



Charlottesville (204m)

Tour of Tobago



Hairpin bend at 19%

To see on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pg1KQnAu0J0> (49.40)

The Tour of Tobago is a one-day race, that goes around the island in 72 miles. It starts and finishes in Scarborough, after having climbed 6 KOM :

Englishman Bay (110m, top at Mile 27,1)

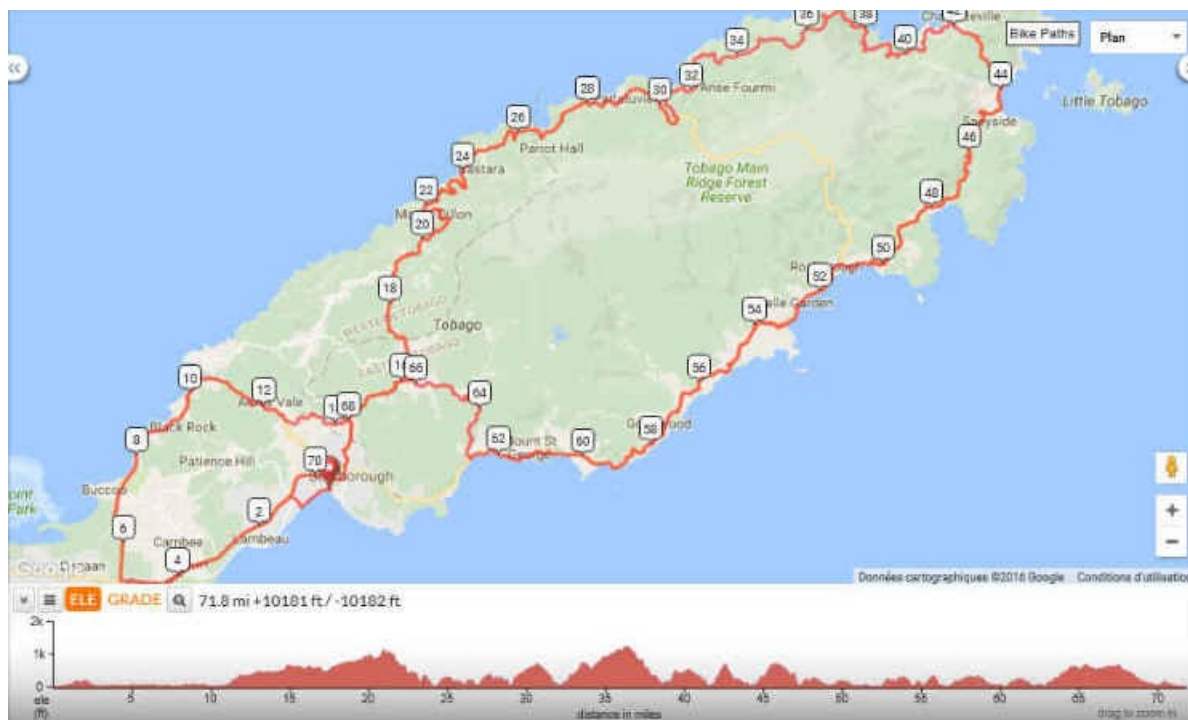
Palartuvier (213m, Mile 30,7)

Hermitage (389m, Mile 36,2)

Charlotteville (204m, Mile 42,5)

Speyside (215m, Mile 45,7)

Belmont (209m, Mile 65,5)



The altitudes are low, but... All the climbs are not included in the list of the « KOM » (King Of the Mountain) and, as in a lot of Caribbean Islands, the roads always go up and down, without much rest time (the 5 first KOM are concentrated in 30km). The elevation gains are equal to the altitudes, for the climbs start at sealevel, passing from a bay or a cove to another. The western coast of the Basse Terre in Guadeloupe has exactly the same qualities. And finally, there is the hot and humid climate, that gives the Europeans the impression to breathe with the head in an oven, and that makes you lose a lot of your physical abilities.

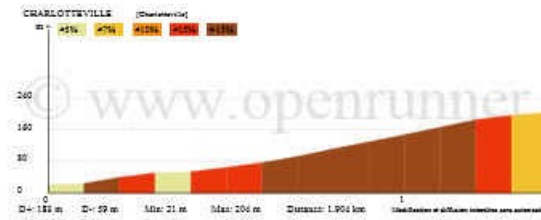
More on : <http://www.trinbagowheelers.com/content/>

Summary of the race : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pg1KQnAu0J0> (from 42.45)

The whole video is a one hour « advertasing » clip, that praises the places to visit in Tobago (including the five best beaches). Between the ads, in the first part, we can see a summary of the 4 stages of the Tobago International Cycling Classic (TICC), 4 circuit races (criteriums), totally flat, except the 2nd one, with 3 climbs, among which the interesting Orange Hill road (155m in 2,8km).

Charlotteville – Portrait

The summary of the race highlights the lethal wall that emerges literally out of Charlotteville Bay. The cyclists suffer to get out of it and the background after the left hairpin curve leaves no doubt about the steepness. Openrunner confirms the visual impression : 183m en 1,4km.



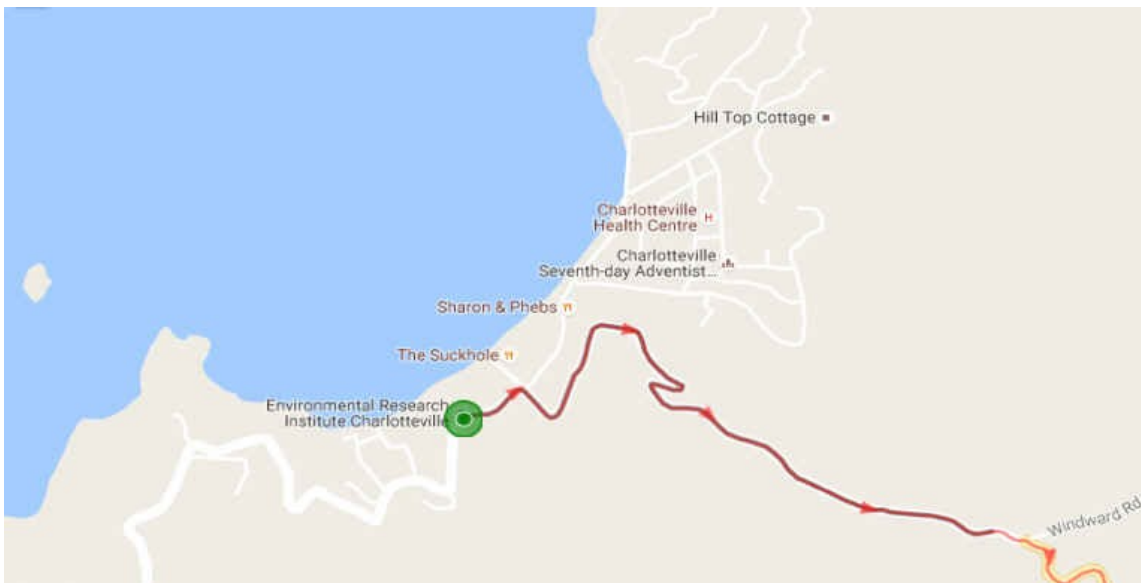
km0,5 : 8,8% (3 16 11 3 11)

km1 : 16,2% (12 16 19 18 18)

km1,4 : 400m at 14% (19 19 11 7)



Charlotteville Bay, the calm before the storm





Not just an illusion



Local sense of humor and/or of hospitality ?



It's the thought that counts



This is only the beginning. Let's keep up the fight.



The sense of humor has no limits



Final effort