



Bastogne: "Friends of the Way of Freedom" asbl Cycling - 2023 Edition

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Dear Hiker Friend,

The 2023 edition of the Voie de la Liberté cycle route will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Three cities will welcome participants on June 2, 3 & 4, 2023:

- Arlon on Friday 02 June
- Libramont on Saturday 03 June
- Bastogne on Sunday 04 June

Here are the details of the meeting times and place as well as the latest information and advice.

- These three days of hiking are open to all people, licensed or not, physically fit and who have sufficient preparation to cover approximately 120 km per day at a cycle touring pace. Indeed, the route, given the configuration of the places crossed, requires sufficient physical preparation
- As a reminder, mountain bikes, recumbent bikes, cargo bikes and "Dutch" bikes are not allowed to ride. VTCs are however allowed.
- The routes will be carried out in a peloton supervised by the police, at fixed start and finish times. This is by no means a competitive event.
- A bib number will be assigned to you during the distribution of your "Welcome-pack" including in particular the jersey, meal tickets and medal, program, etc ... which will take place at the Sports Center "Porte de Trèves", on Thursday 1st June from 3 to 6 p.m. and Friday June 2 from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
- For accommodation at the sports center, you must bring your equipment, inflatable mattress, camp bed or other at your convenience.
- For all other accommodation, information via the Bastogne Tourist Office:
 - o Website: www.bastogne-tourisme.be
 - o Address: Place McAuliffe - B-6600 BASTOGNE
 - o Telephone: 00 32 (0) 61 21.27.11

For the smooth running of the event and the satisfaction of all; it is important to respect certain rules:

- It is indeed important that each hiker is aware of the effort made by the Cities and Towns that welcome us. The best way to thank them is to respect the facilities they make available to the organization and to create a current of sympathy with the population that we will meet along the three routes.
- Making nearly 250 people coexist during the stay can sometimes, with the help of fatigue, cause some small frictions (during meals and accommodation in particular). So thank you for showing fair play and good will at all times.
- Be aware that during the months preceding the event, a whole team of volunteers (there are still some!) took on their leisure to participate in countless meetings so that the hike could take place and that it unfolds in the best possible way.

Many people do not suspect the amount of letters, phone calls, kilometers and formalities that must be completed to settle everything down to the smallest detail, whether for reception, security or the necessary authorizations. It is important that you be informed of the additional burden, always accepted with good grace, that we cause to all those we involve in this great adventure: administrations, municipalities, gendarmerie, police, sponsors...

- • So all participate in preserving the good brand image of the hike and its subsequent maintenance.

To do the hike" is to honor those who opened "The Way to Freedom" 79 years ago. Thank you for taking to heart the tribute that we will pay to our liberators during the various commemorative ceremonies that will be organized in each of the Stage Cities (Arlon, Libramont and Bastogne).

It goes without saying that the seriousness of the behavior does not exclude good humor, it must be permanent.

All together, we are going to experience three days of friendship.

The Organizing Committee has endeavored to make your daily life as pleasant as possible by taking into account your remarks, suggestions and wishes; thank you for agreeing to respect the different rules above.

For the Organizing Committee
Philippe BROZAK
President