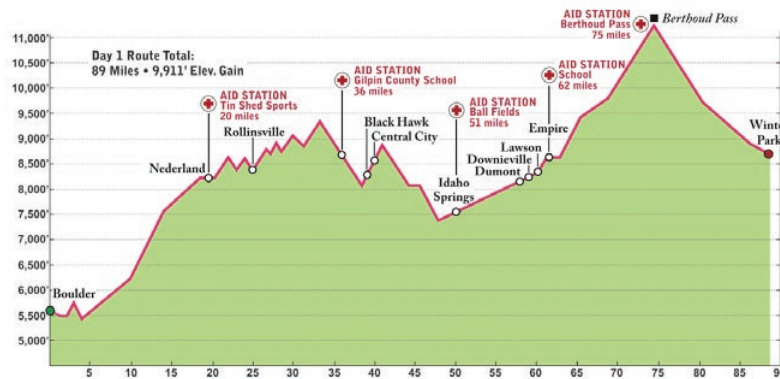




RTR ROUTE ADVISORY (5.27)

Please find below important information regarding this year's Ride The Rockies route; including updated mileage, elevation, cautions and tidbits. Please pay particular attention to the "Boulder Canyon Closure / Start Procedures" for Sunday, June 8th in Boulder, CO.

Day 1: Boulder to Winter Park



89 Miles
9,911' Elevation Gain

Aid Stations:

Aid 1, Tin Shed Sports (Nederland) - 20miles
 Aid 2, Gilpin County School - 36 miles
 Aid 3, Ball Fields (Idaho Springs) - 51 miles
 Aid 4, School House (Empire) - 62 miles
 Aid 5, Berthoud Pass - 75 miles

Cautions:

- Roundabouts - Boulder & Nederland
- Rumble Strips - Central City Pkwy
- Temporary Bicycle Trail @ Twin Tunnels with Drainage Grates - Ride Single File
- Dirt Road [.2 mi] at end of Temporary Bicycle Trail
- Idaho Springs Bicycle Trail after Aid 3 - Ride Single File
- Left Turn into Aid 4
- Central City Parkway & Berthoud Pass - Control Speed on Descents
- Drainage Grates from Winter Park Resort to Stage Finish

Tidbits:

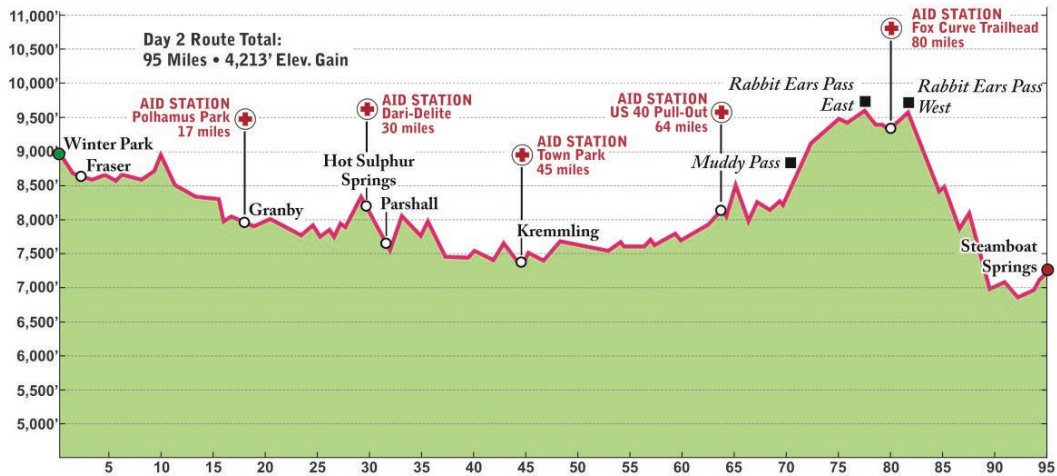
- Coordinate your team / group of riders to depart together
- Conserve energy; slow and steady - it's a big day of climbing
- Aid 2 in Gilpin County sits on side of embankment, quick incline to station
- Short but steep climb out of Central City
- Calm and Cool - Twin Tunnels construction requires use of make shift bicycle trail and .2 miles of dirt
- Be prepared and use caution - short bicycle trail after Aid 3 that includes quick climb and descent .43 miles
- Prevailing headwinds for 12 mile stretch between Idaho Springs and Empire
- Be careful - some road damage on descent of Berthoud Pass, last switchback in particular
- Stage is comparable to riding the Triple Bypass and/or feels like the equivalent of a century ride

Estimated ride time - 7 to 9 hours



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Day 2: Winter Park to Steamboat Springs



95 Miles
4,213' Elevation Gain

Aid Stations:

- Aid 1, Polhamus Park [Granby] – 17 miles
- Aid 2, Dari-Delite [Hot Sulphur Springs] – 30 miles
- Aid 3, Kremmling Town Park [Kremmling] – 45 miles
- Aid 4, US 40 Pull-Out – 64 miles
- Aid 5, Fox Curve Trailhead Parking Lot – 80miles

Cautions:

- Rumble Strips – US 40
- Railroad Tracks – CR 5
- No Shoulder – Byers Canyon
- Rabbit Ears Pass – Control Speed on Descent

Tidbits:

- Another long day in the saddle – slow and steady
- Prominent winds from the S/SW so take advantage after Kremmling
- Be careful – Kremmling to Muddy Pass – minimal shoulder, exposed
- Ascents of Muddy Pass and Rabbit Ears [East and West Summit] – long and gradual
- Descent of Rabbit Ears – fast and mostly clean

Estimated ride time: 6 to 7 hours



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Day 3: Steamboat Springs Loop “Twenty Mile Rd.”



54 Miles
3,831' Elevation Gain

Aid Stations:

Aid 1, Decker Park (Oak Creek) – 20 miles
Aid 2, Pit 3 / Middle Creek Warehouse – 34 miles

Cautions:

- Railroad Tracks – River Rd., CR 14E, Oak Creek, CR 27, 13th St.
- Rumble Strips – CO 131
- Narrow Shoulder – CO 131, prior to Oak Creek
- Dirt Road, leaving Aid 1
- Cattle Guards – CR 33 [4X]
- Yampa Valley Bicycle Trail – Ride Single File

Tidbits:

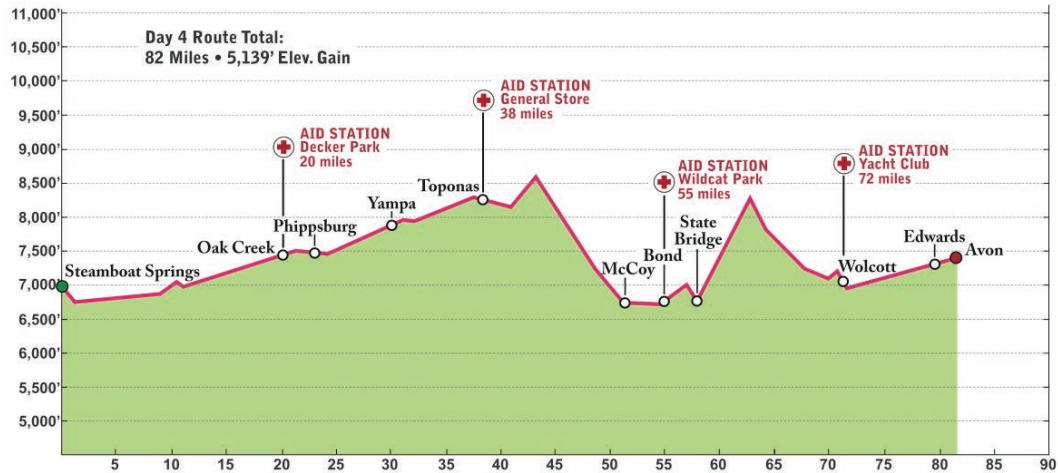
- “False Recovery Ride”
- Stage is quintessential Ride The Rockies; beautiful views, rolling hills with little to no traffic after CO 131
- Short punchy climbs with nice big descents on CR 27 and 33
- “Realtor Tour” to finish

Estimated ride time: 3.5 hours



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Day 4: Steamboat Springs to Avon



82 Miles
5,139' Elevation Gain

Aid Stations:

- Aid 1, Decker Park [Oak Creek] – 20 miles
- Aid 2, General Store / Pull-Out [Toponas] – 38 miles
- Aid 3, Wildcat Park [Bond] – 55 miles
- Aid 4, Yacht Club [Wolcott] – 72 miles

Cautions:

- Railroad Tracks – River Rd., CR 14E, CO 131 [2X], W. Beaver Creek Blvd.
- Rumble Strips – CO 131
- Narrow Shoulder – Co 131, prior to Oak Creek
- Left Turn into Aid 2 & 3

Tidbits:

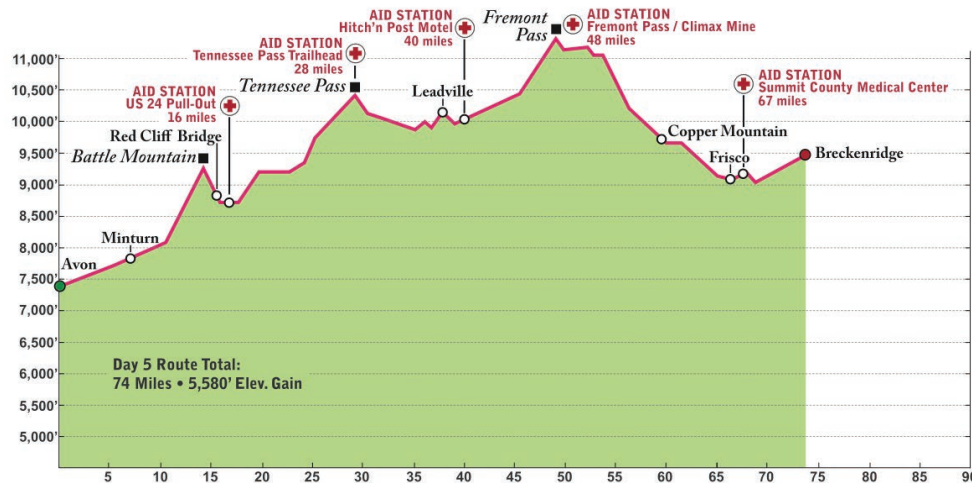
- Get an early start – prevailing head winds after 10AM
- Pacelines can be your friend
- Conserve energy – monster climb after State Bridge “Wolcott Gap / Divide”
- Be cautious of cross winds on descents
- CO 131 & US 6 – cross railroad tracks to the far right

Estimated ride time: 6 hours



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Day 5: Avon to Breckenridge



74 Miles
5,580' Elevation Gain

Aid Stations:

- Aid 1, US 24 Pull-Out [Red Cliff] – 16 miles
- Aid 2, Tennessee Pass Trailhead Parking Lot– 28 miles
- Aid 3, Hitch'n Post Motel – 40 miles
- Aid 4, Fremont Pass / Climax Mines – 48 miles
- Aid 5, Summit County Medical Center – 67 miles

Cautions:

- Railroad Tracks – W. Beaver Creek Blvd.
- Roundabouts – US 6
- No Shoulder – Minturn [US 24]
- Left Turn into Aid 4
- Bicycle Trails – Single File, Obey Speed Limits

Tidbits:

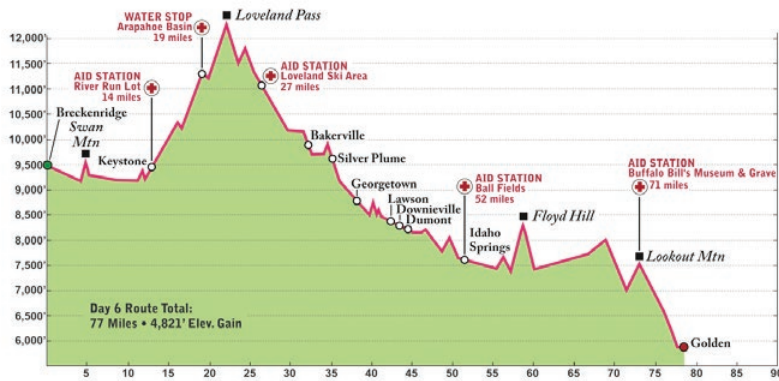
- RTR's own "Mini-Triple" – Battle Mountain, Tennessee & Fremont Pass
- Recommend an early start
- Aid 1 after Red Cliff Bridge will come up on you quickly – control speed
- Descents are all pretty clean [Fremont especially – fairly new pavement]
- Be aware – minimal route support on bicycle trail from Wheeler Jct. to Breckenridge [15 miles]

Estimated ride time: 6 to 7 hours



RTR ROUTE ADVISORY (5.27)

Day 6: Breckenridge to Golden



77 Miles
4,821' Elevation Gain

Aid Stations:

- Aid 1, River Run Lot [Keystone] – 14 miles
- Pit Stop, Arapahoe Basin – 19 miles
- Aid 2, Loveland Valley Ski Area Parking Lot – 27 miles
- Aid 3, Ball Fields [Idaho Springs] – 52 miles
- Aid 4, Buffalo Bill's Grave & Museum – 71 miles

Cautions:

- All Bicycle Trails – Ride Single File, Obey Speed Limits
- Swan Mtn. Road [CR 1] – Single File, Rumble Strips, Drainage Grates
- Temporary Bicycle Trail @ Twin Tunnels with Drainage Grates – Ride Single File
- Loveland Pass & Lookout Mtn. – Control Speed on Descents
- Silver Plume / Georgetown Bicycle Trail – Control Speed @ Loop Drive
- Idaho Springs Bicycle Trail into Aid 3 – Ride Single File
- Dirt Road [.2 mi] prior to Temporary Bicycle Trail @ Twin Tunnels
- Narrow Shoulder – US 40
- Left Turn into Aid 4

Tidbits:

- Leave with enough time to make closing ceremony @ 2:30PM
- Swan Mtn. will be open to traffic
- Cyclists will be routed on US 6, rather than paralleling bicycle trail
- Water Stop Only @ A-Basin
- Loveland Pass Descent is relatively clean but weather is unpredictable
- Loveland Pass will be closed to traffic with the exception of hazmat trucks
- Be prepared and use caution – short bicycle trail prior to Aid 3 that includes quick climb and descent .43 miles
- Be aware – minimal route support on bicycle trails [Loveland to Bakerville 4.9 miles, Silver Plume to Georgetown 1.5 miles, CCPW to Kermits "Scott Lancaster Trail" 1.5 miles]
- Don't be caught off guard by Floyd Hill climb [just shy of 2 miles in length]
- Enjoy views of Lookout Mtn., control speed into finish
- Washington St. closed from 12th to 10th for photo finish under Golden Arch

Estimated ride time – 5 hours

Boulder Canyon Closure & Start Procedures – Important

Boulder Canyon will be closed to westbound vehicular traffic from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Official RTR support vehicles will be allowed on the course. All private support vehicles will be required to use the alternate driving directions that will be distributed upon registration. To help facilitate a timely and safe departure from town, cyclists will be released in waves of approximately 300, every 20 minutes. There will be one interruption to this schedule for our Opening Ceremony. You do not need to sign up for a wave, when ready you will simply position yourself in our start chute and wait your turn. Please plan accordingly with your group/team to help ensure that you depart together.

Waves:

- 5:45AM
- 6:05AM
- 6:25AM
- 6:45AM
- 7:00AM Opening Ceremony
- 7:25AM
- 7:45AM
- 8:05AM