

POINT TO POINT

powered by VSECU

2020 POINT TO POINT FAQs

GENERAL FAQs

What is the Point to Point, powered by VSECU?

Formerly the Harpoon Point to Point, the Point to Point, powered by VSECU, is a fundraising event that benefits the Vermont Foodbank. The event includes cycling (riding) and running options. Riding options include century (110 miles), metric-century (66 miles), and 25-mile road rides; a gravel grinder bike ride; and a half-marathon run.

Where is the event?

The Point to Point, powered by VSECU will be held at The State House Lawn, located at 115 State St., Montpelier VT. The parking lot for the event is located just behind the Capital Region Visitors Center, located at 134 State St, Montpelier, VT 05602. Rides and the run will start and finish at [the State House Lawn](#).

Where should I stay and what can I do in the area?

If you plan to stay for the night or for the weekend, take a peek at [this helpful sheet](#). On it, you'll find plenty of places to stay, including cabins, bed and breakfasts, hotels, and motels. You'll also find local information resources.

Is there a schedule for event day?

Yes, there is. [Click here](#) to download the PDF.

FAQS FOR RIDERS/RUNNERS

What are the age requirements for riding?

Minors (children below the age of 18) are invited to participate in the Point to Point under the following circumstances: the minor must be 13 years old or older and capable of completing the course, and must be accompanied by an adult at all times on the course. A guardian must sign an insurance waiver for the minor and take responsibility for the safety of the minor during the event. No trailers, tagalongs, or child carriers are allowed.

What is the minimum fundraising amount?

Whether you are participating alone or as part of a group, your minimum fundraising amount is \$150. If you are not able to raise that amount by the day of the event, you will be charged the remaining balance on the credit card you registered with on August 17, 2020 or you can pay directly to your fundraising page before the day of the event.

How many meals does my \$150 provide?

DONATION	AMOUNT OF MEALS	POUNDS OF FOOD
\$25	41.75	50.1
\$50	83.5	100.2
\$75	125.25	150.3
\$100	167	200.4
\$150	250.5	300.6
\$200	334	400.8

Are there awards for raising more than \$150?

Yes! See below:

If you raise over \$200: Bag of coffee beans and coffee mug from Vermont Artisan Coffee & Tea Co.

If you raise over \$400: All above, plus a Point to Point hat or water bottle.

If you raise over \$600: All above, plus a backpack cooler chair.

If you raise over \$1,000: All above, plus Cabot gift baskets

If you raise over \$2,000: All above, plus a half-zipper Point to Point sweatshirt

Top Fundraiser: Two-night stay at TBD

Top Team: Goodie bag (VSECU bag, Darn Tough socks, Yeti cup)

Most Donors: GoPro

How much does it cost to register?

In addition to meeting the \$150 minimum fundraising requirement, participants pay a fee based on the ride or run they choose.

RIDE / RUN	DECEMBER 3	MARCH 2	JUNE 2	DAY-OF REGISTRATION (AUGUST 1)
CENTURY ROAD RIDE	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100
METRIC-CENTURY ROAD RIDE	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100
25-MILE ROAD RIDE	\$55	\$65	\$75	\$85
40-MILE GRAVEL GRINDER	\$55	\$65	\$75	\$85
HALF-MARATHON RUN	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80

Are there bike rentals available?

Information coming soon!

What benefits can I look forward to?

All riders and runners receive a commemorative event t-shirt, post-ride meal, swag bag, and two beer tickets. They also enjoy a well-marked and fully-supported event, fully-stocked rest stops, hot showers, and admission to the P2P Festival including live music and fun activities for all ages.

May I pick up my packet before the day of the event?

You may. In fact, we hope you do. Stop by VSECU, 1 Bailey Ave., Montpelier, VT 05602 to pick up your packet, your swag bag, and any prizes you have earned by reaching your fundraising goals.

Will there be same-day registration?

Yes, but the price will be at it's max (see the table on the previous page for pricing).

When does day-of registration begin?

Here are the day-of registration times for each category:

Century (110-mile) road ride: 5:30-6:30 AM

Metric-Century (66-mile) road ride: 8:00-9:00 AM

25-mile road ride: 10:30-11:30 AM

40-mile gravel grinder bike ride: 9:30-10:30 AM

Half-marathon run: 9:00-10:00 AM

Will there be a bag drop for storing my things?

Yes, there will be an unsecured bag drop at the start/finish line, should you need to store personal items while you run or ride.

What are the start times?

Here are the start times for each category:

Century (110-mile) road ride: 7:00 AM

Metric-Century (66-mile) road ride: 9:30 AM

25-mile road ride: 12:00 PM

40-mile gravel grinder bike ride: 11:00 AM

Half-marathon run: 10:30 AM

What are the rest stop cutoff times?

Information coming soon!

What road support is offered on the course?

Information coming soon!

What can riders do in an emergency?

In case of an emergency, contact local emergency response officials at 911. Use your cue sheet to specify your location. EMTs, bike mechanics, and other on-road support will be available as well. Please contact the rider hotline, using the number on your cue sheet, to request assistance or report an incident. Please remember to be responsible for yourself and bring with you everything you need to complete the ride.

SOME ITEMS YOU SHOULD BRING INCLUDE:

- Spare tube
- Frame pump
- Portable multi-tool
- Money, license, and credit card
- Cell phone
- Two full water bottles
- Two to three energy bars and/or gel packets
- Salt tablets (for longer rides)

What are the rules of the road?

Because this event takes riders and runners along traveled roads and private trails, and through small towns and quiet neighborhoods, riders and runners must be on their best behavior. Every rider or runner who causes problems for local residents hurts our reputation, potentially creating barriers to the future of the event. It also compromises your safety and the safety of others. Please be respectful.

SOME BASIC GUIDELINES TO PROTECT YOU AND OTHERS:

- Ride single file unless conditions allow two abreast.
- Do not ride more than two abreast.
- Obey traffic signs.
- Do not litter.
- Do not urinate in public. Port-o-johns are provided at all rest stops.
- Stay to the right, except when passing.
- Pass on the left only.
- Use the cue sheet and do not leave the course.
- Do not cross the center line, regardless of passing zone.
- Use proper signals when turning.
- Make left turns from the center of the road or left turn lane.
- Cross railroad tracks at right angles.
- Ride in control of your bike at all times (make sure you are able to stop within a reasonable distance).
- Ride defensively, in consideration of your fellow riders.
- Do not use Aero bars.
- Point out and call out any road hazards ahead, including potholes, drain grates, stray animals, opening car doors, sticks, stones, parked cars, etc.
- Do not overlap wheels. A slight direction change could cause wheels to touch and cause a fall.
- Pedal downhill when you are at the front of the group. Cyclists dislike having to ride under brakes.
- When climbing hills, avoid following a wheel too closely. Many riders lose their momentum when rising out of the saddle on a hill, which can cause a sudden deceleration and can cause the following rider to fall from a wheel touch.
- Communicate with your fellow riders, using proper cycling terms like "on your left," "car back," etc.

Are maps available for the rides or run prior to event day?

Yes, there will be maps available for all road rides at registration.

What can I expect at the rest stops?

Information coming soon!

FAQS FOR FUNDRAISING—REGISTERED RIDERS

Can I fundraise online?

Yes. All participants will receive a personal fundraising page when they register on [BikeReg](#). This will help you reach and exceed your fundraising requirement of \$150.

I'm a registered rider. Am I automatically set up to fundraise?

Yes, a fundraising page was automatically created for you when you registered through BikeReg.

When do I need to reach my fundraising minimum of \$150?

All riders and runners are committed to raising a minimum of \$150, unless they paid the \$150 up front along with their entry fee. Fundraising minimums must be met before the day of the event. Participants who are not able to raise the minimum may pay the difference online or pay on the day of the event. It saves time during rider check-in to take care of this before the event.

Every participant must raise \$150 and must be raised by event day (August 1, 2020).

If the participant has not raised their funds by August 1:

- They may bring cash or check to the event
- They may mail their cash or check to VSECU, Attn: Leah Jones
- Participants may use a different card to pay with on event day, if they choose
- They will be auto-charged the "owed" amount on August 17 to the card on file used to register

Can I donate offline, by check?

To send a donation check, make it out to the Vermont Foodbank, provide your name and note that you are a Point to Point rider in the memo line.

VSECU
P2P Donation
1 Bailey Ave
Montpelier, VT 05602

FAQS FOR FUNDRAISING—GENERAL

Does the Point to Point have a fundraising goal for 2020?

Yes! Our goal is to raise \$150,000 for the Vermont Foodbank this year.

What organization does the Point to Point raise funds for?

Funds raised through the Point to Point go directly to the [Vermont Foodbank](#), the state's largest hunger-relief organization. The Foodbank serves Vermonters through a network of food shelves, meal sites, schools, hospitals, and housing sites.

Can I just donate to the Vermont Foodbank?

Of course you can! All donations for the Point to Point go directly to the Vermont Foodbank. If you want to make a general contribution that is not associated with a particular rider, runner, or team, please [click here](#).

If you would prefer to donate by mail, you can make your check out to the Vermont Foodbank. Please write "Point to Point" in the memo field. If you want the donation to be credited to a particular rider, runner, or team, please note their name in the memo as well. Send your check to:

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Montpelier, VT 05602

FAQS FOR ATTENDING

What will be going on during the day while the participants are riding/running?

In addition to the rides and the run, attendees can enjoy a [day-long P2P Festival](#) that includes activities for all ages, music, food trucks, a beer tent, a marketplace for shopping, and resources. In the Family Fun Zone, kids will enjoy a bouncy house, inflatable obstacle challenge and inflatable slide, cotton candy, a bubble machine, games, and more. As the day progresses, there will be plenty of music, with live talent later in the day, food trucks from a handful of Vermont's finest vendors, and Harpoon beer.

FAQS FOR VOLUNTEERING

How do I volunteer for the Point to Point?

Volunteering is a rewarding way to take part in this fundraising event. Volunteers help cyclists at registration, rest stops throughout the race, the finish line, the Family Fun Zone, and more.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register as a volunteer.

What do I receive as a volunteer?

Volunteers receive an event t-shirt and free food and drink tickets for the [P2P Festival](#).

I have questions about volunteering. Who can I contact?

To learn more about volunteering, [click here](#) or contact Leah Jones at info@thepointtopoint.org.