



Westfjords Way Challenge



July 3
66 North Stage Four

→ **Race Week Guide**



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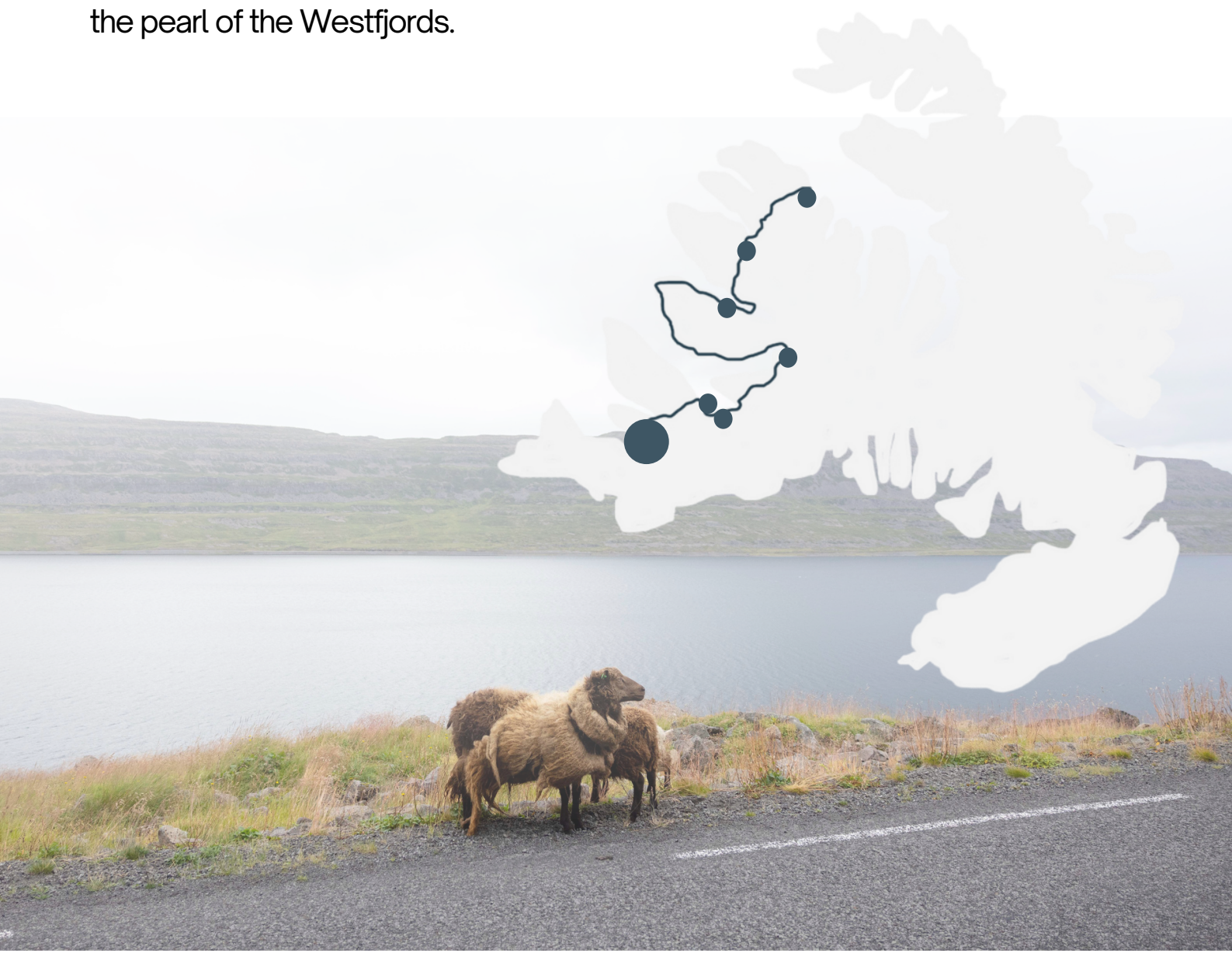
66 North wants the world to experience the power and beauty of the North. This means clothes that make life and activity possible where there would otherwise be none.

66 North Stage Four

July 3, Patreksfjörður to Ísafjörður

212 km [132 mi] 4,491 m [14,734 ft]. 65% unpaved.

The final stage starts in Patreksfjörður and ends in Ísafjörður. This will be the most challenging day yet, traversing four mountain passes, several river crossings and Svalvogar (a rocky gravel road cut into the side of a cliff). The race organizers will provide information prior to the stage start to update you on weather and tide conditions at Svalvogar, but the road is passable with bikes at all times. During this stage, you will pass some of the most dramatic scenery in the Westfjords including Dynjandi, the thunderous waterfall that is the pearl of the Westfjords.



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July 3, Patreksfjörður to Ísafjörður

- 66North Stage 4 begins with a group rollout at midnight from the Patreksfjörður community center.
- The Reiðhjólaverzlunin Berlin bag transport bag will be parked near the start. Drop off your one bag here.
- Timing for this stage starts as you pass the N1 gas station sign on the way out of town.
- There is no formal breakfast for this stage, but the first Cultural Connection, Vegamot restaurant in Bíldudalur, will be open early as riders pass through to purchase coffee and waffles.
- Fisherman will be serving fiskibollur (fish balls) at Dynjandi waterfall. A vegan option will also be provided. You also may choose to stop by Simbahöllin cafe in Þingeyri or Kaffi Sól in Önundarfjörður to fuel up before the last climbs of the day.
- If you plan to visit the donation based hot pots, please plan on carrying cash to donate. There is no suggested donation amount but anything between 100 and 1.000 isk is reasonable.





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Cultural Connections



CC 16 Vegamot restaurant

Kilometer 27.7 [Mile 17.2]

Vegamót Bíldudal is a family owned and operated restaurant and shop in Bíldudalur, where you can get all basic necessities; milk, bread and other goodies. Waffles will be served especially for the race.

Type

Restaurant

Hours

Open until 4am or the last rider passes

Price

Varies

Directions

Continue straight as you see the CC flag (instead of turning right to stay on course). Approximately 1.1 kilometers



CC 17 Foss waterfall

Kilometer 40.2 [Mile 25.0]

This waterfall is so good, it is simply known as the Icelandic word for waterfall: Foss. Go for a dip, or get a classic Westfjords photo with your bike in front of this one.

Type

Waterfall

Hours

Always open

Price

Free

Directions

Just off to your right, you won't miss it!

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CC 18 A-frame sheep shack Kilometer 41.4 [Mile 25.7]

Once you see it, you'll recognize this sheep shack as a famous Westfjords landmark. Take some time to explore the inside of this photogenic sheep shack and you may find an art exhibit.

Type

Point of Interest

Hours

Always open

Price

Free

Directions

Just off to your left, you won't miss it!



CC 19 Reykjafjarðarlaug

Kilometer 46.0 [Mile 28.6]



ORKUBÚ VESTFJARÐA

A perfect spot for a mid-ride dip before ascending the next mountain pass. Choose from the natural hot spring, or manmade pool featuring a hot and cold side. There is also a changing area next to the pool.

Type

Hot pot

Hours

Always open

Price

Donations accepted (cash only)

Directions

Just off to your right, you won't miss it!

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Orkubúið



CC 20 Dynjandi

Kilometer 85.1 [Mile 52.9]

Simply enthralling; The Westfjords' favorite front-page model for decades, and is never short of breathtaking. The biggest and widest part of the waterfall is the one that gets all the attention and the photos, even though there are impressive, albeit smaller, waterfalls further down the river.

Stop here for fish cakes served by Fisherman in the picnic area, then a short walk up to the waterfall!

Type

Waterfall

Hours

Always open

Price

Free

Directions

As you descend down the pass, you'll hear it before you see it – turn left at the CC flag and ride into the picnic area.

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Fisherman



CC 21 Simbahöllin Cafe

Kilometer 157.7 [Mile 98]

Simbahöllin is a cozy, old-style coffeehouse at the edge of the world. We are located in an old grocery store from 1915, which we restored and converted into a coffeehouse. Most of the original shop interior is still intact today. We serve quality coffee and tea, as well as home-made cakes and soups. Our Belgian waffle with homemade rhubarb jam and cream has become legendary!

Type

Cafe

Hours

10:00-18:00

Price

Varies

Directions

Look for the CC flag (or the bright green building) as you ride through Pingeyri.

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CC 22 Kaffi Sól

Kilometer 191.9 [Mile 119]

Grab one more cup of coffee before the final mountain pass to the finish. Kaffi Sól is a cafe in a beautiful sun porch with breathtaking views of Önundarfjörður.

Type

Cafe

Hours

12:00-17:00

Price

Varies

Directions

Take a left at the CC flag and it is just on your right.



CC 23 Pier Jump in Ísafjörður Km 210.8 [Mile 131]



Your Westfjords Way ride is not complete until you jump into the harbor. A tradition set forth by scouting team Chris Burkard, Lael Wilcox, and Payson McElveen.

Type

Cultural Immersion

Hours

Always open

Price

Free

Directions

Turn right towards the docks (behind the harbor of sailboats). This is where you will find the final CC flag, and where timing for stage 4 ends.

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Race Finish Isafjörður [Km 210.8/Mile 131)]

Timing for Stage 4 finishes as you turn towards the docks behind the harbor of sailboats. From there you may choose to get your last Cultural Connection point by jumping into harbor to solidify your Westfjords Way ride.

Finisher's Party.

The finishers party will be held where we started the week, at Dokkan Brugghús. After you've jumped into the fjord (not required but highly encouraged) and dried off, meet us at the brewery for beers and food!

Your first beer is on us! Fill up your WFWC Hydro Flask with your first free beer and tag @Hydroflask in your photos.

Note: Dinner on the final night is not covered by the race, but there will be plenty of options to choose from at Dokkan and around Isafjörður.



What else? Exploring Ísafjörður.

Once the race is finished, if you have a day or two to explore Ísafjörður, we highly recommend the following:

- Treat yourself to a fish feast at [Tjöruhúsið](#) (call for reservations at least a few days in advance).
- Take a short and scenic hike up Naustahvilt (Troll's Seat) for a bird's eye view of Ísafjörður.
- Learn about the maritime history and culture of Ísafjörður at the [Westfjords Heritage Museum](#).
- Walk or bike the [old road](#) to Bolungarvík lighthouse and [Ósvör Maritime Museum](#).
- Book an adventure with Borea! Borea Adventures offers a wide selection of experiences in the wild nature of the Westfjords, from single day wildlife trips to multi-day excursions to Hornstrandir. Call in advance to book.

