

A Window on our Website: Using “Ride with GPS” for Navigation Feb 21,2022 v.2
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This is the third of a series of illuminations on some of our lesser-known features at www.actc.org. Feel free to comment or send in your own contributions to editor@actc.org.

In our last two articles, we showed you how any person can become a Ride Leader and post their own ride entries and statistics. You may have even already familiarized yourself by viewing and creating routes using the popular cycling application “Ride With GPS”. Indeed, many of our more helpful ride leaders include routes based on this app. But did you know you could also use these routes to actively navigate you with spoken directions from your phone? Many users have complained that it’s difficult to do this without a subscription.

So what exactly is this app? [Ride With GPS](#) is a popular application for runners, hikers and cyclists who wish to plan their routes and keep track of their progress and statistics. Similar to the popular [Strava](#) social app, routes can be created and downloaded to your cell phones, where you can use “Ride with GPS” on your phone to navigate and track your progress. It has a free version and a subscriber option: The subscriber option offers more powerful routing capabilities and real-time navigation features. Fortunately for us, “Ride with GPS” offers a club option where ACTC members are able to use these features without a subscription.

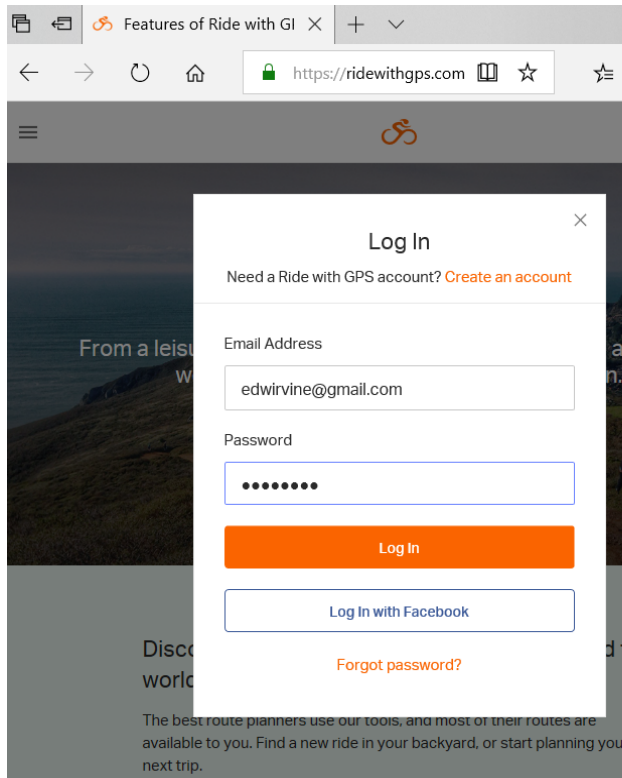
Here is all you need to use the club feature of “Ride with GPS”:

1. Your own personal login account with “Ride With GPS”.
2. A link to the ACTC Club account.
3. The same application downloaded and [installed on your phone](#).
4. A route, which is created or copied to the ACTC club account.
5. A computer or phone with an on-ramp to the information superhighway.

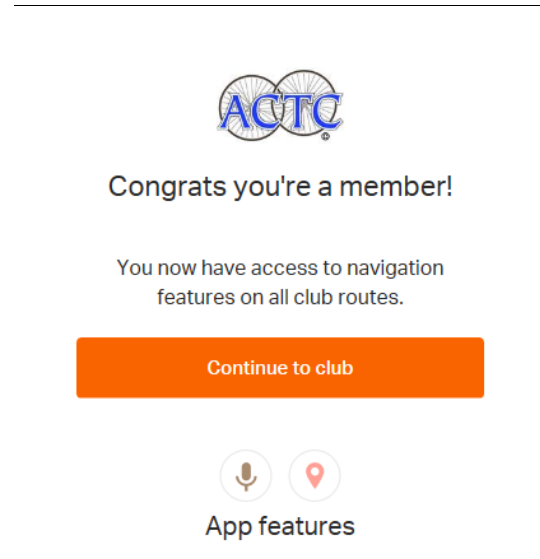
Note that Step #4 is not always a given when you start your ride. Only a few ride leaders understand that the easiest method for our club riders is to list their route using the ACTC Club account. In this tutorial we will start with the assumption that the ride listing is under the club account, and later explain how to copy your routes to the club account.

- **Start with your own personal ACTC account**

If you don’t already have a free account, just point your browser to [RidewithGPS](#). Click the Create an Account link to get started.



Step 1: Login to RidewithGPS.com



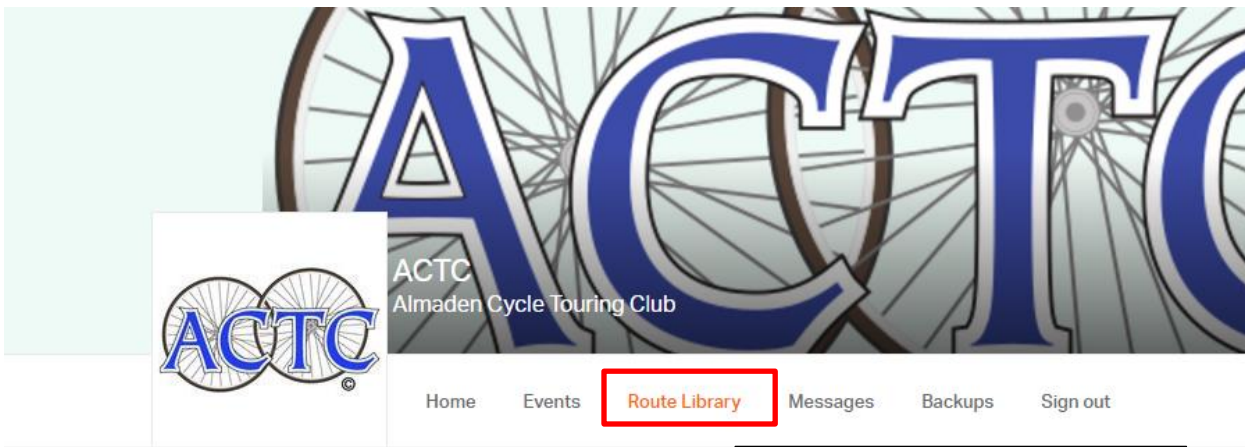
Step 2: Link to ACTC Club Account

Once you've logged in, the dashboard displays your profile, as well as the Routes and the Rides menu. But we're only interested in the Club rides at the moment. To see them, you need to add yourself to the ACTC club option using this special link: https://ridewithgps.com/clubs/111-actc?join_code=hSVF7kbfClQFtzgS.

- **Link to the ACTC Club account**

This takes a moment to ensure that you're an active ACTC member, at which point it will direct you to the ACTC Club page. Now click on the Route Library.

Here you will see the routes listed under the ACTC account. This is important because you can only navigate using these ACTC club listed routes. Let's look for something around the Lexington Reservoir. Enter "Los Altos Hills" in the "by Name" search field, and hit enter. This will list all the routes with that name in the text. You'll need to know that name when you navigate from your phone.



Step 1: Choose the Route Library

Route Library

Filter by Tag by Name by Location

Step 2: Enter route name to search

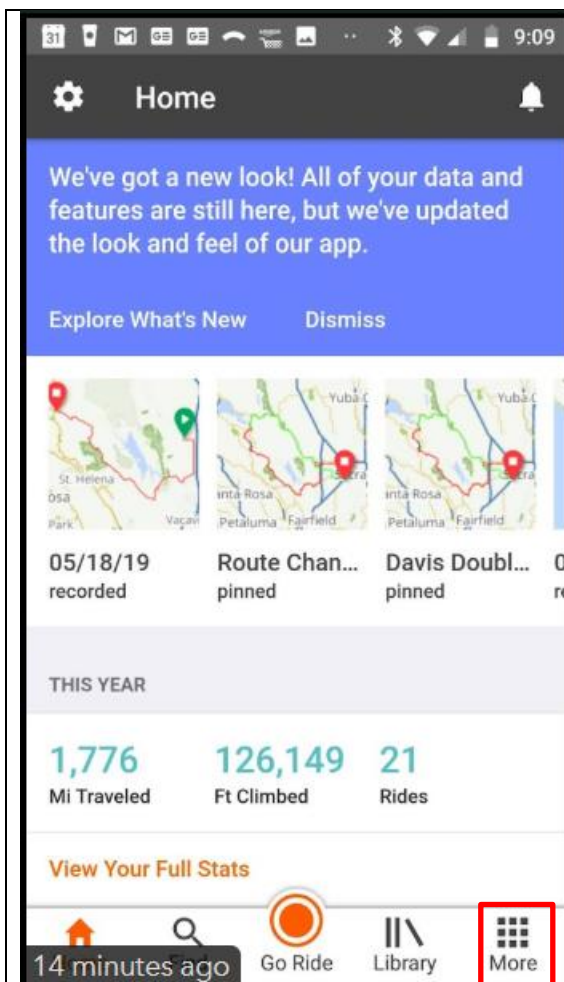
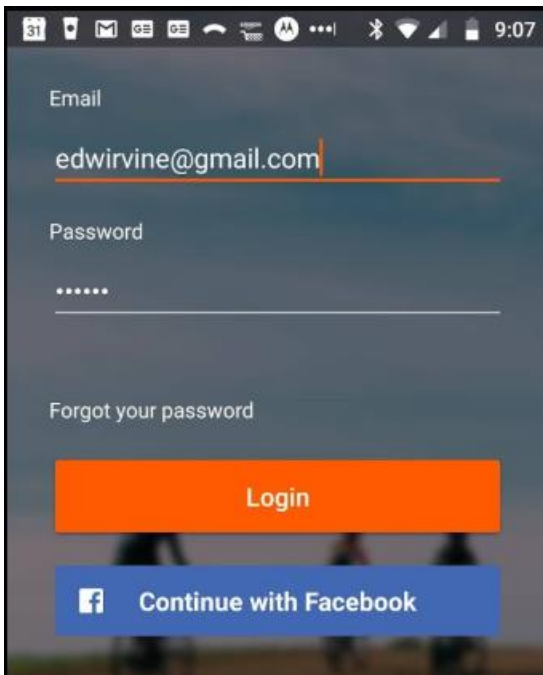
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Step 3: Remember name of route to enter in phone

At this point you can leave your browser and go to your smart phone to run the navigation.

- **Log into the app on your smart phone**

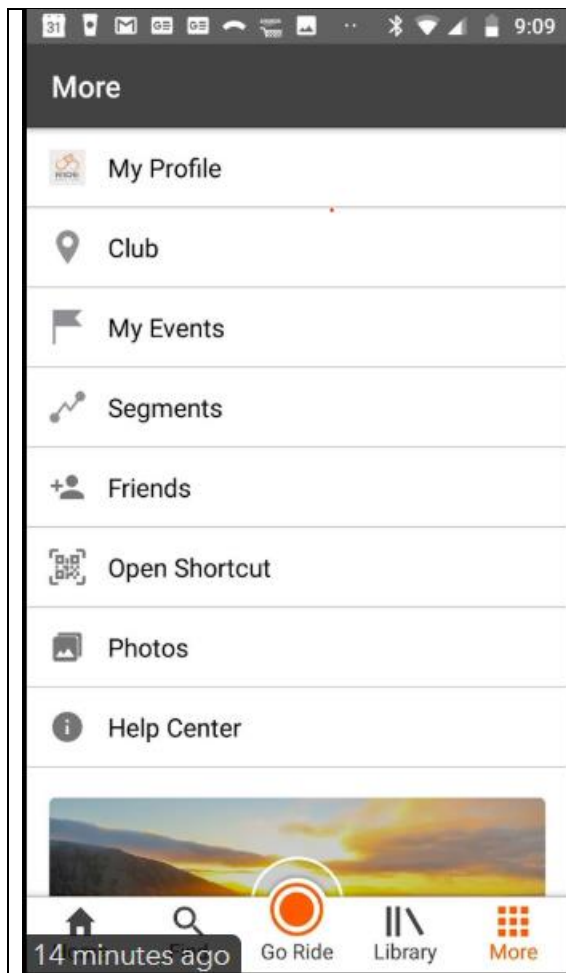
Start up the Ride with GPS app and login to your personal account. You don't need to login to the ACTC account.



Logging in will bring you to your Ride With GPS home page. It lists some of your personal routes and statistics.

Click the More menu item from the lower right hand corner.

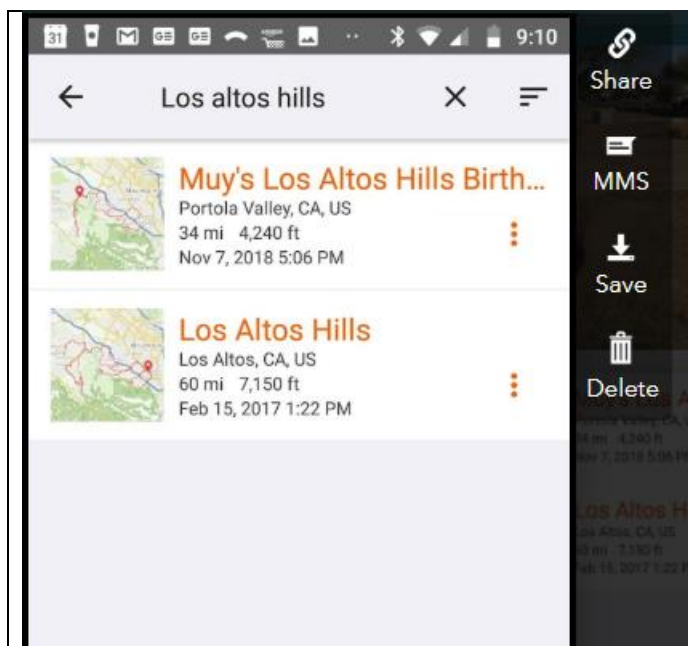
- Click the More -> Club menu to find your Route



Next, click the Club button to display the Events and Organization entries.

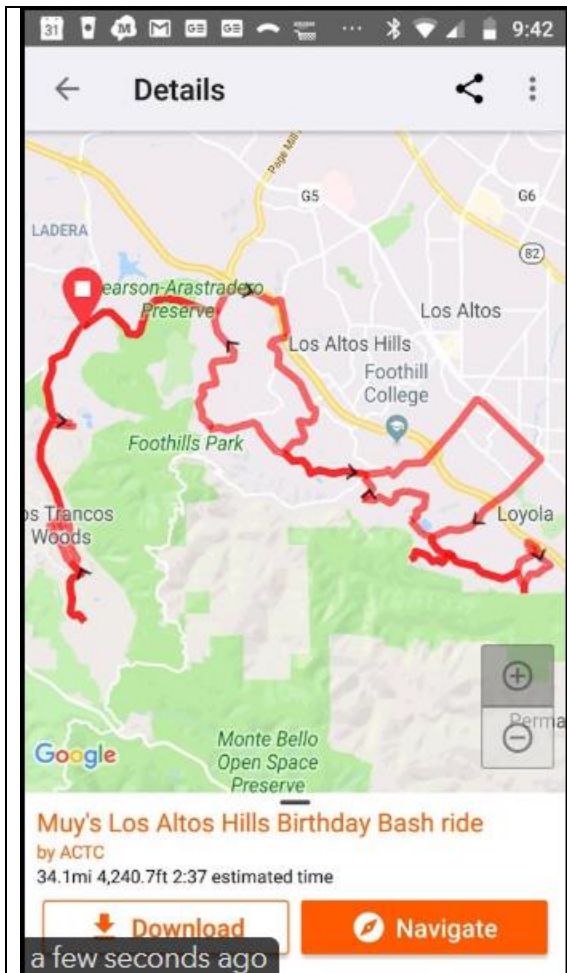


Now click the Organization Routes to list all the ACTC Club Routes. There are a lot of Club Routes, so enter in the name of your route in the Search field by the Magnifier Glass. In our case, "Los Altos Hills"



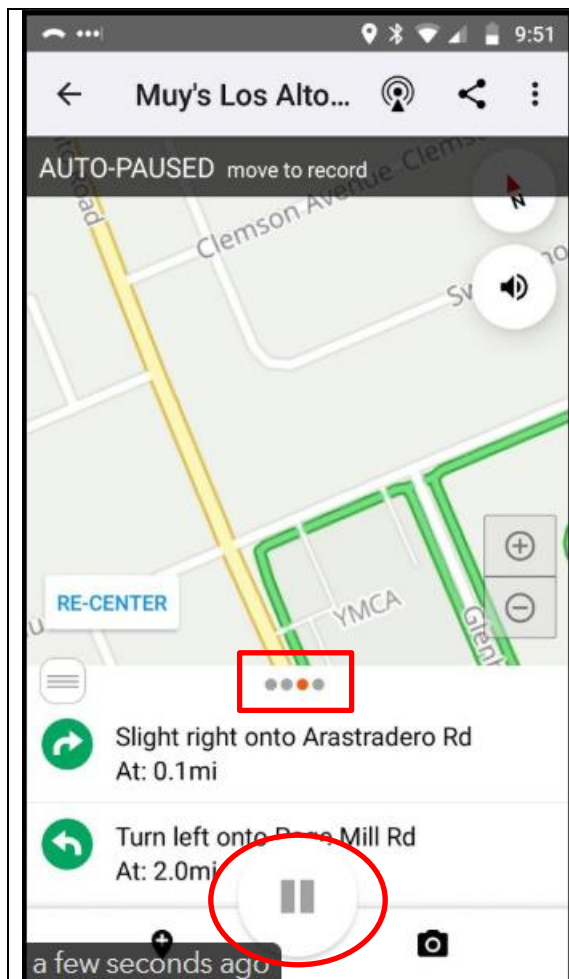
This will narrow it down to 2 routes. Click the route you wish to Navigate to view it. In our case, we'll choose Muy's route.

Note that you can also click the 3 vertical dots on the route to choose from Download or Navigate. It's wise to download the route to your phone in case you find yourself out of cell coverage when you want to navigate.



Finally we have our route selected on our phone. The next step is to download the route from Ride With GPS to your Smartphone by clicking the Download button.

When it's finished downloading, you should be notified with an event that the route is finished loading on the phone. At this point you can click the notification to bring up the Details map and start your Navigation.

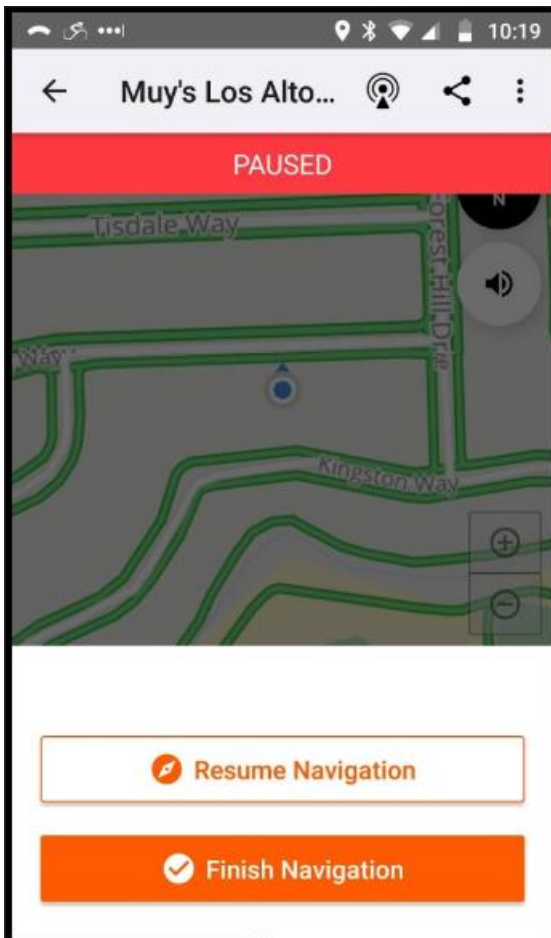


Once you click the Navigate button, you'll see the map of your location. At this point, the Navigation will tell you when and where to follow the route, just like Google Maps does.

Notice the 4 dots in the middle of the display. By swiping right or left, each dot will display a different lower screen:

- The home screen, with Distance, Speed, and Time duration
- Average Speed and Current time
- The actual Route Directions, which are read out loud each time you come to a turn
- The elevation Map

You should also notice the Pause button (2 vertical lines at the lower center of the screen. After we've finished our route, hold the Pause button for 2 seconds to bring up the Navigation Directions, to Resume or Finish your ride.



When you click the Finish Navigation button, it will prompt with the name of the ride and any other details to fill in.

- **How to move routes to the ACTC Club Routes section**

As we've mentioned before, to use the Navigation feature without being a subscriber to Ride With GPS, you need to have the Route stored in the ACTC Club routes table. But what if someone else has created the route and it's not in the ACTC tables?

This is something that is best done from your browser. Login to Ride With GPS again and be sure you're running from the ACTC account, and not your personal account. It should show the ACTC logo on the upper right corner.

Now click the Find Route and enter either the Route name or the Start location to search on. Since this route isn't in our Club routes, be sure to look in "All Rides and Routes", not just the ACTC routes. We'll also look for Stanford Loop as our keyword.

Find The Best Bike Ride: X + -

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Find a Route

Where would you like to ride?

Look in: **All Rides and Routes** ▾

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Keywords **stanford loop**

Length

Any Distance

Elevation

Any elevation gain

Only Show


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- ☐ Events
- ☐ Routes with cuesheets
- ☐ Segments

Recommended For


- ☒ All recreation types

Search


Here are 472 rides for you (showing 0-25) Sort




Burlingame - Stanford loop 📍 Burlingame, CA, US 55.1 mi 1,525 ft 4 hr 22 min
by **farshidk** 📅 on 7/4/2017




Stanford loop 📍 Mountain View, CA, US 26.6 mi 687 ft 2 hr 3 min
by **Derwin Emmanuel** 📅 on 8/2/2015



Stanford loop 📍 Mountain View, CA, US 19.9 mi 445 ft 1 hr 42 min
by **Derwin Emmanuel** 📅 on 4/24/2014



Asha Stanford loop 📍 Mountain View, CA, US 22.8 mi 702 ft 1 hr 52 min
by **Kiran Mehta** 📅 on 4/21/2019



Chatsworth Amtrack/Ladyface loop

Let's say we want to navigate the Burlingame Stanford route that **"farshidk"** created. Select the route to display it, and then click on "Copy to My Routes" menu in the lower right side.

Burlingame - Stanford l

Ride With GPS LLC [US] https://ridewithgps.com/trips/15810333

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Details

Segments

Beach Park Blvd
3.15 mi, 3 ft

Duration	Speed	Grade
00:11:55	16.0 mph	0%

Climbs

Distance	Elevation	Grade
0.85 mi	168 ft	4%
0.99 mi	282 ft	6%

Descents

Distance	Elevation	Grade
0.74 mi	-322 ft	-5%
0.53 mi	-133 ft	-4%

Map

Overview Metrics Export

Jul 04, '17, 08:38AM
Burlingame - Stanford loop

See other rides

By: farshidk
Started in: Burlingame, CA, US
Distance: 55.1 mi
Elevation: + 1525 / - 1525 ft
Moving Time: 04:22:06

Copy to My Routes

Get Elevation Profile Image

Get Map Image

Print Map from Browser

Print Map PDF

55.1 mi +1525 ft / -1525 ft

Copy 'Burlingame - Stanford loop

Copy to My Routes

Route Name
Burlingame - Stanford loop

Who can see it?
Anyone, it's public

☐ Copy photos

Pinning

If you are just looking to keep this route easily accessible, we recommend Pinning rather than making a copy. This will allow you to easily access the route from the mobile app and website, and has the advantage of keeping your link to the route up to date with this version.

[Pin to My Routes](#)

[Cancel](#) [Copy to My Routes](#)

This will bring up the menu to enter a Route name and anything else you need to find it later. Click the Copy to My Routes button to save it, and then it should show up on your smartphone later on.

At this point you can go back to your phone and list the Club Menu, select this new Burlingame – Stanford Loop route, Download it and Navigate. This is not exactly easy, but after you've tried a few times, you should get the hang of the Navigation feature. And don't forget you're supposed to have fun.