

Sun Valley 200k

Permanent #569

A Permanent Brevet of 208 kms

Time Limit: 13 hours, 30 minutes

Pre-ride Information—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This brevet is a “permanent.” Being a “permanent” means it is a self-conducted ride with a date and starting time of the rider’s choice. This brevet is sanctioned by Randonneurs USA, and counts toward its Distance Awards once per year for a rider’s kilometer total. However, if you are trying to earn the RUSA R-12 medal it can be ridden multiple times. In order to participate, you must be a current member of Randonneurs of USA.

Route Description: This is a 129 mile loop in the North and West parts of the Valley of the Sun. The route takes you to its namesake Sun Valley Parkway. This has been “the road to nowhere” for the past 20 years. Now it provides a nice section of pavement to get away from the crowds in Phoenix. This is a flat-ish route and can be ridden any time of year. Overall, this route would be called flat. There are no difficult climbs. The climbs which do exist are long and gradual and will pose no problems. The total elevation gained on this route is only about 3000’ total.

Weather: This ride can be done year-round. Summers can be scorching in the daytime, and only acclimated riders should even consider it then. Winters can be chilly, but are generally pleasant unless a storm blows though.

Start Times: You can start this ride at nearly any time. Fall, winter, and spring would normally be ridden in daylight starting between 5 and 9 a.m. If desiring to ride this route in the summer, it is highly recommended to start it around 4 a.m. These start times will minimize your exposure to the brutal summer heat. The stores will be open without any issues with starts like these.

Services: To buy food and drink along the route, you’ll find stores at intervals of 25 miles, at most. Even during the summer, it should be easy to do the ride with 2 large water bottles.

Start/Finish Location: This brevet begins and ends at the corner E. Union Hills Dr. and N. 32nd St. in north Phoenix. There are two 24-hour convenience stores at the start/finish. There is also a 24 hour CVS pharmacy and a Park-And-Ride lot on the southeast corner. You should try to park in the P-N-R lot and not take the convenience store parking area. You’ll 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).

Control Procedures: Stores and establishments along the route will be used to acquire proof of passage. Store receipts will be needed to show the time and date of passage. You can also ask for a store stamp at any control in lieu of a receipt, but if they do not offer one then you are expected to buy something to get a receipt. Have the clerk write the time upon your brevet card and sign it.

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.) 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.

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. This route has an “informational” control at the turn-around location. Riders will need to answer the question found on their Brevet card. The answer will be found when reaching the control location. **Without answering this question properly, credit can not be given for the ride.** Make sure that you carry a pen or pencil with you so that you may write the answer on the Brevet card.

Be aware that there may also be secret controls during this brevet, so stay on the route. If you should get lost or go looking for food, backtrack to where you got off-course, otherwise you might miss a secret control. Failure to sign in at a secret control means disqualification from the brevet. If there are any secret controls, they will be in plain sight and impossible to miss.

After the brevet, return your brevet card and receipts to the ride 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 and your card into an envelope and mail it to

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Regulations: During your ride, all the normal rules of randonneuring apply. Go to the RUSA web site 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.

Good luck and good riding! ☺