

COLORADO HIGH COUNTRY 1200

2021 Event Procedures

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These procedures cover:

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Check-In and Inspection

Check-in/inspection will be **4:00 – 5:30pm** on **Sunday, July 11** at the Quality Inn in Louisville. If this will not work for you, let us know. (Time will be limited at the event start.)

For inspection, you will need to show your:

- **reflective gear** for your bike and yourself (leg-bands and reflective vest or equivalent) – need to meet RUSA guidelines;
- **lighting system** mounted on bike and backup lighting system (see requirements below).
- **drop bag** –(preferably filled, to assure that your bag is not too heavy); if it's too big, you can find another across US-36 at Target or Costco; limits are 10" x 10" x 20" or 40" combined linear dimensions, and 25 lb.

You will receive a rider packet including brevet card, cue sheet, and waiver to sign and leave with us.

After inspection, you may wish to join other riders for dinner at a neighboring restaurant. There are several within walking distance.

Lighting Requirements

Two independent bike-mounted taillights are required.

A bike-mounted headlight is required. Two fully independent headlight systems are *strongly recommended*. A helmet-mounted backup system is ok, if it's sufficiently powerful. The headlights can be both battery powered, or a dynamo setup and a battery light.

Proof of Passage and Checkpoint Cutoffs

Because this year's route is "mid-loaded" – with a shorter first day – rather than front-loaded, intermediate controls will not have time limits. You must only finish within 90 hours. This still means budgeting your time!

You may use a GPS tracking device, photos, or answer info questions on your brevet card to provide proof of passage. This can be in any combination, e.g., if your

GPS device becomes inoperative, you can fall back to photos or info questions.

At the Ride Start

Sign in between **4am-4:30am** at the Quality Inn.

Riders depart at **5:00am**.

Drop Bags – Deposit your drop bags at the front of the motel. If your drop bag is too voluminous or heavy, you will be asked to leave items behind (in the motel storage area) before the bag is accepted.

Luggage Storage – As in years past, the Quality Inn staff is making provisions to store guests' bicycle bags and other luggage during the event. We or they will give you directions. *If you have a vehicle, consider leaving your baggage in the vehicle, as motel storage space is limited this year.*

Parking – You may park in the Quality Inn spaces if you are staying there at start/finish. Otherwise, ask motel staff if you may park there, or find another spot to park. This could include the RTD Park-and-Ride south of the motel. (Pay for four days' stay.)

En Route

Overnight Accommodations – At Walden, we provide motel-room accommodations (if selected), food, and your drop bags.

Walden Check-In – When you arrive at Walden the first evening, volunteers will provide you your drop bag (available late afternoon). If you've selected included lodging, volunteers will assign you a room. This will be your room to keep for all three nights, unless some situation arises.

Food will be available in a common area. There will be evening items and then breakfast items in the morning, including items to take with you. Please do not congregate in the common area. We will have outside areas, or you may take your food items to your room.

Check-Out – Before leaving after your final stay in – or transit through - Walden, return your drop bag to the common area.

Bike and Other Cleaning – Be especially careful not to soil motel towels or linens with bike oil, grease, etc. We are liable for expenses and our good reputation. Ask the staff for rags or paper towels.

Sign-In/Sign-Out – IMPORTANT – Each time you arrive in Walden, **sign in** on the sheet provided. Then remember also to **sign out** when you leave, whether your stay is half an hour or overnight. This allows us to keep track of the riders and post rider progress on the website.

Following the Event and Riders

Rider Progress - People can follow riders' arrivals and departures from Walden on the Rider Progress Spreadsheet (see link on CHC home page). We will try to keep this updated several times a day, but volunteers' first priority will be to support the riders, so there may be times when updates lag.

Tracking Devices – If you will be using a SPOT or other tracking device with Web visibility, you can give us the web link and we will add it to the Rider Progress spreadsheet. You may also join the CHC Spotwalla: <https://new.spotwalla.com/lp/90bc-1852da3e-e989/join>

Blog – We should also be posting more general updates on conditions, etc., on the [Colorado High Country blog](http://coloradohighcountry1200k.blogspot.com/): <http://coloradohighcountry1200k.blogspot.com/>

Emergent and Out-of-Time Situations

If you have a situation in need of emergency care, phone **911**. If you can, alert us via the volunteer phone numbers on your card, or have someone else do so. We cannot stand in for emergency responders, but want to know what's going on with all the riders. If using a SPOT or other tracking device, consult with us.

If you are unable to continue, for mechanical or other reasons, our aim – when a volunteer is free – will be to get you to the staffed checkpoint (Walden), and then work on your options for getting back to Louisville.

If you need to abandon because you are outside the control time windows *and do not feel you can make up the time*, let us know, and we can discuss your options for getting back to Louisville.

Ride Finish

Finish is at the Louisville Quality Inn. We'll be there mid-afternoon on July 15th until dinnertime (see below).

If you finish when there is no event staff present: e-mail, phone, or text your name and finishing time to me. Then have motel staff validate your finishing time, and retain your card.

Drop bags will be available starting Thursday afternoon at the Quality Inn.
IMPORTANT: Please collect your luggage and drop bag when you finish. We can keep them in the storage area or motel common areas for only a limited amount of time.

Après-Finish Dinner

Riders traditionally adjourn in groups to a neighboring restaurant, such as Murphy's across the street from the motel. This year there is no formal arrangement.

Jerseys and Vests

A second ordering period for jerseys and vests is under way. You may [order](#) from Voler through July 19.

Medals

We will present Colorado High Country 1200 medals at the finish. Finishers can also purchase Randonneurs Mondiaux 1200 medals from the RUSA Store.

Cautions and Advisories

Thanks to our pre-riders for the following:

Burn-Area Runoff - "Runoff in fire-burnt areas can leave a sort of slick black mud on the pavement. I noticed it specifically on the way up Willow Creek Pass (last climb of 3rd day)." Note that a section of this highway was closed earlier in the week to clear runoff-born debris.

Rock Fall - "Rock fall on the road was pretty common. One rider's tubeless tires did not survive this hazard. (Replaced and thrown away). That was on Poudre Canyon descent on last day, but be alert for rockfall throughout the route."

Poudre Canyon Road Work - Work crews are widening sections of Hwy. 14 in Poudre Canyon. You can expect alternating one-way traffic at one or more points. In some ways this is good, because cyclists will have protected transit through these zones, and it tends to bunch up traffic, so that you will encounter clusters of vehicles interspersed with no traffic.

Rabbit Ears Pass Road Work - Signs were posted on the Rabbit Ears Pass segment heading towards Steamboat Springs for road work to come. There may be single-lane traffic.

Bonne Route!

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