

Information Sheet – Skull Valley to Bagdad 244k (Arizona) – RUSA Permanent #895

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Distance: 244 km/152 miles **Time Limit:** 16 hrs 16 mins **Climbing:** Approximately 10,000 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/>).

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Route Description: This 152 mile out-and-back ride in Northern Arizona goes from Prescott Valley to Bagdad. The ride starts and ends in Prescott Valley (just north of Prescott, AZ) at approximately 5000 ft. The route includes approximately 10,000 feet of climbing through the pines, rolling grasslands, and desert terrains of the Prescott National Forest. Riders will pass thru Whiskey Row in Prescott on the way to the small towns of Willhoit, Kirkland Junction, Bagdad, and Skull Valley. Maximum elevation is approximately 6100 ft.

GPS Route: “Ride With GPS” Link <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4025638> (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. 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](#) [Prescott Valley Area Forecast](#)

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

Start Times: This ride can start early. Control #1 is a gas/convenience store open daily at 0500. 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 at Robert's Marketplace; 6450 N. Viewpoint Drive; Prescott Valley, AZ; Tel. (928) 772-8920; Open Daily 0500-2200.
Google Maps Start Link: [Start/Finish: Prescott Valley - Roberts Marketplace](#)

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).

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Services: Convenience stores and cafes are available along the route at regular intervals. However, if riding in hot weather and due to the significant amount of climbing on this route, it is advised to carry plenty of water.

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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