



Washington Blvd Flood Policy

Occasionally, sudden and/or heavy rains causes flooding on Washington Blvd particularly the closer you get to the river. There are gates in place at the entrances to Washington Blvd at Allegheny River Blvd near the river and Negley Run at the opposite end. These gates are supposed to close automatically, but unfortunately they malfunction on a regular basis. When that happens, the police set up barriers in their place.

If you are coming to the track and you encounter a barrier, please do not cross the barrier under any circumstances. If it's raining heavily and the gates are up and there are no barriers in place and you see a heavy flow of water on Washington Blvd, please use caution before proceeding. As little as one foot of water can float a vehicle and two feet water depth can wash a vehicle away.

The officials have been instructed to treat the closing of Washington Blvd the same way they treat lightning. In other words at their discretion they can stop any race in progress if they determine that Washington Blvd has been closed due to flooding. In addition, the officials can at their discretion cancel any subsequent races for that evening. Cancellation of races due to flooding may also be initiated by the race director (ACA President) or their designee (which may be any ACA officer or board member). The ACA officers and board of directors reserve the right to render any points races as non-points races if racers cannot get to the parking lot due to closed gates and the officials have otherwise determined that conditions on the track were safe enough to race.

If you must evacuate the parking lot, please follow the direction of any police officers that may be managing the barriers and use extreme caution if you are instructed to proceed on Washington Blvd toward Negley Run. In 2011, four people lost their lives in a flood on that very road. That tragic event prompted the installation of the flood barriers and heightened awareness of flooding and the potential for flooding in that entire area.