

EMPERORS PALACE ROAD CLASSIC

Organised by De Villiers National Cycling (Pty) Ltd

- **Date:** 24 March 2024
- **Venue:** Emperors Palace
- **Distances:** 48km |98km
- **Starting times:** 98km - 06h15 |48km - 07h45
- **Entry fees:** 48km –R410 |98km- R570
- **Enter on-line:** www.myactive.co.za





- **The Emperors Palace Road Classic is proudly hosted by Emperors Palace, the Ekurhuleni Traffic Department and De Villiers National Cycling (Pty) Ltd.**
- **Billed as “The Race of Dreams”, the event’s offering is stunning and true to its origins, constitutes one of the fastest events on the annual calendar, courtesy of the flat route and smooth road surface.**
- **The event is nicely nestled at a time of year when temperatures are mild going into Autumn and with the chances of rain slim.**

THE RACE OF DREAMS!



ROAD RACE ROUTE

Many riders have completed their personal bests throughout the years in the event, which was founded by De Villiers National Cycling's Wynand de Villiers in 2008 along with the Edenvale Pedallers.

The road routes offer fast and flat circuits with good surfaces throughout. The total ascent on the 98km ride is 358 metres while the 48km ride presents 240 metres of vertical ascent.

The event offers the perfect late summer challenge for riders of all fitness levels and abilities.

Safety and the health of riders is of the utmost importance to the race organisation.

Awareness and visibility signage are erected along the route to alert motorists of the event ahead of race day and on the day, while more than 200 marshals and 150 traffic officers are on duty.

FAST AND FLAT!



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The 98km road race route follows Rondebult as well as Boundary Road and all the way past Carnival City, doing a right turn at Carnival and then heads out towards Heidelberg before making a right turn to come back on the R103.

Off the R103 it's another right turn onto the R554 (Boundary Road) before accessing Rondebult road again with a left turn.

The race follows Rondebult all the way back to Emperors, with a left turn into Yaldwin Road and a right turn into Jones.

48km ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The 48km riders follow the same route up to Van Dyk Road shortly before Carnival City where they do a U-Turn to go back on Boundary Road and join up with the 98km ride return route at Rondebult Road.



START AND FINISH

98km batches start at 06h15, while 48km riders start from 07h45.

The start/finish of the event is in the same spot as previous editions in front of UTI in Jones Road in Jones Road.



NUMBER COLLECTION

Thursday 21 March 2023: 09h00 –16h00 Emperors Palace, Red Roman Shed

Friday 22 March 2023: 09h00 –16h00 Emperors Palace, Red Roman Shed

Saturday 23 March 2023: 09h00 –15h00 Emperors Palace, Red Roman Shed

Sunday 24 March 2023: 05h00 –06h00 Emperors Palace, Red

Roman Shed

START AND FINISH IN JONES ROAD AT UTI



PART OF SA CYCLING HISTORY





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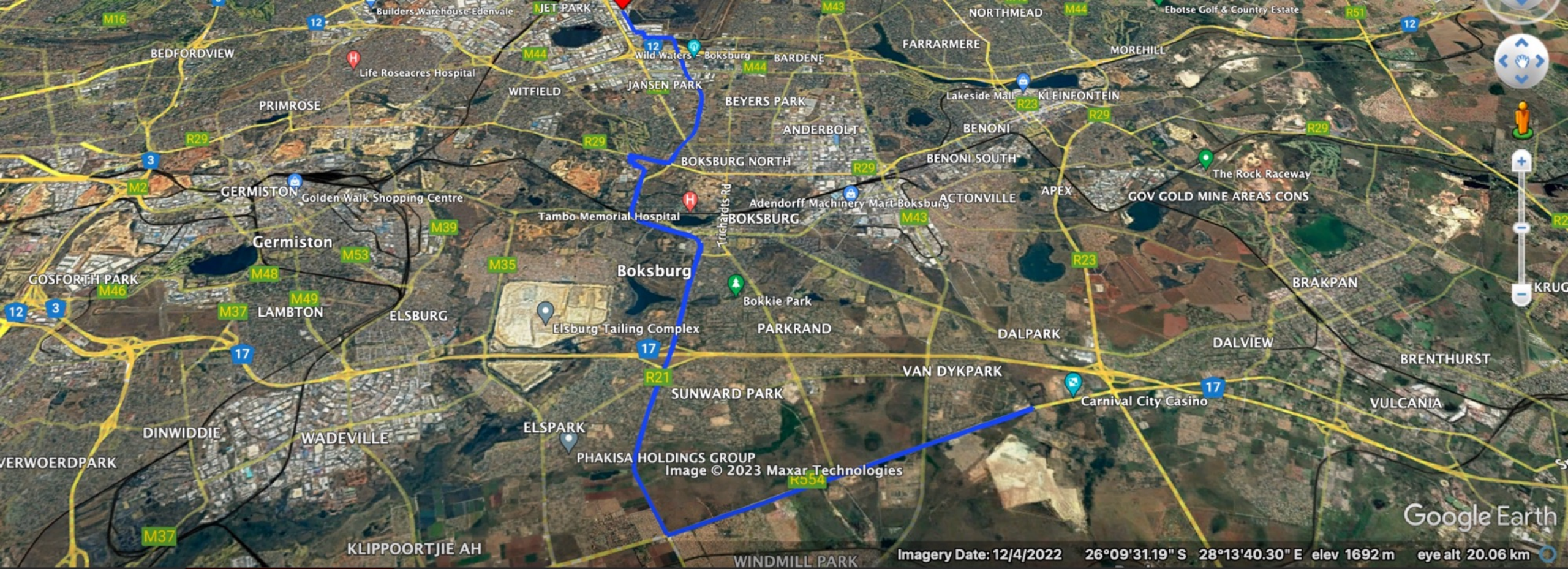
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Graph: Min, Avg, Max Elevation: 1528, 1600, 1692 m
Range Totals: Distance: 97 km Elev Gain/Loss: 636 m, -636 m Max Slope: 5.0%, -4.7% Avg Slope: 1.2%, -1.1%



RACE ROUTES

98km total ascent | 358m



Graph: Min, Avg, Max **Elevation: 1567, 1622, 1692 m**

Range Totals: Distance: 48.2 km | Elev Gain/Loss: 362 m, -363 m | Max Slope: 7.3%, -7.3% | Avg Slope: 1.3%, -1.3%



RACE ROUTES

48km total ascent | 240m

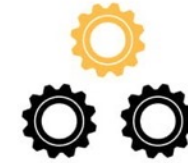


RACE FORMAT

Riders start in groups based on their seeding, according to the Cycle Events National Seeding ladder, and include age group category bunches for all age group categories with a CSA Racing Licences.

Intersection control is provided by Ekurhuleni and Provincial Metro police as well as our experienced marshals.

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