

18th Anniversary



2024 RACE BOOK

WELCOME TO THE 18th ANNUAL HOODOO 500 ULTRAMARATHON BICYCLE RACE!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 22nd

- 500-Mile Stage Race check-in: 3pm to 5pm
- Mandatory Stage Race Pre-Race Meeting: 5:15pm

Friday, August 23th

- 500-Mile Stage Race and Voyager 72 Start: 7am
- 500-Mile and 300-Mile Racer check-in & Voyager/Nomad bicycle inspection: 1:30pm to 5pm
- Mandatory Pre-Race Meeting for all divisions: 5:15pm

Saturday, August 24th

- Voyager and Nomad Start: 5am
- Solo Start: 7am
- Stage Race Escalante Start: 7am
- Two-Person and 4-Person Relay Teams Start: 9am

Sunday, August 25th

- Stage Race Panguitch Start: 7am
- Race Ends for Hoodoo 300 nonstop race: 10am

Monday, August 26th

- Race Ends for all remaining distances and divisions: 7am
- Post-Race Banquet Breakfast / Awards Ceremony: 9am at Abbey Inn.

19th ANNUAL HOODOO 500 August 21-24, 2025!

Please spread the word about this epic race!!!

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Telephone Numbers and Check-in at Time Stations

• Check-in at *unmanned* Time Stations: **TEXT** (818) 624-4544.

The *preferred method is text message*. If your text is not working, you may send an email to embassy@planetultra.com or call in. Please include the racer or team name, the Time Station Number and the time the racer went through (in military time please).

- Check-in at *manned* Time Stations (Escalante and Panguitch only): Racer or crew must check in with the Time Station Captain.
- Check-in at Top of Snow Canyon. Racer or crew *must call, not text* race HQ as soon as the racer begins the descent down Snow Canyon.
- EMERGENCY & RACE DIRECTOR CONTACT:
 - 1. Call 911 for any medical emergency or traffic accident.
 - 2. Race Directors' Cell Phone Deborah: (818) 624-4544; Brian: (949) 939-4547
 - 3. (Last resort) Race Headquarters at Best Western Abbey Inn (435) 652-1234 Ask for Deborah Bowling

Route Sheet Abbreviations

R – Right

L – Left

X – Cross

BR - Stay Right

BL - Bear Left

TL – Traffic Light

SS – Stop Sign

T-int – T-intersection

TS - Time Station

UnOfficial Official Rules Additions:

For all racers: The traffic light at the intersection of Blackridge and Bluff Street (where racers make the final left turn onto Bluff Street at the end of the race), will not change to green for a cyclist. Between 8am and 11pm, if a car is not present to trip the light, racers must push the button at the cross-walk and wait for the light to turn. After 11pm, racers may treat the red light as a stop sign and proceed when safe to do so.

CREW DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM START TO 1st RACER SUPPORT POINT

Please use the driving directions below to meet your racer. Mandatory 1-hour penalty for driving on the route through St. George/Bloomington and/or stopping on the Southern Parkway in any location other than an offramp/onramp. Please refer to Rules for additional special ride zones and no support zones.

Race Start to Beginning of Rider Support:

Exit Best Western Abbey Inn from the rear of the hotel RIGHT onto Main Street.

Go .2 miles and turn LEFT onto Bluff Street; then stay to the right.

Turn RIGHT to enter I-15 South.

Take Exit 2 for UT-7 / Southern Parkway. Keep left at the fork, then turn left to enter UT-7 (towards St. George Airport).

Take the River Road exit and park on the off-ramp shoulder to provide support to your rider.

CREW DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM TOP OF SNOW CANYON TO FINISH LINE

Support Crews may not follow their racer into Snow Canyon State Park. Any Crew caught on the route after the turn-off to Snow Canyon (without express permission from the Race Directors) will cause their racer(s) to be disqualified (and that will suck really bad for everyone). **No exceptions**.

Please make sure your racer is wearing the pink wristband before they head down Snow Canyon.

Don't forget to *call* Race Headquarters and report that your racer(s) is in Snow Canyon.

Snow Canyon To Race Finish at Best Western Abbey Inn:

Exit Snow Canyon parking area RIGHT onto Hwy 18 towards St. George.

Hwy 18 becomes N. Bluff Street.

The Abbey Inn is 10.6 miles from the top of Snow Canyon on the left side of the road.

Again, to be very, very clear: DO NOT, under any circumstances, follow your racer down Snow Canyon. This is a non-negotiable DQ offense. Our Snow Canyon permit allows only racers, and specifically forbids cars. Any vehicles other than bikes descending Snow Canyon will put the future of this section of the route in jeopardy.

Check-in at the Finish Line and wait for your racers there!

WHO'S WHO OF THE HOODOO - HALL OF FAME

The Hoodoo Hall of Fame recognizes and honors cyclists who have shown a long-term commitment to pursuing their ultra-cycling goals on our Hoodoo 500 courses. **Inductees into the Hall of Fame have completed the Hoodoo 500 at least 5 times,** in any division or combination of divisions. **Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all Hall of Fame members!**

Colt Albrecht, St. George, UT - 2011 Scott Smith, St. George, UT - 2011 Tim Skipper, Glendora, CA - 2012 Matt Longson, Holladay, UT - 2014 Deborah Hoag, San Jose, CA - 2015 Adam Bickett, San Diego, CA - 2016 Joel Flowers, St. George, UT - 2016 Brett Wehrli, South Weber, UT - 2016 Lap Lai, Vancouver, WA - 2018 Alexis Berhillier, Mountain View, CA - 2019 Brook Henderson, Woodland Hills, CA - 2019 Rick Jacobson, Van Nuys, CA - 2019 Robert Mutel, Solon, IA - 2019 Jeanine Spence, Fresno, CA - 2019 Steve Meichtry, West Hills, CA - 2020 Julian Schafer, Las Vegas, NV - 2020 Robert Baldino, Green Valley, AZ - 2022 Kimmy Campbell, Bakersfield, CA - 2022 Shelby Weber, Westminster, CA - 2022 John Crawford, New River, AZ - 2023 Laura Crawford, New River, AZ - 2023 Matt Skipper, Castaic, CA – 2023

Victor Cooper, Tami Kerns and Kevin Walsh are each going for their 5th finishes in 2024!
Ride strong!

COURSE RECORDS

Please note: If a division/category is not listed, there is no current course record for this route.

500-Mile Non-Stop:

Solo Man and Man 50+: B.J. Almberg, Ely, NV, 2021 - 35 hrs 16 min (14.75 mph)

Solo Woman and Woman 50+: Leah Goldstein, Vernon, British Columbia, 2022 - 37 hrs 3 min (14.04 mph)

Voyager and Voyager 50+: David Haase, Fond Du Lac, WI, 2023 – 35 hrs 24 min (14.93 mph)

Voyager Woman: Kym Louie, Mountain View, CA, 2022 - 48 hrs 29 min (11.44 mph)

Voyagers Conjoined: Marco Ensing & Rob van der Veer, 2022 - 45 hrs 59 min (11.31 mph)

2-Man, 2-Man 50+, 2-Man 60+ and 2-man 70+: Cyclonauts (Robert Baldino, Tom Guevara), 2021 - 41 hrs 58 min

2-Mixed, 2-Mixed 50+ and 2-Mixed 60+: Team ZOCA (Carolyn Beck, Robert Bernhard), 2021 - 32 hrs 53 min

4-women, 4-women 50+ and 4-women 60+: Rock EWE (Teresa Beck, Lori Cherry, Deborah Hoag, Jeanine Spence), 2021 - 32 hrs 0 min

500-Mile Stage:

Overall: Hayden Pucker, Rosendale, WI, 2023 – 25 hrs 36 min (20.32 mph)

Solo Female: Deanne Herr, Indianola, IA, 2021 - 30 hrs 31 min (17.06 mph)

Overall 50+ and 60+: Lori Hoechlin, Ladera Ranch, CA, 2022- 33 hrs 9 min (15.71 mph)

Recumbent: Robert Volk, Becker MN, 2021 - 34 hrs 36 min (15.04 mph)

2-woman relay: Badass & Jackass (Ekaterina Hardin, Shelby Weber), 2022 - 35 hrs 36 min (14.62 mph)

2-Men, 2-Men 50+: Coconut Crabs (Alexis Berthillier, Gilles Bouchard), 2023 – 28 hrs 59 min (17.95 mph)

2-Men 60+ and 2-Men 70+: Wise Owls (Steve Meichtry, David Slaton), 2021 - 33 hrs 39 min (15.46 mph)

2-Mixed, 2-Mixed 50+ and 2-Mixed 60+: Team Crawford (Laura & John Crawford), 2023 - 33 hrs 39 min (15.46 mph)

2-Married: Team Crawford (Laura & John Crawford), 2023 - 33 hrs 39 min (15.46 mph)

300-Mile Non-Stop:

Solo Overall: Dan Thunell, Salt Lake City, UT, 2023 – 18 hrs 17 min (16.24 mph)

Solo Men 50+: Walter Migdal, Albuquerque, NM, 2021 - 21 hr 39 min

Nomad and Nomad 50+: Kevin Bilbee, Apple Valley, CA, 2022 – 20 hrs 09 min (14.77 mph)

Nomad 60+ and Nomad 70+: Steve Meichtry, West Hills, CA, 2023 – 26 hrs 13 min (11.33 mph)

Solo Female: Nancy Herms from Ely, NV – 20 hrs 30 min (14.48 mph)

Solo Female 50+ and 60+: Laura Crawford, New River, AZ, 2022 - 21 hrs 51 min (13.43 mph)

Solo Men Recumbent and 50+: John Crawford, New River, AZ, 2022 - 24 hrs 36 min (12.07 mph)

2-Man Relay: Team "2 Idiots Redeux" (Dave Ashby, Clark Livsey), 2022 - 17 hrs 16 min (17.18 mph)

2-Mixed Relay: Team Red Dragon (Deborah Hoag, Matt Skipper), 2022 - 22 hrs 10 min (13.40 mph)

2-Mixed 70+ Relay: Team Due Vecchi Amici (Robert Baldino, Dusty Dustyn), 2022 - 26 hos 3 min (11.40 mph)

2-Tandem: Team Skipper (Brenda Barnell, David Mori, Matt Skipper, Tim Skipper), 2021 - 21 hrs 2 min (14.11 mph)

2-Tandem 50+: Team Skipper (Bernie Barge, Clay Sharp, Tim Skipper, Joanna Zhou), 2022 - 23 hrs 41 min (12.55 mph)

300-Mile Stage:

Overall: Kimmy Campbell, Bakersfield, CA, 2022 - 18 hrs 31 min (16.04 mph)

Solo Men 50+: Julian Schafer, Las Vegas Nevada, 2021 - 19 hrs 28 min (15.24 mph)

Solo Men 60+ and 70+: Thomas Keeley, Chesapeake, VA, 2022 - 23 hrs 57 min (12.42 mph)

2-Mixed Relay: Mile Munchers (Evan Gilderman, Shelby Weber), 2023 – 23 hrs 38 min (12.55 mph)

PLEASE DOWNLOAD, READ AND INSERT THE OFFICIAL RULES PERTINENT TO YOUR RACE DIVISION.

PLEASE DOWNLOAND AND INSERT THE TURN-BY-TURN ROUTE DIRECTIONS FOR YOUR RACE DIVISION

PLEASE DOWNLOAD AND INSERT THE RACE ROSTER

PLEASE DOWNLOAD AND INSERT THE UDOT AND NPS EVENT PERMITS

Heartfelt appreciation to our in-kind sponsors for the 2024 race:











THE HOODOO 500 JERSEY, IN A NEW & UNIQUE DESIGN EACH YEAR, IS AWARDED TO EACH OFFICIAL FINISHER.



YOU MAY PURCHASE MATCHING SHORTS/BIB FOR YOURSELF, AND MAY ORDER A JERSEY OR FULL KIT FOR YOUR CREW.

SIZING JERSEYS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN AND ALSO AT THE POST-RACE BANQUET BREAKFAST.

BE SURE AND DOWNLOAD THE JERSEY ORDER FORM ALONG WITH ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. WE WILL NOT HAVE HARD COPIES ON SITE. PLEASE COME PREPARED!