



Three times over the Waseberg and then at speed to the finish: BEMER Cyclassics 2024 almost 200 kilometers long

It is the question of questions that arises every time at the BEMER Cyclassics Hamburg: Will a breakaway group manage to pull out enough of a lead on the Waseberg on September 8 to decide the victory on Mönckebergstraße among themselves, or will it be the sprinters who come out on top again in the end? At 197.9 kilometers, the 2024 route is slightly shorter than in previous years, with only minimal changes. However, these differences could further increase the chances of the fast men.

After signing-in at the Hotel Atlantic and the start on the Kennedy Bridge between the Outer and Inner Alster Lakes, the Cyclassics route initially leads in a north-westerly direction through Hamburg for five neutralized kilometers before the sharp start on Holstenkamp. Passing the Volksparkstadion, the route crosses the border into Schleswig-Holstein at Schenefeld. There, after just eight kilometers, the first of three ŠKODA sprint finishes should motivate an early leading group to attack.

The route continues via Rellingen, Tangstedt and Quickborn to Barmstedt. North of the small town, two 20-kilometre laps are on the agenda between Bokel and Mönkloh, before heading back towards Wedel via Barmstedt and Pinneberg. Here, after 125 kilometers, the second sprint classification will slowly but surely open the finale. Shortly afterwards, the race returns to Hamburg via Tinsdal. While the route has been almost completely flat so far, the decisive climbs now await.

First, we tackle the Kösterberg via the Grotiusweg. Halfway up, the route takes a sharp turn to the right and a crisp descent directly to the Elbe. There, it is important to position yourself well, as three 90-degree bends lead to the Waseberg, which is up to 15 percent steep. The STEVENS mountain classification on Richard-Dehmel-Straße is taken three times. After the first crossing, however, the route heads straight towards the finish.

Through Altona and via Königsstraße, Reeperbahn, Johannes-Brahms-Platz and Axel-Springer-Platz, past Hamburg City Hall, the finish arch in Mönckebergstraße, where the third intermediate sprint is held, is passed for the first time. From there its 47 kilometers to go. After a detour via Jungfernstieg, the route follows the same route back to Blankenese. The lap with Kösterberg and Waseberg is reached via Rissener Landstraße, where a possible



preliminary decision could be made. There are exactly eight kilometers between the second and third mountain classification, which will be ridden at the maximum.

After the third crossing of the Waseberg, there are still a good 15 kilometers to the finish. Two thirds of this is straight ahead on the Elbchaussee and mostly slightly downhill. Last year there were a few more bends to negotiate due to roadworks, but now there is hardly any chance of escaping the sprinters' gaze until five kilometers before the finish. And even those who have already ridden once have few opportunities to keep the peloton at bay. A bunch sprint on Hamburg's shopping mile is therefore the most likely outcome of the BEMER Cyclassics.

This is likely to be somewhat different for the amateur athletes, who will be riding through the city and surrounding countryside before the pros. The two 60 and 100-kilometre routes available for recreational riders to choose from run completely along the elite course, but leave out a few sections here and there. If you would like to take part, you can still register [here](#).