

Mt. Lemmon

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. If you love to climb and descend this is the ride for you. 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. Lance Armstrong in his winter training months in preparation for Tour De France rented a cabin on the top of Mt Lemmon 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 Lemmon Ski area. Just before Summerhaven towards the top of the ride turn right on Ski Run Rd 5.

FAST FACTS...

DIFFICULTY: *Advanced*
TOTAL DISTANCE: 58.7 miles
AVERAGE TIME: 3:22
CLIMBING ELEVATION: 11,255 ft
CLIMBING DISTANCE: 28.6 miles

POTENTIAL HAZARDS !

No real hazards other than potential high speeds and cliffs. Just ride in control and beware of vehicles.

START LOCATION 🚲

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. 2 Catalina Hwy turns into Mount Lemmon Hwy at the base of the climb. 3 Keep riding. 4 Turn around at the top or stop for pie. Either way, you cant get lost.

REST STOPS 🛑

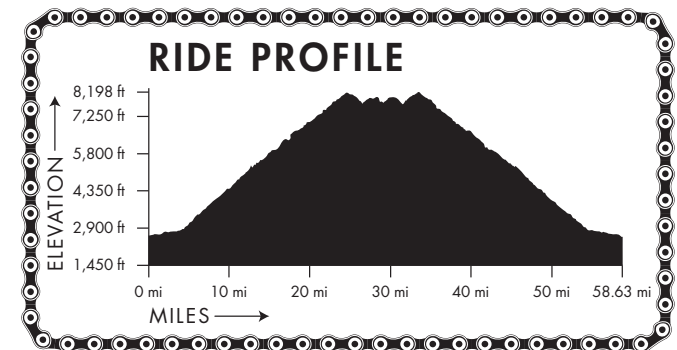
- Water & Bathrooms at: Mile 8 - Molino Basin, Mile 12 - Bear Canyon, Mile 18 -Windy Point, Mile 24 -Palisade Ranger Station
- Mile 29 - Summer Haven (there are a couple of great little restaurants in Summer Haven, but it is a must you stop at Mt. Lemon Cafe for the best piece of pie you will ever have, so bring some money.)

FOOD & DRINK

- Chuy's Mesquite Broiler
- La Buzz Coffee
- both in Safeway center.*

BIKE SHOPS

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



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