

# SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Sunday July 12, 2015

## PROSPERA GRANFONDO AXEL MERCKX OKANAGAN

(see Reverse for Maps)

*On the morning of Sunday, July 12, 2015, 2,600 cyclists of all skill levels will participate in the 5th annual Prospera Granfondo Axel Merckx Okanagan bike ride through the South Okanagan.*

The event begins (7 a.m.) in Penticton’s Gyro Park, and travels through the towns of Summerland, Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Kaleden, before winding its way back to Gyro Park. The event benefits the *Axel Merckx Youth Development Foundation*. It also features many celebrities including Axel Merckx and members of the Axeon Professional Cycling Team.

**How Does This Affect You?** RCMP and event organizers are working to ensure a safe route. While road closures will be limited, residents and commuters should expect delays and be prepared to use alternate routes. The map (on reverse) highlights the ride route to help you navigate around the event. Residents and commuters will encounter fewer delays and disruptions as the ride progresses through the City of Penticton and the South Okanagan. Several signalized intersections will be put in flash mode with traffic being controlled by a Traffic Control Person or the RCMP. For traffic information, visit: [www.granfondoaxelmerckx.com/traffic](http://www.granfondoaxelmerckx.com/traffic).

Road Closed - Sunday July 12	Between	Time Closed	Time of Re-Open
Riverside / Lakeshore	Front and Eckhardt	6:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Main St (Full Closure)	Front and Wade	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Main St (Full Closure)	Wade and Kinney	6:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
South Main (Southbound)	Kinney and City Limit	7:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Martin	Lakeshore and Wade	6:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Martin (Left lane Southbound Closed)	Lakeshore and Eckhardt	6:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Wade / Government	Eckhardt and Martin	6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Wade	Main and Martin	6:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Vancouver / Lower Bench	Front and Tupper	6:45 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Tupper	Lower Bench and Middle Bench	6:45 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Middle Bench / Munson	Tupper and Upper Bench	6:45 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Upper Bench / Johnson / Haven Hill	Munson and Government	6:45 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Lakeshore (Summerland)	Hwy. 97 and Peach Orchard Rd.	7:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Peach Orchard Road	Lakeshore to Rosedale	7:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Jubilee	Rosedale to Kelly	7:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Kelly	Jubilee to Wharton	7:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Wharton	Kelly and Victoria	7:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Gartrell (Westbound)	Tait to Arkell	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Skaha Lake Rd	Channel Parkway and Kinney	7:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

(Right lane Northbound closed. Local traffic only)

As noted above, large sections of Penticton’s Main Street will be closed from 6 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Here is a list of Main Street crossings that motorists can access:

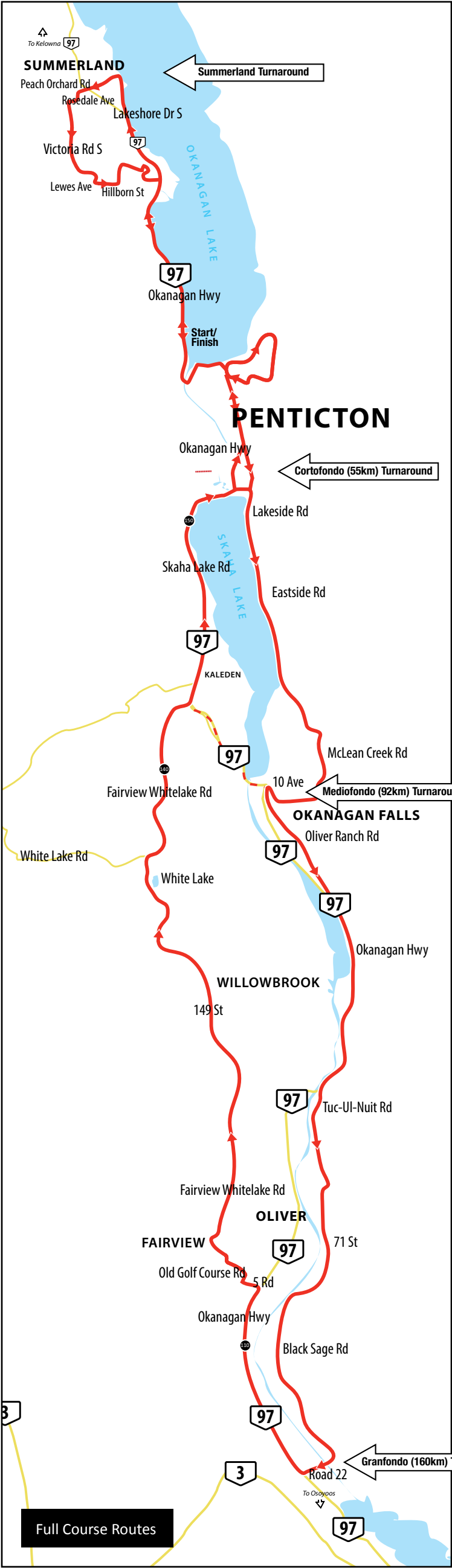
**Lakeshore (after 10:30 a.m.) • Eckhardt Ave • Duncan Ave • Industrial Ave. • Green Ave**

**ALSO NOTE:** On Saturday, July 11, the roads encircling Penticton’s Gyro Park will be closed for the Kids’ Piccolofondo event, from 1:00 p.m. (following the Farmers’ Market) to 4:00 p.m. and Main St from Lakeshore to Westminster will remain closed until 5p.m. on Sunday, July 12.

The Granfondo (160km), Mediofondo (92km) and Cortofondo (55km) events all begin at 7 a.m. on Penticton’s Main Street – adjacent to Gyro Park. Via Lakeshore Dr. and Front St., participants will ride up Vancouver Ave. and Lower Bench Rd. before returning via Upper Bench Rd., Johnson Rd. and Haven Hill Rd. Participants will then proceed along Government St. and Wade Ave., turning north on Martin St. to connect with Lakeshore Dr. and Riverside Dr., and then onto Hwy 97. The ride continues along Hwy 97 to Summerland. Exiting on Lakeshore Dr., cyclists will ride up Peach Orchard Rd. to Jubilee Rd. before heading south on Kelly Ave., west on Wharton St., and south on Victoria Rd. Following Victoria Rd. S, riders head north on Happy Valley Rd. and join Hwy 97 via Gartrell Rd. and Johnson St. Cyclists re-enter Penticton via Riverside Dr. and Lakeshore Dr. Riders then turn south along Martin St. At Eckhardt Ave. riders merge onto Main St. and proceed to Kinney Ave., where they continue south along South Main St. While Cortofondo riders loop back down Main St. to the finish, Granfondo & Mediofondo riders proceed south

along East Side Rd., turning east onto McLean Creek Rd. Riders will follow McLean Creek Rd. until it becomes 10th Ave. at which point riders will access the Christie Park aid station via Maple St. and 7TH Ave. The aid station signals the split of the 92km Mediofondo group (who will return to Penticton via Hwy 97.) and the 160km Granfondo group who will head south on Oliver Ranch Rd., crossing Hwy 97 at Vaseux Lake. From Hwy 97, Granfondo riders turn left onto Tuc-Ul-Nuit Rd., merge with 71st St., and continue south on Black Sage Rd. Shortly after the lunch stop at Le Vieux Pin Winery, Granfondo riders will veer west on 22 Rd. and back onto Hwy 97, heading to Oliver. Cyclists head west again at 5 Rd., and up to Fairview Mountain Golf Course. Riders then connect with Fairview White Lake Rd., following it past St. Andrews By the Lake Golf Course and onto Hwy 97. Mediofondo & Granfondo riders merge at this point and proceed north on Hwy 97 through Kaleden, and then into Penticton, via Skaha Lake Rd. To reach the finish, all riders travel north on Main St. Riders return to Gyro Park between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For further event details, visit: [www.granfondoaxelmerckx.com](http://www.granfondoaxelmerckx.com)  
or contact **Prospera Granfondo Axel Merckx Okanagan** at: **250-462-7867**





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