

Road Captain's Guide: Riding the Routes

How to download a club route and follow it with turn-by-turn directions

The club posts each ride as a **GPX file** on the website. This guide shows riders how to download one and get spoken, turn-by-turn directions along it. Unlike Google Maps, there's no “tap Continue” prompt at every stop. There are two apps to choose from; **the same downloaded file works in both**, so members can pick whichever suits them.

Pick your app

OSMAND VS. KURVIGER TOURER+

- **OsmAnd: Free.** Works on iPhone and Android. Spoken turn-by-turn from our GPX files at no cost. A little fiddlier to set up. *Best for occasional riders and anyone who doesn't want to pay.*
- **Kurviger Tourer+: about €30 a year (roughly \$31).** iPhone and Android. Same app the routes are planned in, so navigation matches the planned route exactly. *Best for road captains and anyone who rides often.*

You only need **one** of them. If unsure, start free with OsmAnd; upgrade to Kurviger later if you ride a lot.

First, on the club website, open the ride page and tap “**Download Route (GPX)**”. Save the file to your phone. Then follow the section below for your chosen app.

Option A: OsmAnd (free)

One-time setup

1. Install **OsmAnd** from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).
2. Download the offline map for our area so navigation works without phone signal: in OsmAnd, search for **Jalisco** (or Mexico) and download that map. The free version includes enough downloads for our region.
 - Click on the hamburger menu bottom left.
 - Click on Maps & Resources
 - Scroll down and Click North America
 - Click Mexico
 - Scroll down and click Jalisco
 - Click download on Standard Map

For each ride

1. Verify the ride's **GPX** file has been downloaded from the website and choose to open it with **OsmAnd**. It's saved under **My Places** → **Tracks**.
 - To import the Track for the first ride: Click on the hamburger menu bottom left
 - Click My Places
 - Click Import
 - Navigate in your phone to your Downloads folder. Choose the xxxx.gpx file you downloaded from our website.
 - If it says that it contains 2 separate tracks, Uncheck the map that has 0 Waypoints. You want to import the map that has all the Waypoints.
 - (Pull down on your screen to refresh, so you can see the ride)
2. Open the track by clicking on it and tap the “**Options**” text at the lower menu, then choose “**Follow track.**” In the top of the menu click on the motorcycle icon.
3. Turn ON “**Attach to the roads.**” This is the important step: it turns the route line into proper spoken turn-by-turn directions. You set it each time you start a route.
 - Click on the message that explains that you need to attach it to roads to get detailed route information.
 - In the Turn-by-turn section, Click **Attach to the roads** orange text.
 - Click Continue.
4. Pick the **Motorcycle** (or Car) profile, then click **Apply**. Tap **Start**. OsmAnd now guides you along the route, announcing each turn.

IF THE ROUTE LOOKS LIKE A STRAIGHT LINE

You forgot to turn on “**Attach to the roads.**” Stop, re-open the track, follow it again, and switch that option on. Without it, OsmAnd only shows a line and won't announce turns.

If you don't hear audio prompts: In Settings, Check that **voice prompts / navigation voice** is on, so you hear the turns.

- Click on the hamburger menu bottom left
- Click on Settings
- Scroll down to Motorcycle. The toggle should be on (blue)
- Click on Motorcycle
- Click on Navigation settings
- Verify Voice prompts is toggled blue

Option B: Kurviger Tourer+ (paid) (this section is draft)

One-time setup

1. Install **Kurviger** from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Subscribe to **Tourer+** (about €30/year). **Navigation only works on the Tourer+ tier.** The cheaper Tourer tier does not include it. There's a **7-day free trial** to try it first.
3. Download the offline maps for our area (included with Tourer+) so navigation works without signal.

For each ride

1. Download the ride's **GPX** file from the website and open it in the Kurviger app. (If the club shares routes through the **Kurviger Cloud**, you can open them there directly, skipping the download step.)
2. Tap **Start navigation**. Kurviger gives you voice-guided, turn-by-turn directions and re-routes automatically if you miss a turn.
3. Ride. Kurviger doesn't stop for a tap at each waypoint. It follows the whole route start to finish.

Riding tips (both apps)

- **Mount your phone** on the handlebars so you can glance at it safely; don't hold it.
- **Use a helmet speaker or Bluetooth earpiece** to hear the turn announcements over wind and engine noise.
- **Download the offline map before you leave** Wi-Fi. Phone signal is patchy on back-roads; offline maps keep you guided anyway.
- **Keep the phone charged.** Navigation with the screen on drains the battery fast. A USB charger on the bike is worth having on long rides.
- **The road captain doesn't have to put everyone on the same app.** The GPX file is universal. Each rider uses whichever they prefer.

Quick troubleshooting

- **No voice?** Check the phone isn't muted, the app's voice setting is on, and your Bluetooth earpiece is connected.
- **No directions with no signal?** The offline map for our area isn't downloaded yet. Download it on Wi-Fi first.
- **OsmAnd only shows a line, no turns?** Turn on "Attach to the roads" when you start the track.
- **Kurviger won't navigate?** Navigation needs the **Tourer+** subscription. The free and Tourer tiers don't include it.

NEED A HAND?

Stuck on setup? Send a screenshot to whoever manages the website and we'll walk you through it. Once it's set up the first time, every ride after is just download → open → start.