

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2026

Present: Rick Ducheneau, Brian DuBois, Arnie Scheller, Chief Trott, AA Gove
Ron Giroux, Bob Pike

R Ducheneau called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

R Ducheneau was not available to attend the School Board meeting on June 18th.

R Ferland gave the monthly Bridge Report, see attached.

Chief Trott gave his report, see attached.

Chief Ames was not in attendance.

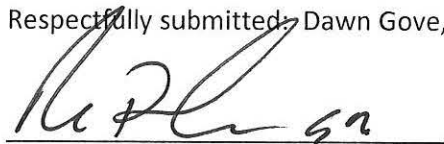
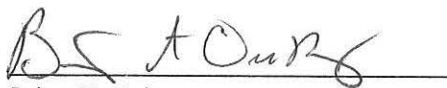
Bob Pike came before the Board with a complaint regarding Avitar Associates and the Town for not addressing his request for solar exemption.

R Ducheneau made a Motion to give the solar exemption in the amount of \$11,200 to Robert Pike on PID 11-5-4, 2nd by A Scheller, all in favor.

The Board signed the Humane Society contract for 2026 and will be send out with the payment in July.

A Scheller made a Motion to adjourn at 5:35 PM, 2nd by R Ducheneau, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Gove, Administrative Assistant


Richard Ducheneau, Sr., Chair
Brian DuBois

Arnie Scheller

June 2026 Bridge Report

- Began the application process to receive more funding available from FEMA for Rowentown (\$167,306.48) and N. Dorchester (\$52,393.21) for cost overruns
- Signed and submitted Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, and Construction Contract to Cold River Bridges for Cross Road construction
- Signed and submitted Wetlands Permit to NHDES for Cross Rd
- Signed and opened Cross Rd FEMA Cat Z Administrative costs, allowing management costs to be reimbursed up to \$57,684.65.
- Negotiated funding with MVSB and NHBB and decided to accept the terms of the MVSB \$1.6M 6 month LOC and a \$1.1M 10 year bond with NHBB based on interest rates
- Started the easement process for N. Dorchester culvert
- Received updated Opinion of Construction Cost for N. Dorchester totalling \$280,000 (estimate only - costs will be based on actual bids received)
- Received reimbursement of \$6,786.32 for N. Dorchester
- Received reimbursement of \$6,336 for Rowentown
- Submitted reimbursement request for Cross for \$14,478.04
- Attended Preconstruction meeting with HEB and Cold River. Construction is scheduled to start in the second week of July.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Ferland

Select Board Assistant for Infrastructure Development

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WPD Activity Report

Presented 06/23/2025

Please note that the following is a summary of notable activity conducted by the Wentworth Police Department, (WPD), but does not reflect "all" of WPD's activity during this time frame.

Chief Trott checked on a disabled school bus on Mount Moosilauke Highway. It was one of the electric buses and one of the batteries had died and needed to be replaced. The bus company sent out another bus and picked up the remaining students on board as well as the bus driver and they were back on their route within the hour. The bus was parked on the side of the road out of the way of traffic with hazard triangles in place and was removed within a few hours.

Chief Trott handled an ACO call for a dog that was at a residence in Wentworth and would not leave. The home owner did not feel safe to leave. Chief Trott responded, picked the dog up, and the owner was located and the dog returned to him. The dog owner was issued a warning for allowing a dog to run at large as this was the third time, he had been contacted about his dogs running at large. He was advised that any further calls would result in him receiving a citation.

Chief Trott responded to the south end of Wentworth for a medical call advising that someone was having a manic attack and was becoming violent. Chief Trott secured the scene and Wentworth Fire and EMS arrived and rendered aid to the patient.

Chief Trott responded to Wentworth for a report of a male subject that was acting strange, possibly intoxicated, walking in the middle of Mount Moosilauke Highway. Warren PD also responded but we were unable to locate the subject. A short time later another call came in stating that the subject was now at the Wentworth Rumney Town line and Rumney PD was notified. Chief Trott made contact with the subject just prior to Rumney PD's arrival and both agencies checked on the subject who was intoxicated. After checking the subject for warrants he was transported to a residence in Rumney where he was staying. This matter was handled without incident.

After checking a large tree that came down over Look Away Lane we were able to coordinate with the property owner and Josh King and make arrangements to have it taken care of. It was done the following day and Josh King did an amazing job getting that tree down without incident. This was a hazardous situation and Josh and our highway guys got everything opened up and cleaned up in a very reasonable amount of time.



Just a few things to mention for the community and town department heads to be aware of. Camp Pemigewassett is open with staff at the facility and their first wave of residential campers will arrive this Saturday June 17th. The population of the camp will increase to approximately 250 in total. This session will be in place until August 15th. They will then have a second smaller family camp setting with campers that will run between August 17th through to August 23rd.

The next point of interest is this years Annual Prouty Bike Ride, this is the 45th Prouty and it does encompass the community of Wentworth. This is usually a two-day event but the part of the ride that affects us will take place on Saturday July 11th, 2026, and we usually start seeing riders anywhere between 0600 hours with the last ones usually coming through sometime between 1100 and Noontime. They will be coming into Wentworth on Rte #25-A from Orford and then taking a right onto Rte#25 at the intersection where The Dollar General is and then turning left onto East Side Road where they will travel around East Side Road to Rte#25 in Warren and take a right at that intersection. Please note that as usual, this is also the same weekend that Warren hosts their Warren Old Home Day. This is usually a very busy weekend with vehicle traffic, bicycle traffic, and OHRV traffic. The event is well planned and there are emergency protocols in place throughout the event.

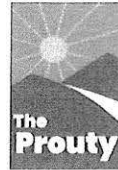
Next I want to give some shout outs to some of our town employees. We seem to have had an increase in calls for service that required responses from the WFD and EMS. I have assisted on some of these calls and I want to say a sincere thank you to Chief Ames and his members for doing such a great job. They have also assisted me with calls during our last two storms with calls for wires down, and trees down, and even one event that required the temporary closing of one of our roads. In the midst of all this we also handled a 911 call from Atwell Hill Road.

Next, I have heard, and received some complaints about work that needs to be done with our roads, some due to the storms we have experienced. I have explained to people that our road crew of two (2), have done their best. So my next shout out goes to Adam Bullard our Road Agent and Brandon for responding and handling these calls for service after hours and when the weather is at its worst. After the storms cleared they have been working diligently prioritizing what needs to be fixed first and where trying to get the work done in a timely manner. They need to hear more Thank You from us than complaints, they are doing their best.

Last but certainly not least, I want to say a huge Thank You to Phil Chandonnet. I have suggested over the years that we do something with the trees and brush along the fence line at the transfer station so people have a better line of sight when leaving the transfer station. Well Phil took it upon himself while burning the brush pile down there one day last week to do just that. He cleared the brush, saplings and small trees away and then cleaned it up and it looks great. Because of what Phil did, he has made entering and leaving the transfer station much safer for everyone who goes there. Thank you, Phil, that was a job well done.



Friends of
Dartmouth
Cancer Center



June 10, 2026

RE: 2026 Prouty (July 10 - 11, 2026)

Dear Town Administrator,

The 45th Annual Prouty (Bike, Walk, Row, and Golf) raises funds for cancer research and patient services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Dartmouth Cancer Center. The only Comprehensive Cancer Center as designated by the National Cancer Institute in Northern New England (There are only 51 in the whole country). This nationally recognized facility serves northern New England, but its research affects patient treatment around the world. All funds raised by the Prouty stay local and are used to support clinical trials and patient services which have no other source of funding.

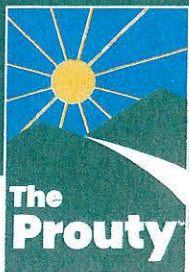
This year's bike ride (not a race) will take place on **Friday, July 10th (Prouty Ultimate)** and **Saturday, July 11th**. While I've already reached out to many town administrators in advance, I've enclosed additional informational packets for town departments (Police, Public Works, and Fire) which may be impacted by the event. Likewise, please contact the Prouty if there are any unexpected events or road alterations which would adversely affect the event.

Thank you for your continued support of the Prouty. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. On the day of the event, I can be reached at the **Prouty's Incident Command Center by calling (603) 646 – 1593**.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bouchard

Bruce Bouchard
Prouty Operations Director
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77-Mile Bike Ride

Saturday, July 11, 2026

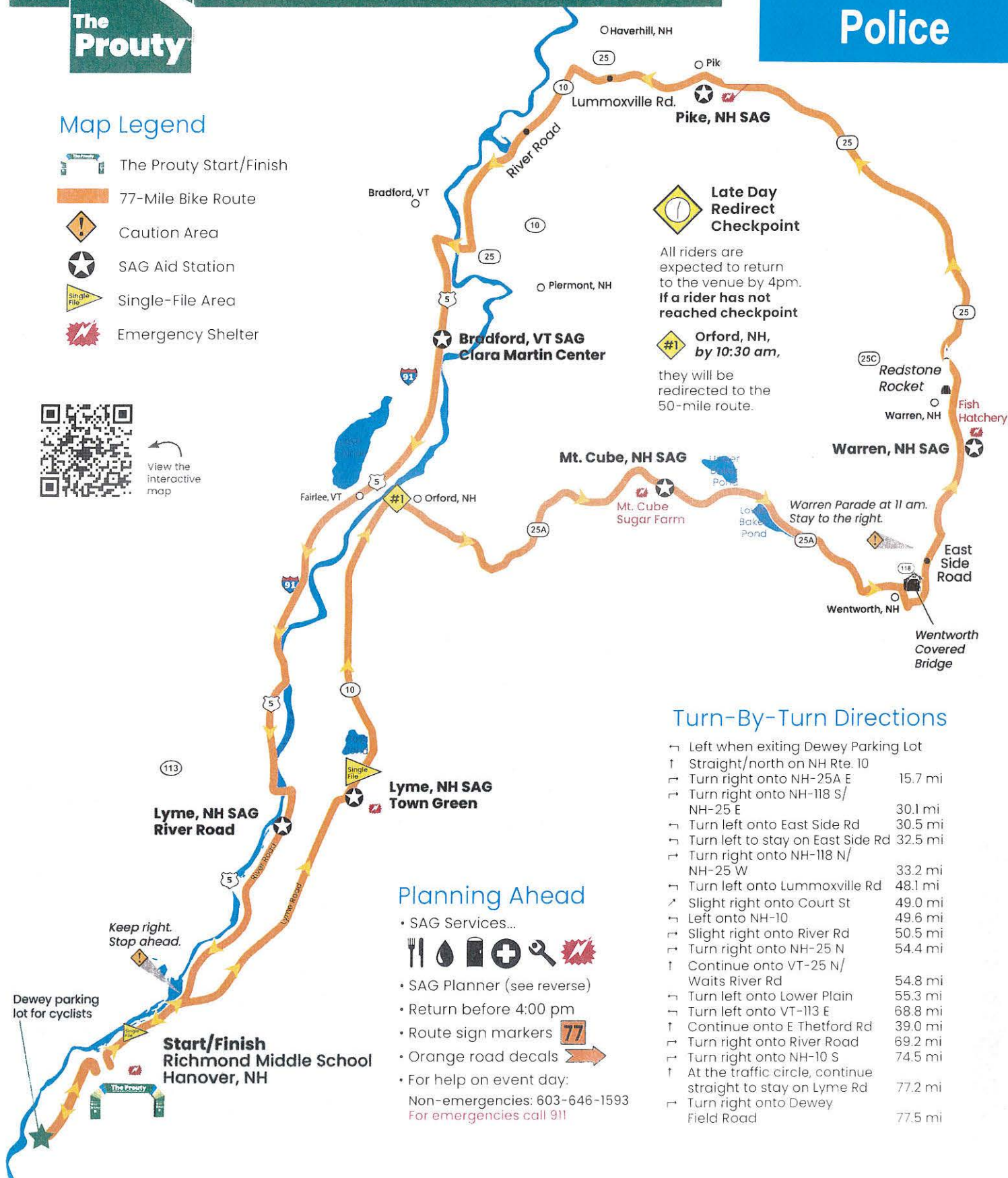
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Map Legend

- The Prouty Start/Finish
- 77-Mile Bike Route
- Caution Area
- SAG Aid Station
- Single-File Area
- Emergency Shelter



View the interactive map



Late Day Redirect Checkpoint

All riders are expected to return to the venue by 4pm. If a rider has not reached checkpoint

Orford, NH, by 10:30 am,

they will be redirected to the 50-mile route.

Turn-By-Turn Directions

- Left when exiting Dewey Parking Lot
- ↑ Straight/north on NH Rte. 10
- Turn right onto NH-25A E 15.7 mi
- Turn right onto NH-118 S/ NH-25 E 30.1 mi
- Turn left onto East Side Rd 30.5 mi
- Turn left to stay on East Side Rd 32.5 mi
- Turn right onto NH-118 N/ NH-25 W 33.2 mi
- Turn left onto Lummoxtown Rd 48.1 mi
- Slight right onto Court St 49.0 mi
- Left onto NH-10 49.6 mi
- Slight right onto River Rd 50.5 mi
- Turn right onto NH-25 N 54.4 mi
- ↑ Continue onto VT-25 N/ Waits River Rd 54.8 mi
- Turn left onto Lower Plain 55.3 mi
- Turn left onto VT-113 E 68.8 mi
- ↑ Continue onto E Thetford Rd 39.0 mi
- Turn right onto River Road 69.2 mi
- Turn right onto NH-10 S 74.5 mi
- ↑ At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Lyme Rd 77.2 mi
- Turn right onto Dewey Field Road 77.5 mi

Planning Ahead

• SAG Services...



• SAG Planner (see reverse)

• Return before 4:00 pm

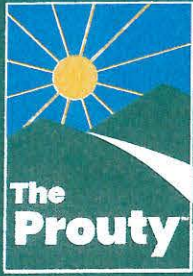
• Route sign markers

• Orange road decals

• For help on event day:

Non-emergencies: 603-646-1593

For emergencies call 911



100-Mile Bike Ride

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Difficulty Level:

Turn-By-Turn Directions

- | | |
|---|---------|
| Turn left onto Lyme Rd | 0.14 mi |
| At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Lyme Rd | 1.01 |
| At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Lyme Rd | 1.95 |
| Turn right onto NH-25A E | 17.26 |
| Turn right onto NH-118 S/NH-25 E | 31.75 |
| Turn left onto East Side Rd | 32.15 |
| Turn left to stay on East Side Rd | 34.08 |
| Turn right onto NH-118 N/NH-25 W | 34.81 |
| Turn right onto Brushwood Rd | 48.57 |
| Turn right onto County Rd | 51.19 |
| Turn left onto NH-116 W | 52.89 |
| Turn right onto NH-10 N | 55.11 |
| Slight left onto NH-135 N/S Court St | 58.38 |
| Continue onto Hospital Rd | 59.05 |
| Continue onto S Court St | 59.77 |
| Turn left onto Central St | 60.01 |
| Turn left onto Main St N | 60.53 |
| Turn left onto VT-113 E | 87.76 |
| Continue onto E Thetford Rd | 88.05 |
| Turn right onto River Rd | 88.14 |
| Turn right onto NH-10 S/Lyme Rd | 93.44 |
| At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Lyme Rd | 96.08 |
| Enter the traffic circle | 96.8 |
| Turn right onto Dewey Field Road | 97.69 |
| End of route | 97.83 |



View the interactive map

Dewey parking lot for cyclists

Keep right. Stop ahead.

Start/Finish
Richmond Middle School
Hanover, NH

Lyme, NH SAG Town Green

Planning Ahead

• SAG Services...



- SAG Planner (see reverse)
- Return before 4:00 pm
- Route sign markers
- Blue road decals
- For help on event day:
Non-emergencies: 603-646-1593
For emergencies call 911

Late Day Redirect Checkpoint

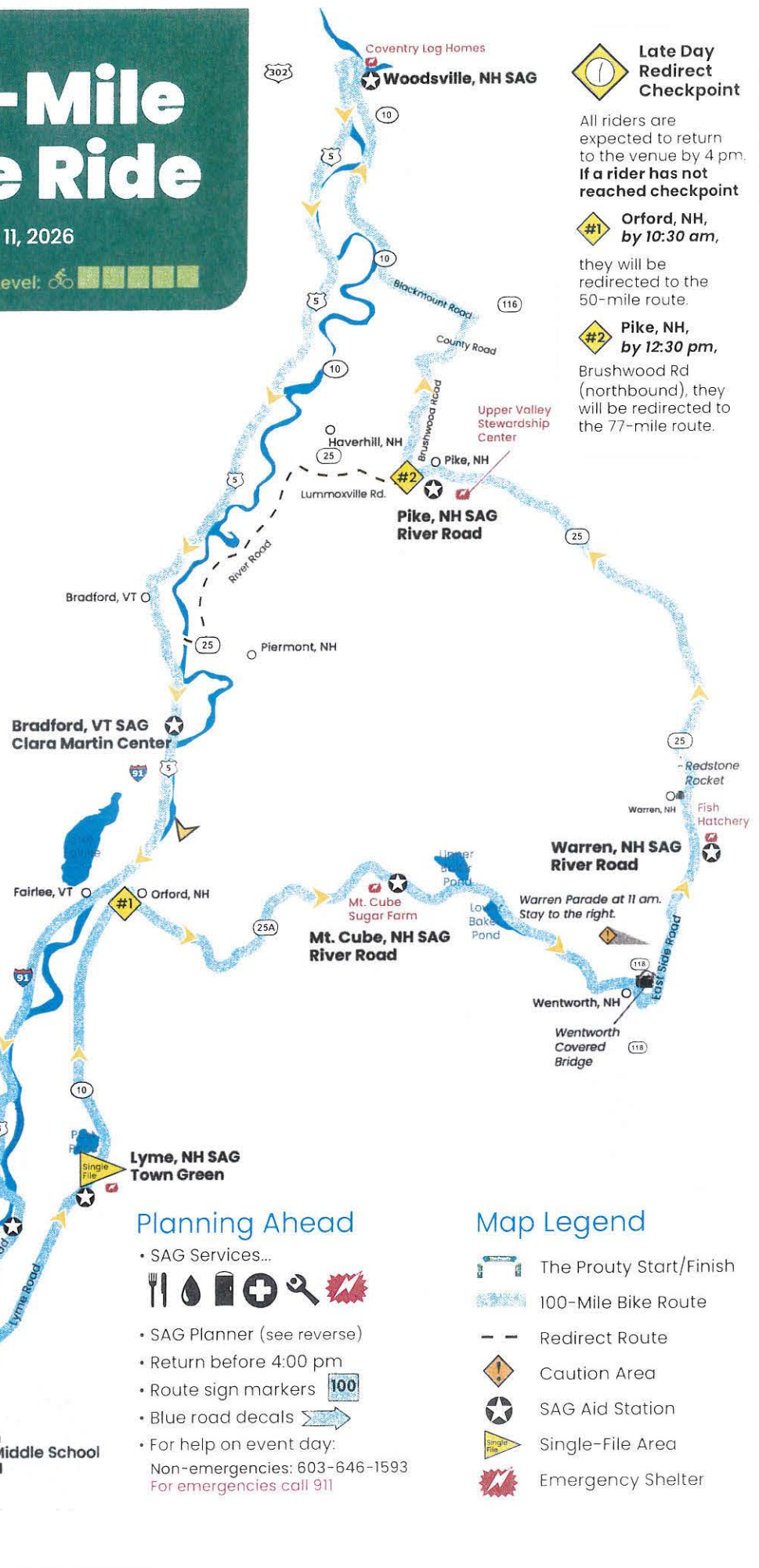
All riders are expected to return to the venue by 4 pm.
If a rider has not reached checkpoint

#1 Orford, NH, by 10:30 am,

they will be redirected to the 50-mile route.

#2 Pike, NH, by 12:30 pm,

Brushwood Rd (northbound), they will be redirected to the 77-mile route.



Map Legend

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- 100-Mile Bike Route
- Redirect Route
- Caution Area
- SAG Aid Station
- Single-File Area
- Emergency Shelter