

Cookie Cross

2017 Technical Guide

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Event Overview

CXTO is proud to be bringing cyclocross racing back to downtown Toronto on October 28, 2017, with the second annual Cookie Cross. This event aspires to be an exciting event for all interested riders, from first-time racers to youth to provincial-level athletes.

Cyclocross racing was absent from most city parks for many years due to concerns over the potential damage it can cause to the park landscaping. CXTO has collaborated with City of Toronto Staff and stakeholders for the past three years to understand and address these concerns. Cookie Cross is the outcome of these efforts and remains an opportunity for all of us in the cycling community to demonstrate we, too, uphold our responsibilities as stewards of the parks and public places.

Venue

The Cookie Cross will take place at Christie Pits, an 8.9 hectare park located in downtown Toronto at the intersection of Bloor Street West and Christie Street, across from the Christie subway station. The park was named after the Christie Sand Pits which were on the location until the early 1900s and created the sloping sides which define the park today. The sand pits were named after Christie Street, which in turn was named after William Mellis Christie, the co-founder of the Christie & Brown Cookie Company, commonly known today as the Christie Brand.

Hence the name Cookie Cross. Get it?

A Note on Community Stewardship

CXTO is in this for the long haul and we would like to hold this event for many years to come. The success of this event and the re-establishment of cyclocross racing in Toronto is dependent on connecting and respecting the local community. This means treating Christie Pits and the other users of the park with respect. It also means that the collaboration of volunteers, participants, spectators, organizers, contributors and community is what made the Cookie Cross a success in its debut year, and will enable races like it and others to happen within Toronto in 2017 and beyond.

Please work with us in continuing to establish cyclocross racing in Toronto by caring for the park as if it were our own backyard, supporting the local businesses, and following the parking, bicycle and related laws of the city.

Inclement Weather and Environmental Concerns

One of the City of Toronto's biggest concerns about cyclocross is the potential damage it can cause to the grass and landscaping in City parks, particularly if it rains. While CXTO can put on a fantastic race it cannot control the weather! It has been agreed with the City that if there is heavy rain on race day or in the days leading up to race day, the race will not take place so that we can avoid the sort of damage that has given cyclocross a bad name in the past. If the weather does not co-operate, an announcement will be made on the CXTO website and Facebook page.

Please, No Preriding

We ask that you not ride the course prior to race day. Pre-riding will be allowed on race day before the start of the first race.

Volunteers

We love them! We couldn't hold this race without them. And we need lots of them. One thing we are committed to is that everyone who volunteers also has the opportunity to race, so if you are planning on racing anyway, please do consider showing up a little early or staying a little late to pitch in.

If you are interested in volunteering at this race, whether it be at registration, as a course marshal, with set-up or tear-down, please contact CXTO committee member Barry Cox at scooterthedog@me.com and he will find a job for you on race day. Thanks!

Event Schedule and Race Categories

Start Time	Duration	Race Category	Recommended for:
7:50	Check-in/Registration Open/Course open for Pre-riding		
9:00	40 min	Novice Mens Race	E4 and M3 licensed riders
10:00	30 min	Youth Race (Female & Male)	U15 and U13 licensed riders
10:50	50 min	Intermediate Mens Race	E3, M2, and U17 licensed riders and single speed riders
12:00	50 min	Womens Race	Elite, Masters, U19 and U17 licensed riders and single speed riders
13:00	1 lap	Free* Community Kids Race	Kids under age 16 who are beginner cyclists. Bring any bike. Shortened course.
13:40	2 laps	Try-a-Cross Race (Female & Male)	For cyclists who have never raced before. Bring any bike. Shortened course.
14:30	60 min	Open Mens Race	E1, E2, M1 and U19 licensed riders
16:00	Park cleanup		

*First 50 Registered Kids will be paid for by Kindhuman Bicycles

Parking

There is very little parking near Christie Pits. Where possible, spectators and participants are asked to take an alternate forms of transportation. If driving is a must, please plan your parking arrangements, car pool with a friend, and arrive early.

There is no parking onsite. There are Green P pay-and-display parking lots along Bloor Street West, as well as limited Street Parking on both Bloor and Christie streets (<http://parking.greenp.com>). The Parking Lots are \$5-8 for daytime parking until 6pm and are strongly recommended. Street Parking is \$3 per hour with a 3 hour limit. Depending on demand, the closest available parking lot may be a kilometer or more from Christie Pits. Please be prepared to walk or ride your bike from your vehicle to the venue.

Please do not park on the neighbourhood side streets as this is a major disruption to the local community. Parking Enforcement will be ticketing all day.

Getting to the Park

Park Address: Christie Pits, 750 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, M6G 3K4

Riding to the Park: We highly encourage you to ride to the park. The park is conveniently located only 1 block East of the Shaw Street bike route and on the new Bloor Street bike lanes.

Public Transit via TTC: Take subway line 2 to Christie station. The park is located just outside the station.

Driving via the QEW/Gardiner Expressway > Parkside

From the Eastbound Gardiner Expressway, take the Lakeshore Rd Exit and continue along Lakeshore Rd to the Parkside Drive exit. Turn North onto Parkside drive and continue to Bloor Street West. Turn East onto Bloor Street and drive for 3.3km to Christie Pits park.

Driving via Highway 400/401 > Black Creek/Weston

From either Highway 400 Southbound or Highway 401 Eastbound, take the Black Creek Road exit and drive South to Weston Rd. Turn South onto Weston Rd. Weston Rd will turn into Keele St. Continue on Keele to Bloor Street West. Turn East onto Bloor Street and continue for 3.3km to Christie Pits

Driving via Highway 404/401/DVP > Bloor Street

From the Don Valley Parkway Southbound, take the Bloor/Bayview exit towards Bloor Street East. Turn West onto Bloor Street and continue for 4.3km to Christie Pits.

Event Site Map

Prohibited Areas:

- A. Ball Diamond A
- B. Ball Diamond B
- C. Ball Diamond C
- D. Soccer Field
- E. Playground
- F. Basketball Court and Community Garden
- G. Circular Flowerbed

Event Support Areas:

- 1. Check-in & Registration
- 2. Team Tents
- 3. Toilets
- F. Food Truck
- M. Christie Station (TTC)
- S. Start/Finish
- X. Event Entrance



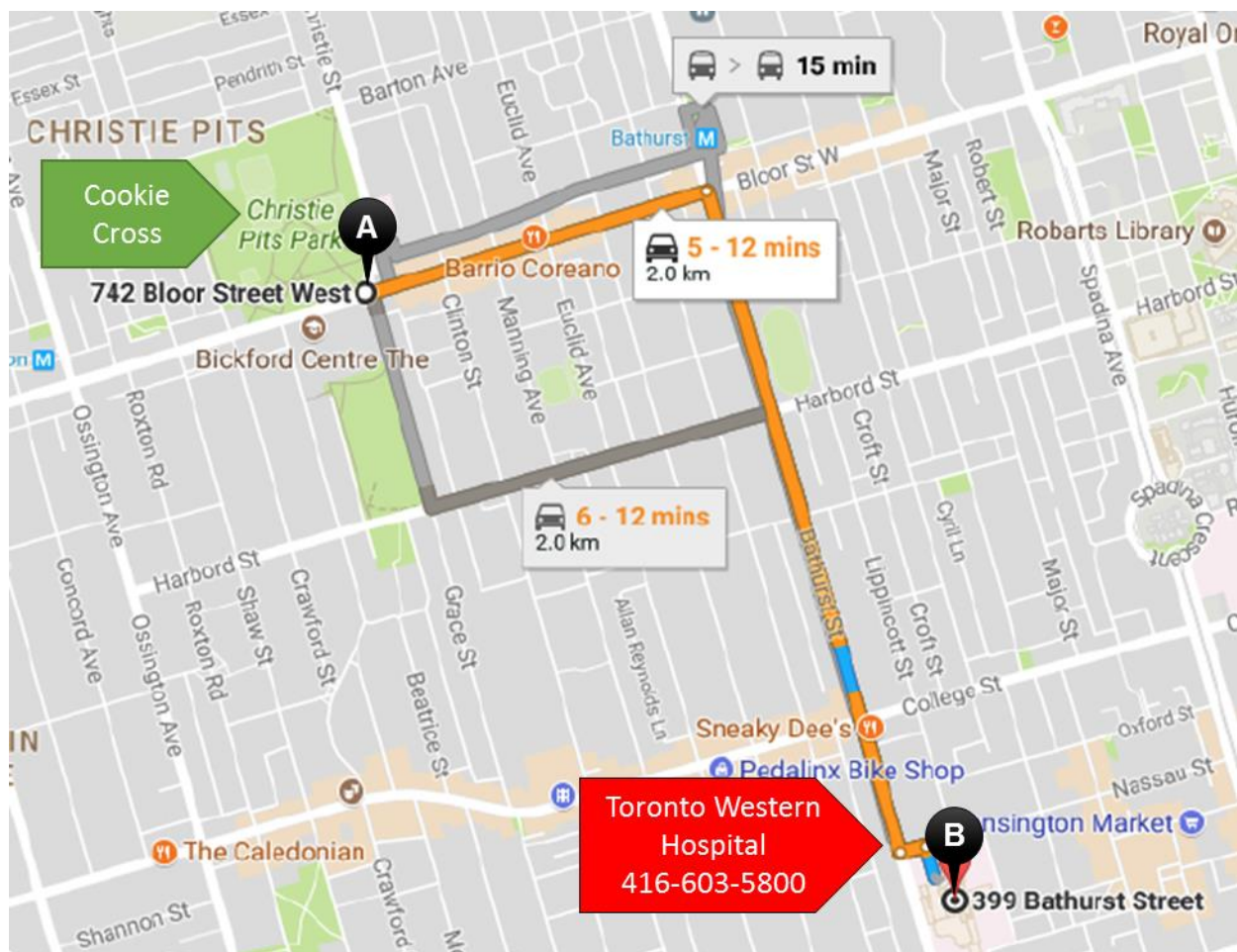
Security Policy and disclaimer

All individuals are responsible for their own property at all times. The race organizers are not responsible for any lost or stolen items including theft of bicycles.

First Aid & Medical

Trained medical first responders will be on-site to administer first aid. They will be located near registration if not responding to an emergency on course. If you need to report an incident please find an official or race volunteer and they will inform the necessary parties.

The nearest hospital is Toronto Western Hospital at **399 Bathurst Street** (Phone: 416-603-5800). To drive from Christie Pits to Toronto Western Hospital, drive East on Bloor Street W for 650m towards Bathurst St. Turn South onto Bathurst St and continue South for 1.3km. The hospital is on the East side of Bathurst St at Dundas St W.



Registration

- Pre-registration is preferred and closes on **Thursday, October 26, at 11:59pm**. Pre-registration is available here: <https://ccnbikes.com/#!/events/toronto-cookie-cross2017>
- Race day registration is available and is cash only. For the Try-a-Cross and Community Kids Races, only race day registration is available.
- A valid OCA/UCI License is required, or the purchase of a one-day non-member permit.

Registration Fees

	Early Registration <i>Closes at Sunday, October 22, 11:59pm</i>	Week-of Registration <i>Closes at Thursday, October 26, 11:59pm</i>	Race Day Registration <i>Opens at Saturday, October 28, 7:50am</i>
Categories			
Novice, Intermediate and Open and Womens Races	\$35	\$45	\$60
Youth Race	\$30	\$35	\$40
Try-a-Cross Race	Race Day Registration Only		\$10
Community Kids Race	Race Day Registration Only		Free*

- One-day non-member permits are required for non OCA/UCI License holders. Non-member Permits are available for an additional \$8.
- A \$3.00 processing fee will be added to pre-registrations (both Early and Week-of)
- Race Day Registration will be cash only
- *The first 50 registered kids in the Community Kids Race will be paid for by Kindhuman Bicycles

Event Rules

- The races will be held under the rules of the UCI/CCA with OCA modifications.
- All riders must sign in at least 30 minutes before their start. Registration will open no later than 7:50am.
- Riders must present their UCI License at sign-in.
- Riders must wear a helmet at all times.
- Bib numbers will be on-site for pickup on race day as part rider sign-in. Bib placemen is on the back of the jersey, and on the left arm.
- An electronic timing system will be used to track results. Riders will be required to mount their timing chip to their bike(s). Timing chips will be provided at rider sign-in.
- Warming up on course while racing is underway is NOT permitted. As the lead rider crosses the finish line, riders may be allowed on course to warm up after the finish line, but must not interfere with the race in any way. Please be courteous to other racers above all else.
- Cyclocross bikes confirming with UCI regulations are required for Open and Intermediate categories. All other categories allow any other bicycle, although bar-ends on mountain bikes must be removed.
- Any rider dropping out of the race shall immediately notify a race official.
- There will be a pit located on course for wheels, back up bikes and so forth. The pit must be accessed by the designated entrance and riders may not travel backwards or cut the course to reach the entrance, with the exception of a mishap occurring after the pit entrance but before the pit exit.

- Lapped riders may be pulled by race officials either after being overtaken or just before being overtaken.
- Results will be posted near registration shortly after each race. Upon posting there will be a 15 minute protest period following which the results become official and award presentations will follow promptly.
- Top-3 finishers are required to attend award presentations or risk forfeiting their rewards. Riders are expected to wear their competition uniforms for the award presentation and to generally look as pro as possible. Podiums will happen during the subsequent race, or approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of each race.

Warm-up Areas

- Warming up on course while racing is underway is NOT permitted. As the lead rider crosses the finish line, riders may be allowed on course to warm up after the finish line, but must not interfere with the race in any way.
- All riders warming up outside of the park are expected to be cautious and courteous to other road users, and to follow all the rules of the road. Please do not ride on sidewalks or any private property. Please stop at all stop signs and traffic lights. All roads around the park are open and will have vehicular traffic.

Course Map

Will be subject to change.

