



Green Mountain Stage Race **September 4-7, 2026**

4 days of exciting and challenging racing in the Green Mountains of Vermont

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Gregory Faust, Town Administrator
(Via email) townadmin@bristolvt.org

Re: Stage 3 of the 2026 Green Mountain Stage Race

Hello Gregory,

I am writing to you about Stage 3 of the 2026 Green Mountain Stage Race planned for September 6. This will be the 25th edition of the GMSR. We would have a total of 9 stage race fields with the first starting at Mt. Ellen at 8am and the last field starting by 10am. The first racers should reach Bristol at 10am and the last racer should be through town by 1pm. We would use the same course as in 2025 Rt. 116 to Hewitt Road to South Street and right onto East Street. We will have flaggers and police at intersections including South and East Streets.

Last year the event attracted 720 racers from around the US, Canada, and Europe to Vermont for the four days of racing making the GMSR the largest road bicycle stage race in North America. I expect approximately 600-750 racers this year. 98% of the racers come from outside Vermont, and about as many race supporters and family members come with the racers for the event.

Our top goal is the safety of the racers as well as of all other road users. To that end we have State Police Officers lead each race field. We have USA Cycling Officials with each race field on motorcycles or in vehicles. We also have EMS staff on the course with the race. All vehicles have radios and there is communication within the fields as well as between fields during the race. The racers are in a race caravan during the event and any dropped racers must follow the normal rules of the road. Further, the race is run under the yellow line rule meaning racers must stay on their side of the yellow line or be penalized. We will have police officers at all major intersections to keep traffic flowing safely. I will work with the Bristol PD for coverage in town. We have insurance for the event and have attached a certificate naming the town as an additional insured.

I would like to be on the agenda for the next select board meeting if possible and I will be present in either in person or remotely to answer any questions.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Kessler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Gary Kessler
Race Director
Killington Stage Race
Green Mountain Stage Race