

Route Description for the Tsogo Sun Amashova Durban Classic 160km

1. Start outside Pietermaritzburg City Hall under the Comrades Gantry
2. Start in Chief Albert Luthuli Street (Commercial Rd) Pietermaritzburg.
3. Turn Right into Alexander Rd.
4. Continue up Fox Hill onto the R103.
5. Cycle straight along the R56
6. Turn left onto the R624 Eston
7. Travel on the R624
8. Turn left at the R603, Umlaas Road
9. Travel on the R603 towards Camperdown
10. The route takes a right turn onto the R103 to Camperdown.
11. The route will cross over the N3 into Camperdown.
12. The cyclists take a sharp right turn and then another sharp right about 100m further along.
13. The route then takes a left turn that takes them out of the Camperdown Village onto the R103.
14. The cyclists will take a hard right turn over the N3 again and then immediately a sharp left at the tall gum trees and go parallel to the N3.
15. The cyclists go straight into Doonrug Drive and turn first right into Vrijheid Avenue at Cato Ridge
16. They will turn first left into Drew Lane and then left into School Road
17. Left into Selby Road and come out under the subway. They will turn right at the four way stop when they see Dunbar Spar in front of them.
18. The second water point is outside Eskom.
19. The race continues long the R103 through Harrisons Flats.
20. At R103/ Inchanga/Drummond/1000 Hills the race turns left onto the R103.
21. The route passes the Comrades Marathon Wall of Honour. This is where the third Water Point is situated.
22. The route then passes the Rob Roy Hotel and Kearsney College, where the route rapidly begins the decent with a very fast downhill section down Botha's Hill.
23. The cyclists will take a right turn into Kassier Road.
24. They then link up with the M13 at Shongweni where the route takes a left turn onto the M13 Highway.
25. The Gillitts Water Point is situated outside the Gillitts Station on the M13.
26. The cyclists continue along the M13, which includes the descent down Fields Hill.
27. At 45th Cutting the last water point on the route is outside the Engen garage
28. The route then becomes Jan Smuts Highway.
29. This is followed by a sharp descent, at the bottom of Jan Smuts Highway where cyclists must turn SHARP LEFT to enter the outbound lanes of the Western Freeway or N3.
30. They will continue along the N3 and at the crest of the last remaining hill underneath the Tollgate Bridge.
31. The route takes the cyclist down Pine Street to a left turn in Walnut Road and straight onto Masabalala Yengwa Avenue (NMR Avenue) southbound
32. The finish line is in Masabalala Yengwa Avenue (NMR Avenue) southbound under the pedestrian bridge that connects Mustering Fields to Peoples park
33. Cyclists will ride on past Battery Beach road and turn right onto the boardwalk opposite Moses Mabhida Stadium
34. They will ride under the subway and turn right and cycle towards the Suncoast Sundeck where after race hospitality will be held