

## Information Sheet

### Grand Canyon S. Rim/GC Village Start 208k (Arizona) – RUSA Permanent #497

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**Distance:** 208 km/131 miles    **Time Limit:** 13 hrs 56 mins    **Climbing:** Approximately 8500 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](mailto:ingoldjm@gmail.com)

**Route Description:** This ride starts and ends in Grand Canyon National Park at the Marketplace/aka Market Plaza complex in Grand Canyon Village, AZ (about 2 hours drive north of Flagstaff) at approx. 6900 ft. The route traverses the South Rim in Grand Canyon National Park out to Hermit’s Rest and Desert View Visitor Centers between 7400 and 6600 feet elevation, then descends out of the Park west to the Little Colorado River (approx. 4200 ft) at the Cameron turnaround. Climbing is approx. 8500 ft on mainly low-traffic secondary highways. Park visitor vehicle traffic can be heavy in the summer months and holidays along the route near the South Rim Visitor’s Center, Grand Canyon Village, and Grand Canyon Railroad. It is advised to ride cautiously in these areas and near all overlooks. **NOTE: This ride starts inside Grand Canyon National Park. During the ride you will leave and then re-enter the park. Carry your park pass with you, or the receipt you got when you first entered the park.**

**GPS Route:** “Ride With GPS” Link <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4157899> (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. The South Rim area 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](#)    [Grand Canyon Village Area Forecast](#)

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

**Start Times:** Control #1 area has a general store open at 0800 daily. Be aware of the posted opening and closing times at the other controls when planning. **Special Note:** Riders will need to plan their start to arrive at Control 5 Desert View before it closes at 1900 daily.

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**Start/Finish Location:** This ride begins and ends at the same location in the proximity of the Market Plaza Store (aka Marketplace/aka General Store), tel. (928) 638-2262 in Grand Canyon Village, AZ.

Google Maps Start Link: [Start/Finish - Grand Canyon Village 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).

**Services: No services exist between Controls 3 and 4 (Desert View to Cameron) and the mostly uphill 33-mile section between Controls 4 and 5 (Cameron to Desert View).** Many services exist in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon Visitor Center and Grand Canyon Village. However, due to altitude and potential of hot weather, it is advised to carry plenty of water at all times.

**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.

**END**