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Peachstate PCA is now using RideWithGPS to provide turn-by-turn voice and printed instructions, as well as mapping for all tour participants through their smart phone/tablet. By using this app for our tours no one should get lost. In order to use this new capability, you will need to download a free app from your app store. This app was originally intended for bicycle GPS units, but works great on phones/tablets for driving tours as well. The logo will look like this:



After you download this app you will need to create a logon and password for the app. You DO NOT need to upgrade to a paid subscription. You will be able to download the route into your phone prior to the tour for use without having to have a data connection while driving. If you download the route from a wi-fi connection it will not use anything from your data plan.

After you register for a tour you will receive a confirmation e-mail through clubregistration.net that includes a link to RSVP to RideWithGPS. To get access to the routing information follow these steps:

1. Click on the link in the e-mail. That will take you to RideWithGPS in an internet browser (not the app).
2. Login to RideWithGPS using your user ID and password in your browser session. That will automatically create an event in your smart phone's RideWithGPS app.
3. Logoff from RideWithGPS in your browser session
4. Open the RideWithGPS app on your phone/tablet
5. Logon to RideWithGPS in the app if you have not left it logged on from prior use
6. Click the circle with 3 dots in it at the bottom right of the app's home screen where it says More
7. You should see My Events in the list that comes up – click on My Events
8. You should then see the events you have RSVP'd to
9. Click on the event for which you want to download the map and turn-by-turn instructions
10. Click on the three dots at the top right of the screen
11. Then click on download all – it will take a couple minutes to download the event routes into your phone
12. To watch the download process you can click the back arrow at the top left of your screen which looks like <
13. Then click Library at the bottom of your screen
14. Then click Offline at the top right of your screen
15. Find the tour you just started downloading and you will see the % progress

On the day of the event you will open the RideWithGPS app and follow these instructions:

1. Click on Library
2. Click Offline
3. Find the tour you are about to start. You should see the tour name and the map you downloaded earlier.
4. Beside the map click the three dots
5. Click on Navigate

When the tour route is completed, press and hold the two vertical bars at the bottom center of the screen to pause the route. Then click Finish Navigation. Then click Delete at the bottom (you may have to scroll down to see delete). This will not delete the map, but will clear the time/distance recording of the tour so it starts at 0.0 miles the next time you use it. If you don't wish to keep the route on your phone you can remove it from the offline list by clicking the three dots to the right of the tour details, then click remove from device.

Additional instructions:

There are several settings you may want to change.

1. Click Home at the bottom right of your screen
2. Click Settings (you may have to scroll down to see settings)
3. Find and click Navigation
 - a. Be sure Advance cue warnings is enabled
 - b. Be sure Nearing cue warnings is enabled
 - c. Be sure Imminent cue warnings is enabled
 - d. Be sure Audio alerts is enabled
 - e. Be sure Spoken alerts is enabled
 - f. Be sure Off-course alerts is enabled (NOTE: this causes RideWithGPS to beep to notify you if you get off course. If you click the associated message after getting an off course alert it will provide instructions on how to get back on route. But if you don't click the message it expects you to turn around and get back on course. It will send you another alert once you are back on course.
4. If you wish to have the spoken instructions come through your car radio find and click Bluetooth and Sensors
 - a. Enable Bluetooth (NOTE: you will also have to have connected your phone to the car radio by Bluetooth – see car instructions on how to connect your phone to the car radio - and be sure that you have selected your phone as input to the radio for this to work)
 - b. If you don't want to have turn-by-turn instructions come through the car speakers, but instead come directly from the phone be sure you have not connected to the car radio by Bluetooth, and disable Bluetooth devices in RideWithGPS settings here.
5. If you have Apple Car Play you can connect the phone to the car to get sound through the speakers, but it will not mirror the screen. You should probably have a phone holder positioned so the driver can see the phone's screen.

Additional Tips:

Test in advance to be sure which radio input you need to use. I select the auxiliary Bluetooth input on my radio to hear turn-by-turn instructions from the car speakers. You may be able to connect with a wired connection (USB) and charge and use the car's speakers, but test it before you count on it working! If you decide not to use Bluetooth or a wired connection then be sure Bluetooth is turned off on your phone and the phone's speakers will be used. However, if you do that you will not be able to charge the phone while using RideWithGPS. That is because the phone thinks you have connected to a cabled radio input and you won't get any sound.

Change the display settings to keep the screen on with no timeout.

Have a charging cable available since you will be keeping the screen on for a relatively long time. You don't want the battery to die while you are depending on the instructions!

Have a phone holder that will position the phone where the driver can see the screen, or use Car Play to mirror the phone screen on the car's screen.

If you plan to take your phone with you at rest stops you should probably pause the route using "button" with the parallel lines at the bottom of the screen while stopped to prevent it talking to you while you are not trying to drive the route. Then resume the route when you are ready to start driving again. It can be quite annoying to have it saying you are off course while going through a museum.