

BRM 2025 - Belgium or not Belgium Briefing

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Hello everyone,

- We're happy that you're taking part in this totally unique BRM organized by the Brussels Big Brackets.
- After the Sweet Caroline 200 km in 2023 and the Mollets et Maroilles 300 km in 2024, we've decided to organize another 200 km BRM that will take you across the north of the country all the way to Baarle-Hertog, that famous Belgian enclave in the Netherlands.
- The route is approximately 211 km with 470 meters of elevation gain. It doesn't include any major difficulty. You'll need to complete the ride in under 13 hours and 30 minutes for it to be validated.
- The route includes 3 checkpoints where you must get your brevet card stamped if you want your BRM to be validated. They are located in Lier (km 49), Baarle-Hertog (km 99), and Boom (km 172). Please refer to the list of checkpoints below for more details.
- As with all BRMs, this one must be completed in total autonomy. Make sure you are properly equipped to deal with any mechanical issues (or others) you may encounter on the road.
- Please ride safely, follow traffic rules carefully, and use cycle paths whenever possible. The route sometimes follows paths shared with pedestrians or passes through towns with heavier traffic — be extra cautious in these areas and adjust your speed accordingly.
- Upon your return, please drop off your control card at the bar of the K'Fête.



Starting Point

Where and when?

The BRM will start on **Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.** from the café “**K’Fête**” located at **Rue Vanderveken 114, 1083 Ganshoren**.

Please arrive early enough to complete the check-in formalities and enjoy the coffee and pastries that will be available 😊 . Our team will be there to welcome you starting at **7:15 a.m.**

Parking in the area

- Free parking is available on “Rue au Bois” after the railway crossing, near the start location.
- There’s also free parking across from the Ganshoren cemetery on the same street.

List of Checkpoints


Checkpoint 1 - Lier (km 49)

Name	Tables - km 49
Address	Liersesteenweg 170 - 2520 Emblem
Type	Bakery / Coffee place / Sandwich shop
Picture	 A photograph of a white building with a brown tiled roof. The building has a sign that says 'Tables' on the side. There are picnic tables and a bench in front of the building. A bicycle is parked near the entrance.
Remarks	<p>The venue is located just after Lier, on the left side of the road, a few dozen meters before a recognizable military surplus store.</p>  A photograph of a white building with a sign that says 'Amerikaans Stockhuis' and 'www.amerikaansstockhuis.com'. There is a 'CAMPINGAZ' sign on the building. The building has a satellite dish on the roof. <p>Be careful when crossing the road to reach the venue — it's relatively busy.</p>

Checkpoint 2 - Baerle-Duc (km 99)

Name	Het Smokkelbroodje - km 99
Address	Chaamseweg 13 - 2387 Baarle-Hertog (Belgique)
Type	Snack bar (sandwiches, salads, burgers, etc.)
Picture	 A photograph of the exterior of the 'Het Smokkelbroodje' snack bar. The building is a two-story brick structure with a dark awning over the entrance that has the name 'Het Smokkelbroodje' written on it. There are two windows above the entrance. To the right of the building, there is a parking lot with some trees and a small structure. The sky is clear and blue.
Remarks	<p>The venue is located just after Baarle-Hertog, on the left side of the road.</p> <p>The venue plans to set up outdoor tables reserved for BRM participants (on the parking lot you can see to the right in the photo) and is offering a 5% discount on all purchases upon presentation of your control card.</p>

Checkpoint 3 - Boom (km 172)

Name	De Musette - km 172
Address	Provincial Domain De Schorre
Type	Café / Brasserie (hot and cold drinks, light meals including vegetarian options)
Picture	
Remarks	<p>The venue is located in the beautiful Provincial Domain De Schorre.</p> <p>The manager of the establishment has promised to try to reserve tables for BRM participants!</p>

Safety Warning

At **km 169**, the route follows **Kerremanstraat**, part of which is currently under construction. You may need to dismount and walk your bike for a few dozen meters at most to safely cross the work zone.

At **km 177**, the route crosses a railway via a **level crossing without automatic barriers**. Please be extremely cautious when crossing the tracks!!

