



# Sonoita Pass

## FAST FACTS...

**DIFFICULTY:** *Advanced*  
**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 87.35 miles  
**AVERAGE TIME:** 4:40  
**CLIMBING ELEVATION:** 5,874 ft  
**CLIMBING DISTANCE:** 44.1 miles

## RIDE DESCRIPTION

The Sonoita Pass road ride is a beautiful out and back ride that takes you to the Sonoita junction. There is a good climb that starts off gradual then gets much steeper for the last 10 miles before getting to the top of the pass. The starting elevation is about 2,800 feet and when you crest the top of the pass you are at about 5,200 feet. There is a good shoulder on the road with plenty of room, but be careful because cars are traveling at high speeds.

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS ⚠

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## START LOCATION 🚲

Park at Broadway and Houghton at either the Bashas' or Safeway shopping center.

## RIDE DIRECTIONS

- 1 From Broadway and Houghton head east on Broadway.
- 2 2 miles up the road turn right on Freeman heading south.
- 3 2.6 miles up Freeman you come Old Spanish Trail, turn left heading south.
- 4 Follow Old Spanish Trail until you get to Camino Loma Alta and turn right heading south.
- 5 From Camino Loma Alta turn right on Colossal Cave Rd heading west. Colossal Cave Rd turns into Vail Rd after the rail road tracks.
- 6 Just before I-10 turn left heading east on the frontage road. If you go over the I-10 bridge you have missed the turn.
- 7 Take the frontage road to which turns into Hwy 83 which is the Sonoita Hwy.
- 8 Take Hwy 83 until you get to Sonoita. Coming back you can take a slightly different route.
- 9 Turn left on Sahuarita Rd heading west.
- 10 Turn right on Wentworth Rd heading north. Wentworth Rd will turn into Vail Rd., then just following the path you came from.

## REST STOPS 🛑

- Quick Mart in Vail at mile 17 on your way out and mile 76 coming back.
- General Store & Saguaro National Park on Old Spanish Trail
- General store on SE corner of Hwy 83 & Hwy 82 in Sonoita.

## FOOD & DRINK

- Food & coffee at start/finish of ride.

## BIKE SHOPS

Sabino Cycles  
520-885-3666

Fair Wheel Bikes  
520-884-9018

