

Information Sheet

Flagstaff to Grand Canyon CW Loop 297k (N. Flagstaff Start) (Arizona) – RUSA Permanent #1159

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Distance: 297 km/185 miles **Time Limit:** 19 hrs 48 mins **Climbing:** Approximately 9500 feet

Pre-Ride Info – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

This brevet is sanctioned by Randonneurs USA as a “permanent,” meaning it is a self-conducted ride with a date and starting time of the rider’s choice. This ride can count toward RUSA Distance Awards for a rider’s kilometer total. ***In order to participate, you must be a current member of Randonneurs USA*** (<http://www.rusa.org/>), ***and completed a Registration and Waiver form with the permanent owner before riding.***

Permanent Owner: John Ingold RUSA #3067 tel. 928-310-8096 ingoldjm@gmail.com

Route Description: This ride starts and ends at the northeast side of Flagstaff, AZ at approx. 6900 ft. The route loops clockwise from Flagstaff west and north to Grand Canyon National Park’s South Rim, parallels the lip of the Canyon for over 20 miles along famous E. Rim Drive then returns to Flagstaff via Cameron. Riders will be rewarded with a variety of terrain and spectacular Canyon overlooks. High point is approximately 8000 ft with total climbing about 9500 ft. Summer tourist traffic in the national park can be heavy, however, spring and fall riding is best for less crowds, if not a bit cooler. Special attention should be paid to traffic around Grand Canyon Village and Visitor Center and all overlooks.

GPS Route: “Ride With GPS” Link <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4164963> (*Map/Elevation/Control Locations*)

Precautions: Northern Arizona weather conditions are variable so it is advised riders check current weather hazards and local forecast before committing to a ride date – see links below. Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon region winters can be harsh or have mild stretches so this ride is available year round. Monsoon season (typically July and August) can bring torrential downpours and lightning storms. High wind advisories are always possible.

(*Weather Info*) [Watches & Warnings](#) [Flagstaff Area Forecast](#)

(*Traffic/Road Conditions*) <http://www.az511.gov/adot/files/traffic/> (*“Pick a Region” Coconino County*)

Start Times: This ride can start early as Control #1 area has a Safeway store (open 0500-0000 daily) and McDonald’s (open 0400-0000 daily). Be aware of the posted opening and closing times at the other controls when planning.

Start/Finish Location: This ride begins and ends at the same location in the proximity of the Safeway and Flagstaff Malls in northeast Flagstaff, AZ.

Google Maps Start Link: [Start/Finish: Safeway U.S. 89 Flagstaff AZ](#)

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You will 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).

Services: This ride should be considered remote due to the long intervals between some food/water sources, e.g., 50 miles between Controls #1 to #2, potentially 70 miles between Desert View (Control #4) and Flagstaff if doing this as an overnight ride. Regardless, due to elevation and potential for hot weather, it is advised to carry plenty of water throughout this route.

Control Procedures: Stores and establishments at the start/finish will be used to acquire proof of passage. Store receipts are preferred and will be needed to show the time and date of passage. 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. 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 – carry a pen.) 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.

Paperwork: Within 10 days after the ride, return your completed brevet card and receipts to the ride owner/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, your card, and any fee into a stamped envelope and mail it to:

John Ingold
880 N. Inland Shores Drive
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Regulations: During your ride, all the normal rules of randonneuring apply. Go to the RUSA web site <http://www.rusa.org/> 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.

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