



## 2022 Best Dam Ride Frequently Asked Questions

West Hill Dam, 518 Hartford Ave E, Uxbridge, MA 01569

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### **1. Why should I pay money to go ride a place that I can usually ride for free?**

The proceeds from the Best Dam Ride go right back into the trails around the Blackstone Valley. The New England Mountain Bike association is a 501(3)c educational organization with yearly audits and publicly available financials. Additionally, the Best Dam Ride is super fun and awesome!

### **2. I heard something about free ice cream. How is that going to work?**

It is true. [Sweet Wise Ice Cream](#) will be at the 2022 Best Dam Ride. Included with each registration is one ice cream ticket. For family registrations, ice cream tickets will be provided for any children that are part of the family registration. Additional ice cream tickets can be obtained for a \$3 donation at registration.

### **3. Will there be food available at the event?**

Along the ride course we will have a water/aid station for refueling on the trails. We have food and drink sponsors that will be providing some free product for riders such as Kate's Real Food, Rise Brewing, and Athletic Brewing. Additionally, Forza G is returning to the Best Dam Ride with food available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the Pan Mass Challenge.

### **4. How does the photo contest work?**

During the Best Dam Ride just snap a photo, upload it to Instagram or Facebook and tag Blackstone Valley NEMBA and one of our vendors, donors, or sponsors for the event! (Make sure it's public so we can see it!). The event team will choose the best one and you will win a pair of tickets to Highland Mountain Bike Park!! Our handle is @blackstone\_valley\_nemba on Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/blackstone\\_valley\\_nemba/](https://www.instagram.com/blackstone_valley_nemba/)

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackstoneValleyNEMBA>

By participating in the contest, you agree that we can share your photo.



## **5. How is the raffle going to work?**

During the day we will be selling tickets at registration and through a raffle volunteer. Tickets are 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. Once you have your tickets, find the raffle table by registration, and place your tickets in the bag/jars of the items that you would like to win. When the raffle is called, we will pull for each item individually. You must be present to win. Although NEMBA volunteers may generally participate in the raffle, Chapter Officers and Leaders are disqualified from winning any raffle item purchased with chapter or event funds.

## **6. What is going to be going on in the skills park?**

For the duration of the event, the skills park will be manned by Blackstone Valley NEMBA volunteers. In addition, a water/aid station + mechanical support from Landry's Bicycles will be onsite. Attendees can also test their skills with a few contests at the Skills Park starting at noon!

## **7. Are there guided rides? How do I sign up for them?**

Yes. We will be having a women's ride at 10:00, a novice ride at 10:15, and kids' ride at 10:30. We recommend signing up for those rides in advance on Golden since ride size will be limited by the number of ride leader volunteers. The rides will meet up in the parking lot directly in front of registration.

Women's ride pre-registration: <https://x.gldn.io/e/bmUqiLNngub>

Novice ride pre-registration: <https://x.gldn.io/e/X9BX9lxngub>

Kids ride pre-registration: <https://x.gldn.io/e/sGOaCREngub>

## **8. Can I register on the day of the event?**

Maybe. The size of the Best Dam Ride is limited by parking. We are tracking the pre-registrations and the available parking and will make announcements as necessary on the Blackstone Valley NEMBA Facebook page about capacity. With that said if you can hop in a car with someone that is already pre-registered come on down!

## **9. How can I access the recommended routes?**

We have added recommended ride routes to Trailforks. They will also be arrowed. We recommend following a designated ride to get the most out of your ride at West Hill Dam on the Day of the Best Dam Ride. The planned routes will keep traffic going the same direction on the best sections of single track and will help us all avoid traffic jams. You can look at the routes on Trailforks now.

<https://www.trailforks.com/event/6794/>



**10. Are credit cards accepted at the Best Dam Ride?**

We have made efforts to be able to accept credit cards and electronic payments however the cellular data coverage at West Hill Dam is unreliable. We recommend bringing cash for onsite donations for food and raffle tickets.

**11. How can I help with this event?**

We have a variety of volunteer jobs available. You can volunteer at the registration table or by using this link <https://volunteersignup.org/ME97L>.

**12. Where do I park for this event?**

Drive thru the open gate at the end of the entrance road. Follow the BV NEMBA "PARKING" signs. Volunteers will be directing vehicles to the parking areas. Early arrivals will be able to park at the beach lot adjacent to the event venue. Once the beach lot is full, you will be directed to satellite parking in the nearby fields. Follow the directions given by the volunteers. Note: The speed limit within the park is 10 MPH. Please drive aware because you will be sharing some sections of the dirt roads with riders. At the end of the day, all vehicles must be outside the gates by 3:00 pm.

**13. Where do I check-in (or register) after parking?**

There will be signs guiding you to check-in/registration. Check-in/registration will be at the main vendor area near the pavilion on the hill above the beach. Please check-in or register before heading out on the trails.