

INFORMATION SHEET
AZ High Country (Arizona) – RUSA Permanent #2430

Welcome/Welcome Back to Randonneuring: long-distance, unsupported endurance cycling. This style of riding is non-competitive in nature, and self-sufficiency is paramount.

Route: AZ High Country (Arizona) – RUSA Permanent #2430

Route Type: Reversible Loop

Distance: 214 km/132.8 miles **Time Limit:** 14 hrs 16 mins **Climbing:** Approximately 6000 feet

PRE-RIDE INFO – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This brevet is sanctioned by Randonneurs USA as a “permanent,” meaning it is a self-conducted ride with a date and starting time of the rider’s choice. This ride can count toward RUSA Distance Awards for a rider’s kilometer total. ***In order to participate, you must be a current member of Randonneurs USA (<http://www.rusa.org/>), and completed a Registration and Waiver form with the permanent owner before riding.***

Permanent Owner: John Ingold RUSA #3067 tel. 928-310-8096 ingoldjm@gmail.com

Route Description: This reversible loop route starts and ends in Show Low, AZ at approx. 6300 ft. The ClockWise (CW) route goes west thru the Springerville Volcanic Field to Springerville/Eagar then loops south up into the White Mountains to top out at 9400 feet near Big Lake, then descends north and west back to Show Low. Riders will be rewarded with a variety of open and forested terrain and spectacular views along the White Mountains Scenic Road. Elevation varies between 6300-9400 feet with total climbing about 6000 ft either CW or CCW. Due to the elevation in the mountains, the scenic road is typically closed from October-November to April, defining our ride timeframe. July-August during monsoon season produces abundant wildflowers along the route, especially in the high country sections.

GPS Route: “Ride With GPS” Link **CW** <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/5577982>
(Map/Elevation/Control Locations) **CCW** <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/5855763>

Precautions: Northern Arizona weather conditions are variable so it is advised riders check current weather hazards and local forecast, including fire conditions, before committing to a ride date – see links below. Due to the cold and snow conditions in the mountains, the scenic road is typically closed from October-November to April. Also, change in elevation along the route can create varied precipitation and temperature conditions. Monsoon season (typically July and August) can bring torrential downpours and lightning storms. High wind advisories are always possible.

(Weather Info) [Watches & Warnings](#) [Show Low Area Forecast](#)

(Traffic/Road Conditions) <http://www.az511.gov/adot/files/traffic/> (“Pick a Region” Apache County)

Start Times: Control #1 is a Safeway store open from 0500-2300 daily. Be aware of the posted opening and closing times at the other controls when planning.

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Start/Finish Location: This ride begins and ends at the same location at the Safeway store in Show Low, AZ.

Google Maps Start Link: [Start/Finish - Show Low, AZ Safeway Store](#)

You will need receipts from the **start and the finish** – the time imprint on each receipt is your verification or “control” (it is okay to have store receipts which show times a few minutes off from the official start/finish times).

Services: This ride has food/drink sources at regular intervals. Regardless, due to elevation and especially if riding in hot weather, it is advised to carry plenty of water throughout this route.

Control Procedures: Stores and establishments at the start/finish will be used to acquire proof of passage. Store receipts are preferred and will be needed to show the time and date of passage. Each control has an opening and closing time. To get ride credit you must stay within these times, which are based upon the starting time and date you chose. You can ride this permanent alone or in a group; if you are with a group that stays together the entire way, then only one receipt is need for the group at each control (but everyone should mark their own cards with the time – carry a pen.) If the riders split up, they then need to get their own receipts. Tandem teams obviously only need one receipt for their team, not for each rider.

Paperwork: Within 10 days after the ride, return your completed brevet card and receipts to the ride owner/organizer. Sign the back of the card and make sure all the times are recorded on the card for each control.

Put all the receipts, your card, and any fee into a stamped envelope and mail it to:

John Ingold
880 N. Inland Shores Drive
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Regulations: During your ride, all the normal rules of randonneuring apply. Go to the RUSA web site <http://www.rusa.org/> to familiarize yourself with the regulations if this type of cycling is new to you. You **must** begin your ride at the time you selected, and any secret control opening and closing times will be based upon that start time. If you are riding at night, be sure you have all the required lights and safety gear outlined in the regulations; anyone found to be riding at night without them will be automatically disqualified.

If you should fail to start, or end the ride prematurely, please contact the ride organizer as soon as is practical. We have RUSA matters to attend to whether or not you finish the ride successfully. Please be considerate and not endanger your future participation in future permanents by overlooking this essential detail. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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