

## Information Sheet – General Crook Trail to Flagstaff 308k (Arizona) – RUSA Permanent #885

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Distance: 308 km/192 miles    Time Limit: 20 hrs 32 mins    Climbing: Approximately 11,000 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 is a challenging 192 mile out-and-back ride in Northern Arizona. The ride starts and ends near Camp Verde, AZ at approximately 3200 ft. The route goes out and back to the east and north to the turnaround just south of Flagstaff, AZ. Riders will pass thru the verdant Camp Verde Valley to climb up into the pinon and Ponderosa pines of the Mogollon Rim and further upward towards Flagstaff through the Prescott and Coconino National Forests. Maximum elevation is approximately 7600 ft. The turnaround is 6 miles south of Flagstaff at the north end of Lower Lake Mary. The first 45 miles are all climbing, approx. 4000 ft. To make the time cutoff at Control 2 it is advised to keep moving in this section. Total route climbing is approx. 11,000 ft (by GPS) on mainly secondary highways with good pavement.

GPS Route: “Ride With GPS” Link <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4024960> (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 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. Be advised that if choosing to ride this route in late fall (after main tourist/hunting season), due to the remote nature of Controls 2 thru 6 business hours are likely to open later and close earlier at the discretion of the owners. Control 4 typically closes at the end of October thru March (in this case info control option).

(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 any time. Control #1 area has convenience store and fast food businesses open daily 24/7. 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 Shell Food Mart (Gas/Convenience Store) 1673 Arizona 260, Camp Verde, AZ tel. (928) 567-3886

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Google Maps Start Link: [Start/Finish - Shell Food Mart I-17/Hwy260](#)

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:** Convenience stores and cafes are available along the route at regular intervals. However, if riding in hot weather, it is advised to carry plenty of water since this ride involves lots of climbing.

**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**