



Mt. Lemon

RIDE DESCRIPTION

This is an epic ride. You start off at 2,557ft surrounded by saguaro cactus and mesquite trees and climb as high as 8,198 ft to pine tree vegetation and cool air. The road is in great shape with a bike lane for most of the ride. On the way down there is no need for a bike lane because you will be keeping up with traffic. If you love to climb and descend this is the ride for you. Lance Armstrong in his winter training months in preparation for Tour De France rented a cabin on the top of Mt Lemon and would climb up the mountain to top off a long days ride. This ride is up there with some of the best climbing rides in the US.

To add 2.89 miles and 760ft of climbing to the ride you can climb up to the Mt Lemon Ski area. Just before Summerhaven towards the top of the ride turn right on Ski Run Rd 5.

FAST FACTS...

DIFFICULTY: *Difficult*
TOTAL DISTANCE: 58.7 Miles
AVERAGE TIME: ??????????????????????
CLIMBING ELEVATION: 11,255 ft
CLIMBING DISTANCE: 28.6 miles

START LOCATION DIRECTIONS

Park at the Safeway shopping center at the intersection of Tanque Verde Rd and Catalina Hwy.

RIDE DIRECTIONS

1 Jump on Catalina Hwy and head north east. Catalina Hwy turns into Mount Lemon Hwy at the base of the climb 2. Keep riding 3. Turn around at the top or stop for pie. Either way, you cant get lost 4.

FUEL & REST STOPS

- Mile 0 - at the start and finish at the Safeway Shopping center
- Mile 8 - Molino Basin (water and bathrooms)
- Mile 18 -Windy Point (water and bathrooms)
- Mile 24 -Palisade Ranger Station (water and bathrooms)
- Mile 29 - Summer Haven (there are a couple of great little restaurants in Summer Haven, but it is a must you stop at Mt. Lemon Cafe for the best piece of pie you will ever have, so bring some money.)

RESTAURANTS

- Chuy's Mesquite Broiler and
- La Buzz Coffee at the start in the Safeway shopping center.

BIKE SHOPS

- Sabino Cycles
(520) 885-3666
- Miles Ahead Cyclery
(520) 751-0555

