



## Frequently asked questions

### Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon Fat Tire Mountain Bike Ride

#### Tell me about this infamous ride!

We're glad you want to join us. Our ride starts early in Flagstaff to miss the inclement weather that usually occurs in the afternoon. We can't control Mother Nature, so be prepared for all sorts of weather. We plan to have SAG support stops along the way for you to quench your thirst and fill your belly but make sure you carry plenty of water and grub with you. Most riders usually take 6-7 hours to finish, stronger riders have finished in 5 or less hours. This is NOT a race, we do not keep track of finish times. Ride with caution! Limited medical support (med support is available at SAG 1 only). SAG drivers will be driving along the course to give support to riders in need. When you arrive at camp we'll have showers and munchies ready for your arrival.

#### When is the ride?

The ride is on **Saturday, August 3rd, 2013**. Rider check-in **Friday evening from 5-8 p.m.** and **Saturday 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.**, mandatory ride meeting 6:45 a.m., 7:00 a.m. ride start. Many riders camp at Wing Mountain on Friday night (start camp). This is a primitive camp area with limited porta johns.

#### How do I get there?

##### Directions to Start Camp (Wing Mountain): Flagstaff, Arizona

**From Phoenix:** Take I-17 north to Flagstaff. Once in Flagstaff continue driving through town on Milton Road to Highway 180. Turn left (north) onto US 180, also called Humphries St. and follow the signs for the Grand Canyon. Go approximately 8 miles to Forest Service Road 222. FS 222 is an improved gravel road on the left side of US 180. The turnoff will be marked with a ride sign.

##### Directions to End Camp: Tusayan, Arizona

**From Flagstaff:** Take US 180 north to AZ64 (Valle, AZ). Turn right (N) onto AZ64 and travel approximately 23 miles to Tusayan (Do not go into Tusayan. If you have, you have gone too far). Look for the yellow Toys for Tots sign on the right marking the turn onto Forest Service Road 302. Follow the yellow course signs for approximately 6 miles to the end camp. Our Saturday night camp is fringing on the border of one of the most spectacular National Parks. If you've never seen the Grand Canyon, take some extra time to visit. You're so close, it's one not to miss!

#### What will be provided at the SAG stops?

We'll have three SAG stops on the ride, all with water. The first will have snacks & the second will have PBJ sandwiches and snacks, the third with beverages.

#### What happens at end camp?

This is sometimes the best part of the ride and the most talked about! There will be snacks upon arrival at the end of the ride with our Marine League chefs and volunteers whipping up a fajita dinner. Beer bash and raffle party happens on Saturday afternoon! Our roving photographers put together a great slide show of the event shown at sunset, and afterwards the festivities tend to kick in to gear with a disco party in the pines! (Those who prefer to chill are advised to camp in a location away from the evening festivities). Sunday morning awake to coffee, beverages and a hot breakfast. **Guests:** For a \$20 donation to Marine League Charities (\$5 for kids under 13), guests are invited to the Saturday night dinner, beverages & Sunday breakfast.

#### How do I get my gear to the end camp?

Your camping gear will be shuttled to the Canyon camp prior to your arrival. Please label your gear with your name as we are not responsible for lost or stolen gear. We will arrange to have riders and bikes\* back to Flagstaff Sunday morning starting at 9 a.m. via extra vehicles, trailers, and bus. For return transportation, please indicate on registration form if you need a ride to start camp (\$10) or make arrangements to have someone take your vehicle to end camp (directions available at start camp).

#### What should I expect the weather to be like?

We're in our 16th year of doing this and even we can't predict the weather. Be prepared for sunny and rainy weather. Bring sunscreen and rain gear. It can get cold or hot. Most of the northern Arizona weather moves in around the early afternoon. Promoters reserve the right to cancel ride on-site due to extreme weather conditions. No refunds. Remember, all monies are donated to our charity.

#### What happens if the weather is severe? Will you stop the ride?

Depending on the route and weather conditions, we may have to stop riders at one of our checkpoints. If this happens, we will still have the party at the end camp /finish (weather dependent). You are responsible for your own well-being. While we will have SAG support driving the course, there is no guarantee that they are able to get to you very fast. If you fail to bring rain gear, you will be cold. If there is lightning, you will need to get off of your bike and seek low ground.

#### How should I prepare?

- Make sure you're ready to ride 65 miles!
- Get your bike tuned up before the ride
- ANSI approved helmet
- Water and trail snacks
- Extra bike tubes and lube
- Sunscreen
- Anti-chaffing supplies
- First aid kit/pain relievers
- Camping gear and camp chair
- Ear plugs
- Toiletries, towel, biodegradable soap, etc.
- Rain gear for ride and campsite
- Extra cash to buy raffle tickets or massages
- Good mojo and excitement to be on one of the best rides in the state!

*\*The promoters are not responsible for damages to bikes in transport.*