

WMU Collegiate Cycling Weekend

A Tale of 2 Cities- Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo Campus

April 8th, 2006

Saturday's race takes the MWCCC's best to Schoolcraft, Michigan. The course here can be described in one word- flat. This 13.1 miles circuit is pan flat with only a couple of wrinkles. This should come down to a field spring, but maybe not. The word to better describe this race might be echelon. It maybe flat, but 80% of the course runs straight through open fields. This should prove to be a classic European course in the mold of Paris-Roubaix, sans the cobbles. There are, however, 2 railroad crossings per lap (one on 18th Street just after crossing W and the second slightly before re-crossing W before the finish). Cross winds and aggressive racing will blow the race apart. (Dangerous corners are marked on the map)

But there is one more twist. Before the finish, there will be a finishing circuit that each race will tackle for a half, five and a half, or ten and a half laps. The finishing circuit is a 1 Km, rectangle crit course with 4 right turns through a small neighborhood. The finishing circuit will be completely closed to traffic, just like a crit. When your race finishes its large laps, you will make a right turn off of 14th St onto the back stretch of the finishing circuit (yellow line on map). The final laps will begin counting down the first time through the finish line (Men's C and D races will finish this first time through the finish line). For safety reasons, only riders between the first lead vehicle and the wheel vehicle will be allowed on the finishing circuit. All others will finish about 300 meters from the school parking lots still on 14th St (see map). Also for safety reasons, when entering the finishing circuit on 14th St, you will need to do so from the left lane. If there are two groups that come together on the finishing circuit, they must separate and it is the 2nd group's responsibility to do so. Lead and follow vehicles will be supplied for the large laps only. The lead vehicle will lead through the right turn onto the circuit then pull to the right and stop.

Race	Start Time	Large laps	Finishing circuits	Distance
Men's A	12:00	6	5.5	82.0 miles
Men's B	12:05	4	10.5	58.8 miles
Men's C	12:08	3	0.5	39.7 miles
Women's A	12:11	3	5.5	42.7 miles
Men's D	12:13	2	0.5	26.7 miles
Women's B	12:15	2	5.5	29.5 miles

Registration will open at 10:00 am. Staging 10 minutes before start.

Yellow line rule in effect on large circuits.

Directions

Take I94 to US131. Get on 131 and go south to Schoolcraft. The expressway will end before you get to town. Turn left at the 2nd light you come to. This will be E Lyons St. Go across the railroad tracks then turn right at the 4-way stop sign. The school parking lot will be just down on your right.

April 9th, 2006

Sunday's race takes place on WMU's campus. This 2.75 mile loop packs a punch. Two 500 meter climbs combined with two more short punches and some twisting roads will make for fun racing. The finish climb starts with a short step, eases a little bit then kicks again for the last 200 meters. It gradually gets steeper to about 14% in the last 10 meters to the line. The other climb is steadier with the middle section toping out at about 9%. European flavor again makes an appearance, this time from a summer time favorite, with the inclusion of a round-a-bout. The yellow line rule will be in effect except for the climb up to the finish line. This steep grind will be full road for each lap. Lead and wheel vehicles will be supplied all races.

Race	Start Time	Laps	Distance
Men's D	8:30	About 4	30 minutes
Men's C	8:55	About 5	45 minutes
Women's B	8:56	About 5	45 minutes
Men's B	9:50	About 9	60 minutes
Women's A	9:51	About 9	60 minutes
Men's A	11:00	13	35.1 miles

Registration opens at 7:00 am, Staging 5 minutes before start.

The Men's A and B races will start at the finish area (Staging at 10:50)

Directions

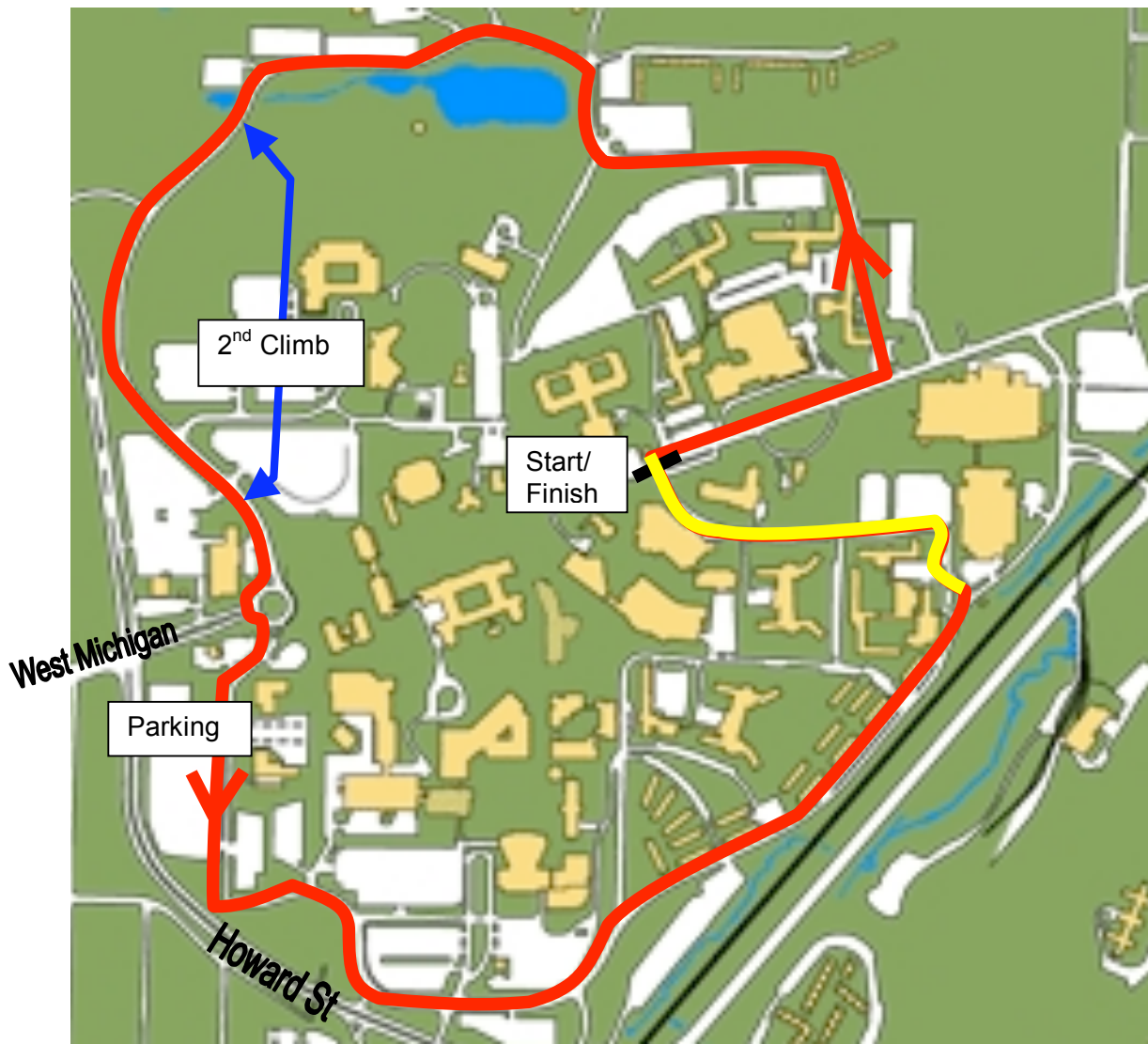
Take I94 to US131. Get on 131 again but go north this time. Get off at Exit 36 (Stadium Dr). Follow Stadium about 3 miles to Howard. You'll see a large sign for Western Michigan University on the left corner. Turn left at this light. Take Howard up the hill to the light (West Michigan). Turn right on to WMU's campus. You'll go into the traffic circle. Take the first "exit" that will take you back towards Howard. Registration will be in the first big parking lot on your right.

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Yellow area indicates full road closure

Staying in Kalamazoo-(Closest to race first)

Red Roof Inn-West: 269-375-7400;

Knights Inn: 269-381-5000; 25 minutes from race, near downtown.

Fairfield Inn-West: 269-353-6400; 25 Minutes From race on 1-94 exit 72

EXIT 80 on 1-94:

Best Western Hospitality Inn: 269-381-1900

Clarion Hotel: 269-385-3922

Comfort Inn: 269-381-7000

Farfield Inn: 269-344-8300

Red Roof Inn- East: 269-382-6350

And for the ultimate Collegiate Racing Experience- The 40 Winks Motel: 269-382-5737