



5 to 8 August 2023

4 days

474 km

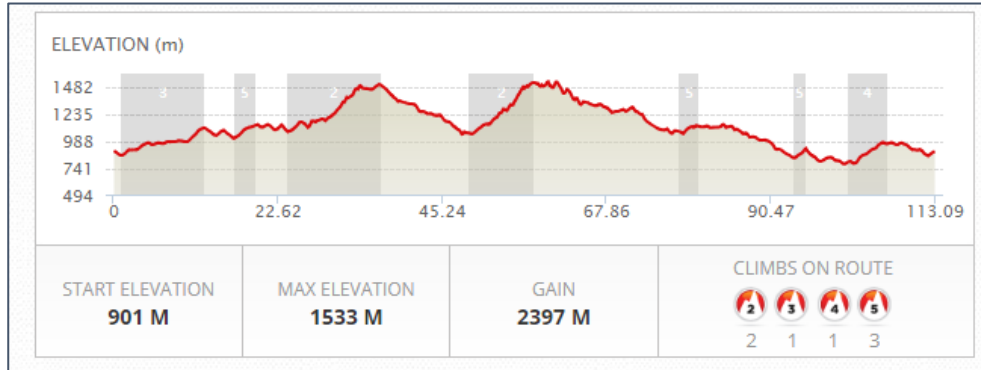
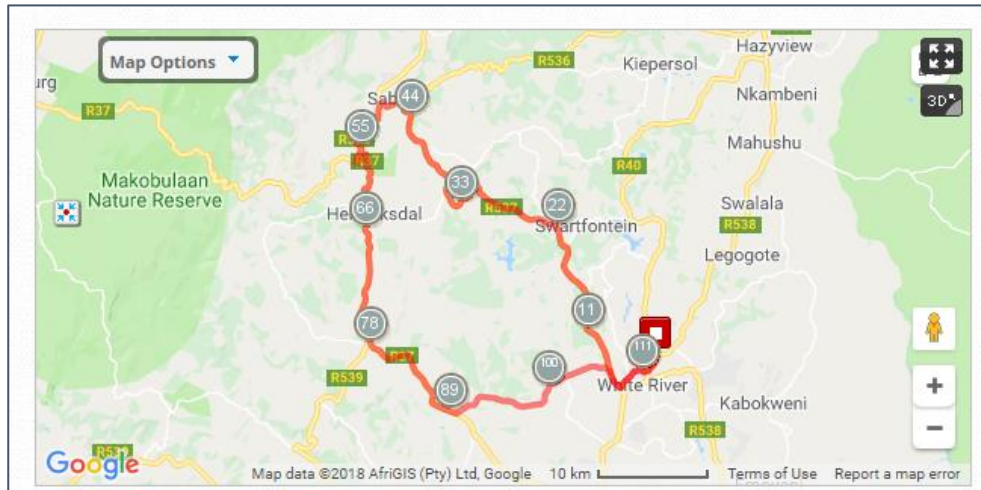
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Stage Details

Saturday 5 August 2023 Casterbridge - Sabie - Long Tom pass - Casterbridge

Stage 1

Start 08h00



1. Start at Casterbridge, turn left. Neutral zone starts
2. On 1.3 km at T-junction turn right into Kiepersol road
3. On 2 km turn right into William Lynn Street
4. At 4-way stop go straight
5. On 5 km at T-junction turn right towards Sabie. End of neutral zone
6. **Hotspot and waterpoint** on 33 km (Spitskop)
7. On 47.2 km at the T-junction turn left
8. On 47.5 km at stop sign turn left
9. On 47.7 km at stop sign turn left towards Lydenburg
10. On 56.2 km turn left towards Mbombela on R40

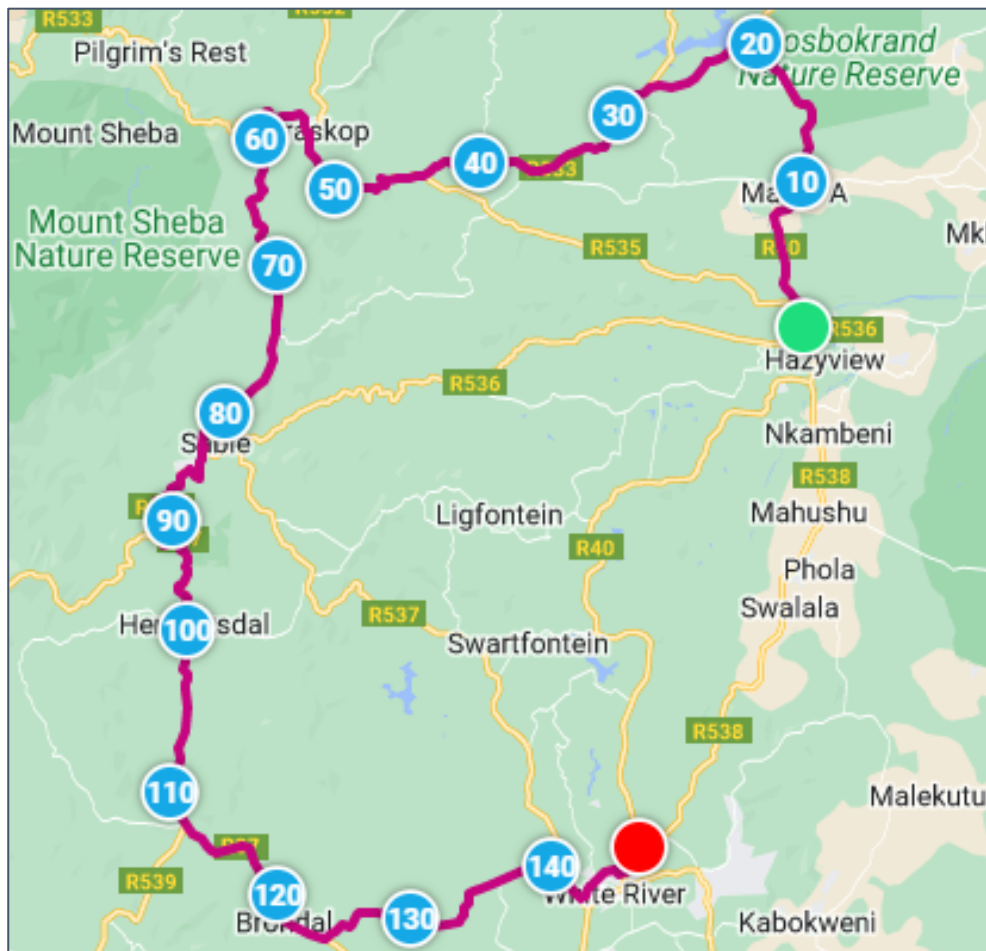
11. **Waterpoint** on 57.7 km (Viewpoint)
12. On 88 km turn left towards White River
13. **Waterpoint** on 93.5 km
14. On 104.6 km at T-junction turn right towards White River on R537
15. On 106.5 km turn left into Impala Road
16. At 4-way stop go straight
17. On 109.5 km at stop sign, turn left into Kiepersol road
18. On 109.8 km at the T-junction turn left on R40
19. **Finish** on 111.5 km at Casterbridge

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Sunday 6 August 2023 *Perry's Bridge - Bosbokrand - Graskop – Sabie - Brondal – Casterbridge*

Stage 2

Start 08h00





1. Start at Perry's bridge in Hazyview on the R40
2. **KOM** at 13 km (Pos 1 – 3)
3. On 19 km turn left on the R535
4. On 26.5 km turn left towards Graskop
5. **Hotspot** on 37 km (Wilgerboom)
6. **KOM** and waterpoint on 50 km on top of Kowynn's (Pos 1 – 5)
7. Turn left on R536 towards Pelgrimsrus/Sabie
8. Keep left on R532 towards Sabie
9. **Hotspot** on 79 km
10. On 81 km turn right
11. On 90 km turn left on the R37 towards Mbombela
12. **KOM** and waterpoint on 92 km (Pos 1 – 5)
13. **Hotspot** on 115 km
14. On 122 km turn left to Brondal/ White River
15. **Waterpoint** on 127 km
16. On 138 km turn right towards White River
17. On 140 km turn left into Impala Road
18. On 143 km turn left towards Casterbridge
19. **Finish** on 145 km

Link to route: <https://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/5021492734>

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Monday 7 August 2023 *Casterbridge – Sudwala – Mbombela - Casterbridge*

Stage 3

Start 08h00



1. Start at Casterbridge, turn left. Neutral zone starts
2. On 1.3 km at T-junction turn right into Kiepersol Street
3. On 2 km turn right into William Lynn Street - beware speed bumps
4. At 4-way stop go straight
5. On 5 km at T-junction turn right towards Sabie. End of neutral zone
6. On 6.7 km turn left towards Brondal
7. **KOM** on 17.6 km (exit left) (Pos 1 – 3)
8. On 23.3 km at T-Junction, turn right on R532 towards Sabie
9. **Hotspot** on 30 km opposite shop
10. On 37.3 km turn left on the R539 towards Montrose/Sudwala
11. **KOM** on 37.8 km Paradise Falls sign (Pos 1 – 3)
12. At T-Junction on 51 km turn left towards Nelspruit/N4
13. **Hotspot** on 54.5 km (Open spot)

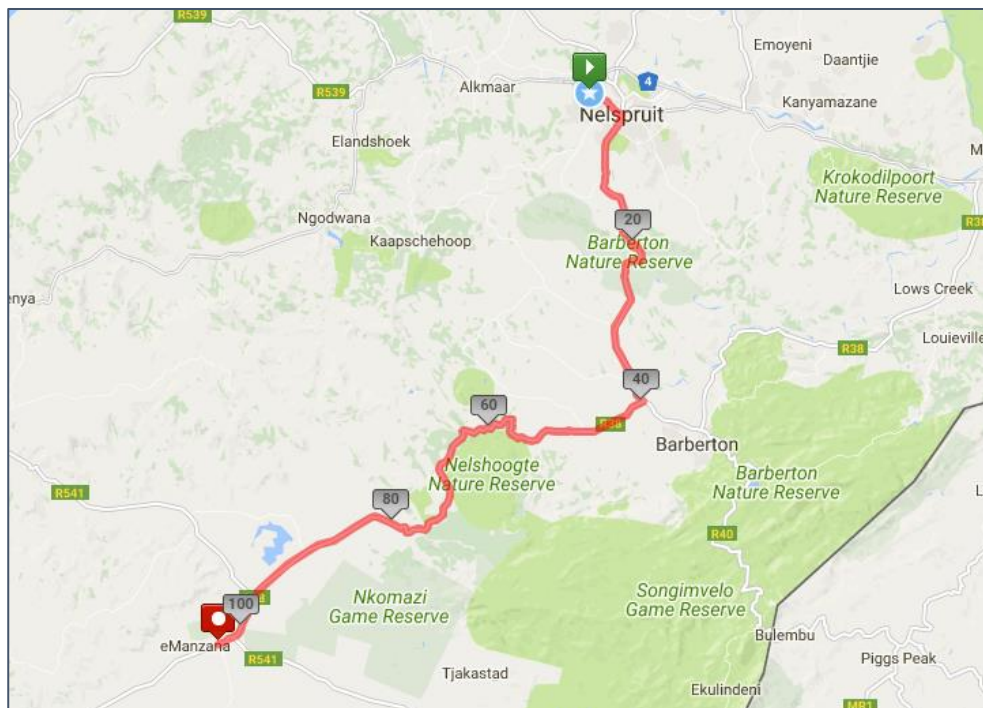
14. **Hotspot and waterpoint** on 60.5 km (Schagen sign)
15. At T-Junction on 58.5 km turn left towards N4 Nelspruit
16. On 77.8 km keep straight towards White River on N4
17. **Hotspot** on 78 km (Slip way)
18. On 81.6 km turn left towards White River on R37
19. On 81.9 km turn left towards Mashishing on R37
20. On 96.4 km turn right towards White River
21. **KOM** on 111.6 km Mercy Air (Pos 1 – 3)
22. At T-Junction on 113 km turn right towards White River on R537
23. On 114.9 km turn left into Impala Street – beware speed bumps
24. On 118 km turn left into Kiepersol Street
25. On 118.3 at T-Junction turn left towards Casterbridge
26. **Finish** on 120 km at Casterbridge

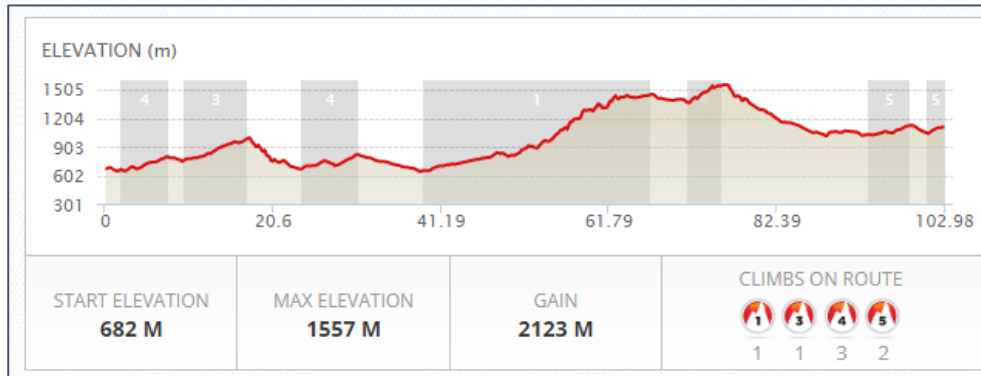
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Tuesday 8 August 2023 Mbombela Stadium - Badplaas, a Forever Resort

Stage 4

Start 09h00





- 1 Start at Mbombela Stadium – neutral zone of 6.6 km
- 2 Neutral zone ends after 6.6 km. **Start** of stage at 0 km sign (Westend Spar)
- 3 **CAREFUL: VERY, VERY DANGEROUS DESCENT!!!!**
- 4 After 32 km turn right towards Carolina onto R38
- 5 **Hotspot** 35 km (Trio)
- 6 **KOM** at 55 km (Helshoogte) (Pos 1 – 5)
- 7 **Waterpoint** at 67 km (Gert Sibande board)
- 8 **Hotspot** 85 km (Vygeboom)
- 9 **Finish** at 97 km in front of entrance at Badplaas, a Forever Resort

Link to route: <http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/1664458568>

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Race Specific Regulations

1. The tour shall be governed by the UCI REGULATIONS, including the following provisions:
2. The Mpumalanga Tour is organized under the auspices and sanctioning of Cycling South Africa and Mpumalanga Cycling Union.
3. Any infringements of these rules and regulations by any competitor, team official or helper, may lead to time penalties, fines and/or disqualification.
4. The commissaires shall have the authority to expel any riders who represent a danger to the field.
5. The leaders of all classifications will be provided with a leader's jersey specific to each classification that must be worn by the wearer.

Yellow jersey	-Leader on GC Men
Green jersey	-Leader on Points
KOM	-Leader on KOM classification
White jersey	-Best Young Rider, U/23 Men
6. Any riders suffering a mishap in **the final 3 kilometres** of any mass start road stage may be given the finish time had the mishap not occurred. The rider's finish order will be at the end of the group he was riding in when the mishap occurred. A commissaire must observe the mishap, and the rider must cross the line with his bicycle, provided he is physically able to do so.
7. **Any crossing of the centreline** will be subject to penalty, whether it is done as an act of safety, rider neglect or intent to take unfair advantage during the race. The penalty can include a time penalty or disqualification from the event.
8. **Riders hanging onto motor vehicles of any sort or paced behind it will be subject to** immediate expulsion from the remainder of the race. This may include the team manager in question.
9. Any dangerous behaviour to other riders or spectators will be subject to penalty or expulsion.
10. Any use of profanities or inappropriate behaviour will be subject to penalty or expulsion.
11. No individual support will be allowed. Any violations will result in penalties to the rider being supported. Three violations will result in disqualification.
12. No radio communication between riders and team managers will be allowed. NO I-pods or any radio links are allowed during the race.
13. **Race numbers** must be worn in all stages. **Riders are required to wear two body race numbers** affixed to the appropriate position on the back. **It is forbidden to fold or cut body or frame numbers issued to competitors. Altering numbers will subject to penalty.**
14. **Frame numbers** will also be provided and must be affixed just above the back wheel low enough for photo finish to pick number up.
15. **An award ceremony will take place every night at 17h00.** The top three stage finishers and classification leaders must be available for this ceremony. The final award ceremony will take place at The Barnyard, White River. Riders that do not attend the final award ceremony will forfeit their prize and/or jerseys.
16. **Team vehicles to a maximum height of 1.66m** will only be allowed in the race caravan by timely registration. Only managers with a valid license will be considered for registration. The team manager's details must be submitted with the entry to receive permission to provide service. Riders must come back to the support car to take bottles; it will not be permitted to advance through groups to service riders.
17. **Trash and water bottles MAY NOT** be discarded along the racecourse. Riders in violation of this rule are subject to fines, time penalties and/or disqualification.
18. Public urination in or near start/finish venues will not be tolerated and violation of the rule will result in fines and or disqualification in addition to any criminal charges from local municipalities. Riders will be allowed to take natural breaks during road race stages only in rural areas free of spectators.

19. Riders who **fall behind the follow caravan** during road race stages are not guaranteed traffic control at intersections and must follow all normal traffic regulations.
20. Should a rider abandon the race his/her number must be returned to the commissaire or the sweep vehicle and he/she is expelled for the remainder of the tour.
21. Any rider failing to finish within **6 hours** taken from the start of each stage, will be withdrawn from the race at the discretion of the Commissaires Panel and a rider who are not able to complete a stage, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to participate further in the tour.
22. Radio transmission: the radio is for race direction, essential and emergency use only. The line of communication must be left available for these functions. Any person abusing this privilege will run risk of losing this essential service.
23. Radios will be provided by the organizer at a non-refundable cost of R400.
24. The organizers will under no circumstances hold themselves responsible in any way for motor car, cycling, motor cycling or civil offences.
25. The Commissaires Panel will consist of:
 - The President Commissaire plus
 - 2 commissaires appointed by the President Commissaire
26. The conduct of the race is the responsibility of the President Commissaire and Commissaires Panel who will decide on matters. Decisions taken shall be final and not subject to any overriding authority. Subject to a fine exceeding 200 SF, no competitor or team manager will be permitted to appeal to Cycling SA or to a court of law.
27. The Commissaires Panel shall have the power to disqualify competitors without prior warning given.
28. The Commissaires Panel reserve the right to make any kind of neutralization, this by common consent, should circumstances demand.
29. The Tour Director, in consent with the President Commissaire, may neutralize, cancel a stage or part thereof, should circumstances demand such action.
30. Control flags:
 - Red flag indicates danger
 - Red and white checked flag indicates a neutral zone
 - Black flag stops the race
31. The Tour Organizer will provide traffic control and medical support.
32. Riders must be familiar with the routes and potential traffic hazards. Riders must also be aware of on-route traffic and must **OBEDIENT ALL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**
33. If there are less than 18 riders in the tour, the Overall, KOM and Points will be reduced to 50%.

Prize Schedule

Stage	Pos		Stage	Pos		Stage	Pos	
Day 1	1	R1 000	Day 2	1	R1 000	Day 3	1	R1 000
	2	R500		2	R500		2	R500
	3	R300		3	R300		3	R300
Day 4	1	R1 000	Day 5	1	R1 000			
	2	R500		2	R500			
	3	R300		3	R300			

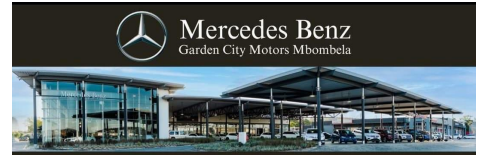
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	1	R8 000		1	R2 000		1	R2 000
	2	R6 000		2	R1 000		2	R1 000
	3	R3 000		3	R500		3	R500
	4	R2 000						
	5	R1 000						

Best Young Rider U/23	R2 000
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