



Route Marking Volunteer/Team

Each year, in the two weeks leading up to the RIDE, Route Marking Volunteer Teams spread out along the 100-mile course to spray paint our signature orange “W” symbols with arrows on the pavement along every turn on the route to ensure cyclists prepare for and execute each turn to stay on course and not get lost. Many riders do not use the digital or paper cue sheets we give them and instead rely only on the orange street markings. One missed or inaccurate marking can send a whole group down the wrong road, so accuracy and consistency are key!

TIMING

- **Three weeks before the RIDE:** please email events@savebuzzardsbay.org to let us know when you are free to come in and pick up supplies, or if you need them delivered to you. (Picking up helps us save time, as September is a busy month.)
- **Two weeks before the RIDE:** look at advance weather reports, and plan the day/days you will do your route marking from 4-10 days before the RIDE. Ideally, avoid marking within 24-hours of rain. Markings start to fade quickly, so marking as close to the event as possible (without risking a rain storm delay) will help the course look crisp and professional on ride day.

SUPPLIES

- **Route Marking Instructions** – full details on how to mark any turn or intersection
- Updated **Watershed RIDE Cue Sheet** – route changes slightly year to year. This cue sheet shows/explains every cyclist direction and turn on the 100-mile course.
- **BBC Volunteer t-shirt** and **Safety Vest** if desired (ask us if you'd like to borrow one)
- 3-7 cans of **orange spray paint**, depending on how long your marking section is
- 1 can of **black spray paint** to correct any errors
- Plastic spray paint **holder/gun**, if desired (not everyone likes to use them)
- *Please return left over supplies and safety vests to the BBC office at your convenience.*

PROCESS

- Most volunteers work in teams, one person driving, and one stopping to paint
- If marking solo, working from a bicycle (with a backpack of supplies) can save time
- If you encounter road or path construction, obstructions, or other hazards that could potentially affect our event, please let events@savebuzzardsbay.org know ASAP.
- Please note how long the job took you, and send a quick email to events@savebuzzardsbay.org when done to report time spent and road conditions.

Thank you for helping to ensure a safe and successful Watershed Ride!