



BMW Car Club of America

National Capital Chapter Tour Committee

SAFETY BRIEFING a.k.a. The Tour Rules

1. Have FUN !
You will be driving on some of the best roads in the area with fellow enthusiasts and visiting our local treasures. The committee hopes that you have a GREAT experience and that you sign up for future events.
2. Be SAFE and COURTEOUS. YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR.
Whether you are a long-time or new member, or you've let your membership lapse, or have not yet joined the club, you are representing the club while participating in the tour. Please drive responsibly, obey all traffic laws, and be courteous to others. This is not a race. No trophies. You are on public roads. The club provides many other opportunities to "go fast", e.g. DE.
3. COVID-19 Reminder:
4. Headlights ON!
5. Run Groups
 - a. Manageable Size to Keep Group Together – There is no "fast group"
 - b. Lead, Sweep (and Mid for Larger Groups) in constant COMMS to keep group together
 - i. BE PREPARED TO "LEAD"
 - c. Know the cars in front of you AND behind you
 - d. Maintain a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you
 - e. Keep Up / Wait Up – Do your best to keep pace with the car ahead of you. If you notice that the car behind has dropped back, slow down to allow the others to catch up to you. No RUBBERBANDING!
 - f. No Passing.
 - g. Use Rendezvous Point to Catch-Up – groups this large will inevitably get split up or have other vehicles insert themselves into our group. Be patient and we'll all "get there".
 - h. Contact Lead or Sweep Immediately if there is an incident or if you need to "leave the group"
6. Social Media – Think Before You Post
7. Advisories:
 - a. Don't be "The General Lee". There are some sections on this route with roller coaster terrain. Observing the posted speed and using common sense is essential and especially important for drop-tops. You do not want to engage your rollover protection system. It HAS happened. Don't ask me how I know.

- b. Re 5c, following the driving directions takes precedence. Cars do get lost and miss turns. In some cases, the car ahead of you must leave the tour for some reason. Don't follow that person home! Put your navigator (if not driving solo) to use.
 - c. Navigation Note: The route directions mileage indications are APPROXIMATE and your actual odometer readings may be off, requiring you or your navigator to do some "mental math".
- 8. Rally Point and Rendezvous Points
 - a. Arrive at the Rally Point (tour start meet-up location) with a full tank and empty bladder.
 - b. At Rendezvous Points, park in spaces available as quickly and safely as possible.
 - c. Departure time means departure time – not when to decide to use the facilities or to get in your car. Pay attention to your group lead's instructions. Our run groups will depart at 5-minute intervals, beginning with WHITE, then BLUE, followed by GREEN. This should help with parking.
- 9. Use Common Sense
 - a. Road and Weather Conditions
 - b. Drive within YOUR comfort level But Try to Keep Up. If you are uncomfortable, please contact your group leader and let him or her know.
- 10. For Purposes of Club Provided Liability Insurance, the Tour ends at Lunch. We hope you enjoyed the tour! Google and Waze will get you home 😊