

Jersey City Heights Skate

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10:30am

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Intro

See the teaser video if you haven't: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LC3faUkMJXo

This is an intense skate that combines everything I love about skating: beautiful views, a wide variety of sights/sounds/textures ("skating for the five senses?"), a quick pace, and a fantastic downhill. Plus, of course, a nice meal afterwards with the group.

We ran this skate with a pilot group on Aug 10 to great reviews. Check out the past event page for pictures & more: www.facebook.com/events/267125096822298/

What to Expect

Sights? Stunning Manhattan skyline views from The Heights, a whirlwind tour of Jersey City (the good, the bad, the ugly), and a nice cruise along the Hoboken waterfront.

How long? ~17-18 mile loop

Pace? Approx 3.5 hours.

Meeting point? Paulus Hook Ferry Terminal

Time?

Meeting time: 10:30AM

Skates on at: 10:45AM

Briefing at: 10:55AM

Rolling at: 11AM SHARP

Food? We had delicious tacos last time, but I'll poll the group on whether we want to do it again or not.

Hills? Oh hell yes. Some tough uphill but some of the best downhills I've seen. Total about 550ft climb, 550ft descent, but we can cut some of that if the group is getting tired.

Difficulty? This is a high-intermediate skate. You MUST be able to confidently skate steep downhills and uphill, in a group, with traffic, and mount/dismount curbs as necessary.

In some neighborhoods, locals may give us the stink eye. You must not break stride as you smile and/or give the stink eye in return.

Road conditions? Moderate. I'm still perfecting the route but there are a few sections of rough pavement. If you've got a confident scissor stance and good alertness, you should be fine.

Rests / water breaks? There are several short rests along the route. Water breaks: I've planned to stop at mile 6 and mile 12 to buy water. We can add another water stop if necessary. There's a bathroom at mile 14.

Bail-out? The route has multiple bail-out options:

6 miles: Jersey City PATH

9 miles: Hoboken Light Rail

15 miles: Hoboken PATH

We'll be skating right by these locations, so it's NO problem if we need to let you off and meet you at the restaurant! Please don't over-exert yourself on this route. You'll need to be sharp for the first 10-11 miles (for the big downhill).

What to Bring

Required:

- * Positive attitude
- * Skates
- * Protective gear
- * Wallet
- * Water
- * Footwear -> if you are taking the ferry/PATH, bring shoes/sandals or else risk being barred entry. I have never had trouble boarding barefoot or in stocking-feet, but I recommend bringing proper footwear just in case.

Suggested:

- * Sunglasses
- * Camera
- * Sunblock

How to Get There

By Ferry (best route):

Take the NY Waterway ferry from World Financial Center to Paulus Hook. Departs every 15 minutes from 8AM to 9:45PM.

Fare is \$2.50 each way, plus the fresh air on the roof deck is really nice.

To arrive with plenty of time, try to catch the 10:08 ferry from WFC (or earlier).

By PATH (less convenient due to WTC station closure):

Take the Hoboken/Journal Square PATH train to Grove St, skate east along Christopher Columbus Ave to the Exchange Place PATH station, then come 2-3 blocks south to the ferry terminal.

Fare is \$2.50 each way. You can use a stored-value Metrocard but NOT an unlimited Metrocard.

By Car

Parking on Sundays is widely available, especially since we are meeting in the business district. Look for spots along Christopher Columbus Ave, Montgomery, Grand, and side streets. There are also several paid lots in the area.

Restaurant Info

TBD

Disclaimer

You are skating at your own risk. Skating in city streets is an inherently dangerous activity. I do not take any responsibility for your safety. Operate within your limits. I strongly suggest you wear protective gear.

A signed waiver is required for participation in the event.

Wrap

Got questions? I'm an open book. Hit me!

Much love to you all. Hope to see you there!

-David

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