

What to Expect on May 28, 2023

The [Pentagon North Parking Lot](#) opens to the public at 7 AM. There will be bikes rolling in at 7. Parking is primarily on a first-come, first-serve basis. The lot may be full before the noon start. There will be reserved areas just for the two or three large groups that are rolling in from area motorcycle dealerships under police escort. If you want to be in one of those reserved areas, find one of the dealerships grouping up and rolling in together. [Patriot Harley-Davidson](#) in Fairfax, VA and [H-D of Washington, DC](#), in Fort Washington, MD are the two largest this year.

National Anthem & Thunder Salute

At 11:55 AM sharp, watch for veterans up high on the east and west ends of the parking lot. When they start waving Old Glory, everyone joins together to sing our National Anthem. Then at noon, the flags will wave again, and all bikes are asked to rev those engines a few times. Let's let the entire nation hear us before they see us roll through the Nation's Capital.

The Route

Follow the bikes in front of you works, but here is the full rundown. For safety, the entire route will be closed to all other traffic. Please drive responsibly. No bike should stop anywhere on the route. Departing at the west end of the parking lot, we will come up onto northbound Washington Boulevard toward Arlington Memorial Bridge. As we cross the historic Potomac River, we will pass The Arts of War Sculptures and turn left onto Lincoln Memorial Circle NW. We turn left onto 23rd Street NW, past the Saluting Marine and maybe others, and right onto Constitution Avenue NW. We will ride the length of Constitution Ave, along the National Mall and the many memorials, past the White House, and onto Pennsylvania Avenue NW. We turn right onto 3rd Street NW in front of Capitol Hill. Rev those engines so our lawmakers can hear you! We turn right onto Independence Ave SW, heading back toward the memorials. Road closures end at 14th Street SW, where riders have the option of turning left toward I-395 (via VA-110 is the only way to get to Arlington National Cemetery while the demonstration is running) or continuing toward West Potomac Park, where there is limited public parking and routes to other highways and parkways. Memorial Bridge will be closed in both directions for the duration of the ride, expected to last until about 2 PM. Riders will not be permitted to reenter the Pentagon Reservation after the demonstration run.

What to Bring

Plenty of water. More water. You are welcome to bring your own food and nonalcoholic beverages. There will be some water handed out, but quantities will be limited, and demand may be high if the weather is warm (expect it to be warm). You may bring collapsible stools or chairs. There isn't much shade in this big, open parking lot, so umbrellas or even small popup canopies will be allowed where space is available. When riding, wear proper protective gear. Please, remember why we are demonstrating. Positivity will help make this a better experience for all.

What Not to Bring

The Pentagon is federal grounds, guarded by the Pentagon Force Protection Agency. They have rules, but they really just want everyone to apply common sense. Explosives, weapons, alcohol, and drones are prohibited on the Pentagon Reservation.