



What you need to know - McDonalds Citizens 50 mile Tour May 23rd, 2020 8:00am. College Camino Del Rio, Durango Co

- **** If you registered before March 11th, 2020, your bib number will be mailed to you the first week of May with the exception of zip codes 1301/81302/81303/81122/81137/81326. Those zip codes and riders registering on or after March 11th, 2020 will pick up your bib number Friday May 22nd, 3:00 PM -7:00 PM at Buckley Park, 12th and Main, Durango.**
- You can drop off a bag of clothes to be delivered to Silverton Friday May 22 3:00PM to 7:00PM at Buckley Park (12th and Main Durango). Look for the BAG DROP sign and truck. Please use the labeling products provided and make it a small bag. Bags will be loaded onto the truck and delivered the next morning to Silverton ahead of the riders.
- **Your ride starts at 8:00am. Please be there 20 minutes earlier for staging. This year we will have a mass rollout and the ride will be neutral through town.**
- **If you have a friend or family picking you up in Silverton, they must be past Purgatory (25 miles north of Durango) by 7:45 am and proceed to Silverton before the road closes.**
- Finisher gifts will be given out for tour riders in Silverton just past the finish line on the left as you exit the shoot. You must have a bib# to get a gift. This year's gifts are a set of front and back blinky lights.
- To prepare for the next day, put you bib # on your jersey and also your bike # on your bike. Numbers must be visible on the course at all times. There are adequate aid stations on the ride but if in doubt, prepare and have a bit of extra water/bottles, food, spare clothes and long gloves for the ride. It will be cold on the passes and downhill sections. Plan ahead for inclement weather and be prepared. You will be riding through an austere mountain environment in May. Check the weather forecast ahead of time.
- In case of inclement weather on the passes we may shorten or cancel the event. That information will be posted no later than 7am at the start. You can leave at the informal

early bird start outside McDonalds at 7am from College and Main St, or with the formal start at 8:00 AM with the train whistle at the same location.

- Please make every effort to ride to the start as parking in downtown Durango is limited. We have a maximum amount of time that riders can be on the road. **We will pull riders from the road at 12:40 PM at Coal Bank Pass and 1:20 PM on Molas Pass.** We must have the road completely clear of cyclists by 1:30pm as that is when we must open the highway up for a large amount of return traffic out of Silverton and there is a big risk to riders descending at that time who may think the road is still closed. Riders that are pulled will be transported by bus, bikes and truck to the Silverton finish. You can meet up with your bike there near the finish line if you have your own transportation arranged or, if coming back by bus or train, pick it back up near the start line in Durango at bike pick up. **If you do not feel you can make it over the passes in the time allowed, utilize early start.** The Colorado State Patrol manages removing riders from course, and there are no exceptions. Plan ahead and start early if you are concerned. Please do not try to persuade CSP to let you keep riding. They are the ones who allow us to close the road so please respect their role and help in our event.
- NO IPODS/EARBUDS – they are a safety issue. If we identify riders using IPODS or other MP3 players we will remove them from course.
- **Crossing the yellow center line is not allowed. The road will narrow 10 miles north of Town at the Hermosa Creek Bridge and riders will go from the width of two lanes to the width of just under one lane for approximately 1 mile as you cross over the train tracks. Please slow down and be careful in that section. It will be well marked and have course marshals.**
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- Always stay to the right hand side of the road throughout the course. The first 25 miles will have cars on the road in both directions up to Purgatory Ski Resort. **Even though half of the course is closed, there is potential for ambulances and Colorado State Patrol to be coming in the opposite direction, stay in your lane and do not cross the yellow line.** There will be riders of varying pace around you at all times. Keep an eye out for hazards on the road such as potholes and debris, especially at the start when you are in a large group or descending. Safety is our first priority.
- We try to make good decisions prior to the event start regarding weather and a shortened or cancelled event. However if you are on the course and the weather deteriorates, emergency busses are stationed on top of Coal Bank Pass, Lime Creek Road and Molas Pass. Based on how severe the weather becomes, Colorado State Patrol can stop events and direct people to busses or aid stations for assistance and

communication. Please make your way to one of those locations for safety and warmth as needed or directed. Additionally, there are emergency personnel, Ham radio operators, official vehicles and aid stations along the course. Ask any personnel if you need assistance. All aid stations and Ham radio operators can communicate with emergency personnel.

- There are aid stations at The bottom of Shalona Hill (10 miles north), Haviland Lake, (approx 16 miles north), then minimal aid at Molas Pass which is the top of the last climb before descent into Silverton (approx 7 miles). These stations have liquids and food items. Do not rely solely on the aid stations, take a supply of items on your own. We do not provide mechanical support. Please bring your own repair provisions ****There are porta potties at the start line. Bottom of Shalona, Haviland Lake, Purgatory Nordic Center, Coal Bank Pass, Lime Creek Road, Molas Pass, finish line in Silverton. **There is a course map under each event tab for each event on our website.**
- When you arrive in Silverton you will ride down the main street to the end of town and the finish line. Please stay in the middle of the road in the coned off bike lane as you ride through Silverton. The main street is still open to traffic on either side of you but it will be minimal.
- Upon arrival under the finishing truss and chute, clear the finish line and enter the Memorial Park area to your left. There are bathrooms available on the north end of the park just after the finish line on your left as you go up the hill. If you have provided a bag to be delivered to Silverton, look for baggage area as you enter the park on the left of the finishing chute.
- If you have scheduled return transportation you should deliver your bicycle to the truck loading area north and east of the finish line. Look for the semi trucks to your right when you finish. They will ask to see your ticket printed on your bib #. Make sure your bike number stays on your bike, so you can match it with your bib number when you pick up your bike near the start line at bike pick up. **Bicycle pickup is 3-7 p.m. at Durango Transit Center 250 W. 8th Street.** Bikes are loaded on trucks, with a blanket separating bikes. We do everything we can to take care of bikes but we are not responsible for damage. We have had no major issues to date. If you are concerned, find another means for bike return. Take all seat packs, bottles, computers etc off bikes to ensure they do not get lost.
- If you have scheduled return transportation busses begin departure for Durango at 1:30PM. They leave as they fill so make sure you are in the area at that time to catch a ride. We do not have a seating system, first come, first serve. If you have chosen the

train, It will leave at 1:30 and 2:15pm. You must walk about 10 minutes to get there. The train station is south and east of the finish line on 12th street. Go south on main street (back down the way you road in) and take a left (go east) one and half clocks to the train loading area. **There is no alternate transportation if you miss your ride to Durango.**

- Bus Riders will be returned to the Durango Transit Center in Durango near bike pick up. Please plan accordingly with your own vehicles or ride your bike to get you back to your lodging location. Train riders will be dropped at the Train Station in Downtown Durango which is near the Mcdonalds Tour start and only a block away from bike pick up.
- Bikes will be returned to the Durango Transit Center 250 W. 8th Street. Bike pickup will be from 3:00PM-7:00PM. All bikes must be picked up! We do not keep them overnight. You must have a bib number that matches your bike # to take your bike. Volunteers help with bike pickup, please be kind.
- There are many restaurants within Silverton, along with a few vendors selling food in Memorial Park. Silverton is a small town, it gets very crowded, expect to have a wait at restaurants, and plan accordingly if you need to catch a bus or train.
- There are racing events Sunday May 24th in Downtown Durango at Buckley Park - downtown Durango (Main Avenue and 12th Street) There will be beer gardens, expo, kids activities, music, and multiple cycling events. See the daily schedule on our website. Please come down and check it out and join the excitement.
- Thank you for being a part of our event. We encourage all participants to take in what our region has to offer. Please keep in mind an event that has lasted this long has done so because of the support from our participants, volunteers, sponsors, law enforcement and community. We are happy to have you here. We hope you enjoy your experience!!!
- The IHBC contributes a portion of all entry fees to supporting many local initiatives including the Davis Phinney Foundation, Durango Derailers, Devo and Fort Lewis Cycling programs