

Regattas at the Cooper River

Where is the Cooper River race course located?

The course is located in Cooper River Park in Camden County, New Jersey. The start line is near Route 130, and the finish line is near Cuthbert Boulevard.

What is the length and orientation of the race course?

The Cooper River course is a 2,000-meter straight course with six lanes. Races proceed westward from Route 130 toward Cuthbert Blvd.

What types of regattas have been held at the Cooper River?

Cooper River has hosted scholastic, collegiate, club, national-level regattas, including championship events and large invitationals.

What time do races usually begin?

Most regatta schedules begin races around 8:00 a.m., though this may vary by event.

Are spectators allowed to set up tents?

Yes, tents may be set up in designated spectator areas. They must not block pathways or be placed too close to the finish line or on restricted grounds. Please be advised that some regattas may require permits. If you have any questions, please check with the Camden County Boathouse or the regatta organizer for more information.

Is the venue accessible for people with disabilities?

Designated accessible parking and viewing areas are typically available near the finish-line area.

Can spectators bring pets?

Pets are allowed in most areas of Cooper River Park but must be leashed, and owners must clean up after them.

Are grills allowed?

Grills may be permitted depending on event rules. All ashes and debris must be properly disposed of, and no food may be sold to the public.

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Where can I watch the races?

Spectator areas run along North Park Drive, with the best viewing near the finish-line grandstand and shoreline. Entrance to finish line /spectator parking is through lot #5

Where can spectators park?

Spectator parking is typically available near the finish-line area around North Park Drive and Cuthbert Blvd. All parking lots around the Cooper River are numbered with parking lots #4 and #5 available for spectators. Please be advised that Parking lot #3 (La Scala Restaurant) will be closed during regattas and all spectators must use Lot #4 and #5.

Where can school/travel buses drop off students and park?

There are designated drop-off areas in front of both trailer parking lots for athletes. We strongly advise teams to be dropped off on the right-hand side of North Park drive-going east towards the finish line-this will help reduce traffic and safety when crossing over North Park Drive. After drop off, buses will proceed to South Park drive and enter the yacht club parking lot.

Is trailer parking available?

Yes. Trailer parking is designated in a specific lot near the launch areas along North Park Drive. Only shell trailers may park in this lot. Trailers must park in numerical order. County Park ambassadors will assist with parking trailers: No exceptions or preferential treatment for team or trailers. Tow vehicles will have approximately 10 minutes to unhitch and vacate the parking lot. On race days, trailer parking lots will open at 6am and close at 8pm. On designated practice days, trailer parking lots will open at 8am. Trailers arriving outside of the parking window can unhitch on North Park Drive.

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Is parking free?

Parking for all regatta events are free of charge.

What time do parking lots open?

Parking lots generally open early on race days starting at 6am, typically 2 hours before the first scheduled event. Trailer parking may open the day prior, depending on the event.

Are there hotels nearby?

Yes, nearby hotels include options in Cherry Hill, Pennsauken, and Mt. Laurel. These are generally 5–15 minutes from the course. Some of the nearby hotels include DoubleTree by Hilton Cherry Hill Philadelphia, Best Western Plus Pennsauken-Riverfront, and Holiday Inn Cherry Hill.

What hospitality options are available?

There are many restaurants and services in Cherry Hill, Collingswood, and Pennsauken. Travel times vary from 5 to 20 minutes depending on location.

Are restrooms available?

Portable restrooms and permanent facilities are available at several points along the racecourse.

Is food available for purchase?

Most events offer food trucks or concessions. Spectators may also bring their own food within park guidelines.

Are vehicles allowed to drive onto veteran's island?

No, vehicles do not have permission to drive on veteran's island for pre-race set-up/Breakdown. authorized county vehicles only

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What should teams know about setting up for large events?

- Plan to arrive early, as space is limited. Follow all venue rules, including no vehicles on grass, proper trash disposal, and respecting restricted areas. Space for tents and team areas is limited; set-up is first-come, first-served. Plan to arrive early.
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- Be respectful of the park's rules — no vehicles on grass or ball fields, proper trash disposal, and tents at least 100 feet from finish line / 100 feet from river bank.
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- For big regattas, parking can fill quickly. It's wise to allow extra time to park, walk to the viewing area, and get settled before racing begins.

How do I get to the Cooper River racecourse?

Travel routes include access via Route 130, Route 70, Route 38, I-295, and the NJ Turnpike. North Park Drive and Cuthbert Blvd provide direct access to the venue.

Typical directions:

- From the NJ Turnpike: Take Exit 4 → Route 73 North → Route 38 West → Exit south on Cuthbert Blvd → then right onto North Park Drive — this leads you toward the racecourse.
- From Philadelphia / I-95: Cross the Ben Franklin Bridge → take I-676 (US 30) toward NJ → then proceed via Hwy 38/US 70 → then Cuthbert Blvd to North Park Drive → racecourse.