turn there which then takes the race past the Rhino and Lion Park.

The section from the Rhino and Lion Park to the right turn on Beyers Naude is challenging, but mostly only because it comes at a late stage in the event with more than 70km covered.

The first 2km on Beyers Naude is downhill followed by a very challenging 2km climb past Toadbury Hall.

It flattens out at Ekudeni but rises gradually all the way from there to the intersection with the N14.

The race then hops onto a lovely decent past Drift in through Muldersdrif before hitting the final 2km climb on the R28 to the finish line from Muldersdrift.

The race finishes in front of Bergvallei Estate.

Following vehicles and lead vehicles have a detour 500 metres before the finish onto the dirt road which meets up with the highway 400 metres after the finish line.

After the finish riders have to keep going and cross Hendrik Potgieter on their own cognisance to get back to Silverstar. Medals will be handed out at the finish line itself while the finish line refreshment station will be inside the Silverstar Parking lot.

