**Mingus Mountain 200k – ACP Brevet** (RUSA Brevet #1696 – new 2015)

 **Start time:** Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 0600

** Start location - address:** Basha’s Food Store Parking Lot; 160 Coffee Pot Drive; Sedona, AZ [Start/Finish: Basha's Parking Lot; Sedona, AZ](https://maps.google.com/maps?q=Bashas%27,+Coffee+Pot+Drive,+Sedona,+AZ&hl=en&ll=34.9017,-111.755676&spn=1.34702,2.469177&sll=35.181208,-111.607959&sspn=0.167805,0.308647&oq=bash&hq=Bashas%27,&hnear=Coffee+Pot+Dr,+Sedona,+Arizona+86336&t=m&z=9&iwloc=A&output=classic&dg=brw) (From Phoenix: I-17 to Exit 298 onto AZ-179 N to Sedona, AZ)

 **Cost:** $30 Supported

** Ride description:** Dramatic Sedona Red Rocks to forested Mingus Mountain summit over and back via scenic roads. 125mi/200km~9000 ft climbing (85% RWGPS)

 **RWGPS map:** <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/5998066>

 **Cue sheet:** *(Excel file attached)*

 **Rider Requirements/Recommendations:** Required reflective wear – jacket/vest/ankle bands/SamBrowne belt, head+tail lights; Recommended helmet light, cell phone, repairs kit (bike shops in Sedona, Cottonwood, Oak Creek Village on or near route)

** Rider info**: Services are available at regular intervals. Scenic road sections are well paved but without shoulders. Dramatic climb and descents on the Mingus Mtn Scenic Road – ride with awareness and caution in these sections. Well-maintained brakes necessary for mountain switchback descents out and back. Much of the route is posted with “Share the Road” signs and include good designated shoulders/bike lanes in the non-mountain sections. Plenty of motels near ride start/finish and also (less expensive) in nearby Village of Oak Creek or just south in Cottonwood.

 **Rider limit:** 50

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 **Other:** This challenging ride starts and ends at the west side of Sedona, AZ, at approx. 4500 ft. As billed, the route goes over and back up Mingus Mountain thru the historic mining town of Jerome (approx. 7000 ft). Along the way, riders will descend to the Verde River Valley in Cottonwood (3300 ft) towards the turnaround in Dewey/Prescott Valley (4800 ft). Riders will be rewarded with a big roller coaster ride thru Red Rock country, a seldom visited section of Oak Creek (thru Page Springs and Cornville), Jerome’s unique art and architecture, and plenty of dramatic views. Climbing is approx. 9,000 ft on mainly secondary roads and highways. Mountain descents are included out and back.

**Grand Canyon 600k – ACP Brevet** (RUSA Brevet #1693 – new 2015)

 **Start time:** May 30, 2015 - 0500

** Start location - address:** Williams, AZ – Grand Canyon Railway Parking lot (I-40 Exit 161 or 163 or 165) *– free extra parking at Williams Public Parking Lots just south of start at Grand Canyon Blvd/W. Railroad Ave near RR tracks* [Start/Finish: Grand Canyon Railway Parking Lot; Williams, AZ](https://maps.google.com/maps?ll=35.2520743,-112.1904704&z=19&cid=15404231471664459059&q=Grand+Canyon+Railway+Hotel&output=classic&dg=ntvb)

 **Cost:** $75 Supported

** Ride description:** Loop route from the western Americana of historic Williams, AZ to the majestic views of the Grand Canyon South Rim into the big sky of the Painted Desert via historic Winslow to the pine forests of the Mogollon Rim from 4400 to 7600 ft.; 372 mi/600km~13,100 ft climbing (85% RWGPS)

 **RWGPS map:** <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/6547047>

 **Cue sheet:** *(Excel file to be attached)*

 **Rider Requirements/Recommendations:** Required reflective wear – jacket/vest/ankle bands/SamBrowne belt, head+tail lights; Recommended helmet light, cell phone, repairs kit (one bike shop at GC Visitor Center, otherwise no bike shops on or near route outside of Flagstaff)

** Rider info**: Start/finish in Williams, AZ with many lodging, food and tourist options. Overnight control recommended at 400k in Winslow with plenty of lodging and food options. Up to 65 miles between controls from Winslow to Clint’s Well/Long Valley and Clint’s Well/Long Valley to Flagstaff. Route advantages include riding thru Grand Canyon National Park and Highway 89 in daylight hours, last 300k are on quiet secondary roads from Flagstaff - Winslow - Clint’s Well - Flagstaff - Williams. Plenty of motels near ride start/finish.

 **Rider limit:** 50

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 **Other:** Big N. Arizona roller coaster ride rewarding riders with great terrain variety highlighting the Grand Canyon’s South Rim Drive, Kaibab and Coconino National Forests, a stretch of the Mogollon Rim, and stretches of historic Route 66 via Williams, Winslow, Flagstaff and Parks.

**Loop De Leupp** (“loop de loop”) **300k – ACP Brevet** (RUSA Brevet #1694 – new 2015)

 **Start time:** Saturday, June 13, 2015 - 0600

** Start location - address:** Safeway/McDonald’s Parking Lot; 4910 U.S. 89; Flagstaff, AZ (US-89/E. Marketplace Drive) [Start/Finish: Safeway US-89 Flagstaff AZ](https://maps.google.com/maps?q=Safeway,+U.S.+89,+Flagstaff,+AZ&hl=en&ll=35.227979,-111.58129&spn=0.005241,0.009645&sll=35.181208,-111.607959&sspn=0.167805,0.308647&oq=safe&t=h&hq=safeway&hnear=U.S.+89,+Flagstaff,+Arizona+86004&z=17&iwloc=A&output=classic&dg=brw) (From Phoenix: I-17 N to I-40E to Exit 201 to AZ-89 N to Grand Canyon/Page, AZ)

 **Cost:** $40 Supported

** Ride description:** Loop route from Flagstaff pines to Winslow Painted Desert via Leupp ("Loop") and Dilkon open range and butte country. 188mi/300km ~5300 ft climbing (85% RWGPS)

 **RWGPS map:** <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4005606>

 **Cue sheet:** *(Excel file attached)*

 **Rider Requirements/Recommendations:** Required reflective wear – jacket/vest/ankle bands/SamBrowne belt, head+tail lights; Recommended helmet light, cell phone, repairs kit (no bike shops on or near route outside of Flagstaff)

** Rider info**: Fast gradual descent from Flagstaff to Painted Desert and Winslow. Bulk of route ascent is in last 40 miles from Leupp to Flagstaff. Quiet roads. Plenty of motels near ride start/finish.

 **Rider limit:** 50

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 **Other:** This ride starts and ends at the north side of Flagstaff, AZ at approx. 6800 ft. The route goes north and east to Leupp ("Loop"), continues east to Dilkon before bending south to Winslow (4800 ft) and back up to Flagstaff via Leupp. Riders will pass thru Ponderosa and pinon pines, an extinct volcano field, traverse high altitude Painted Desert, big sky ranches, rock buttes and hoodoos, and civilized sections of historic Route 66. Climbing is approx. 5300 ft on mainly low-traffic secondary highways.

**AZ High Country 400k – ACP Brevet** (RUSA Brevet #1688 – new 2015)

 **Start time:** July 18, 2015 - 0600

** Start location - address:** McDonald's Parking Lot; 1617 Navajo Blvd; Holbrook, AZ (Exit 286 off I-40E) [Start/Finish: McDonald's Parking Lot; Holbrook, AZ](https://maps.google.com/maps?ll=34.9180176,-110.15235&z=17&cid=2665666526927135572&q=McDonald%27s&output=classic&dg=ntvb)

 **Cost:** $50 Supported

** Ride description:** CCW Loop Route from high desert of historic Holbrook, AZ to forests of the Mogollon Rim to tundra of the White Mountains from 5100 to 9400 ft. 251mi/407km~9500 ft climbing (85% RWGPS)

 **RWGPS map:** <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/6461341>

 **Cue sheet:** *(Excel file attached)*

 **Rider Requirements/Recommendations:** Required reflective wear – jacket/vest/ankle bands/SamBrowne belt, head+tail lights; Recommended helmet light, cell phone, repairs kit (no bike shops on or near route)

** Rider info**: Route includes portions of the High Country 200, but is reversed up into the White Mountains. First half is a gradual climb up to tundra, last half is downhill back into the high desert. July-August is N. AZ monsoon season, so pack raingear just in case. Plenty of motels near ride start/finish.

 **Rider limit:** 50

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 **Other:** This loop route starts and ends in the Painted Desert at historic Holbrook, AZ, approx. 5200 ft. The CounterClockWise (CCW) route goes southwest thru Heber into the pine forest of the Mogollon Rim then loops east thru Show Low then south up into the White Mountains to top out at 9407 feet near Big Lake and the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Area before the descent north back thru Eagar/Springerville, Lyman Lake and St. John’s. Riders will be rewarded with a variety of open and forested terrain and spectacular views along the White Mountains Scenic Road. Elevation varies between 5100-9407 feet with total climbing about 9000 ft. July-August is N. AZ monsoon season, which also produces abundant wildflowers along the route, especially in the high country sections.

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(Note: John Ingold is the new Northern Arizona RBA as of December 2014 and will run separate 200k and 300k RUSA brevets, likely in the September-October 2015 timeframe after PBP. A new Northern Arizona Randonneurs website is in the planning as of January 2015.)