



## 2019 Rider Information

*Updated 05/19*

Please review our entire website carefully for event information, all policies are strictly enforced and are subject to change without notice.

Congratulations Death Rider! Recognized as one of the premier cycling events in the West, the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride®, while enjoying the magnificent scenery and warm hospitality of Alpine County!

Registration along with the start and endpoint of the ride takes place at Turtle Rock Park just north (Hwy 89) of Markleeville, California. The five pass ride includes 129 miles and 15,000+ feet of lung busting climbing. You also have the option of riding one, two, three, four or five passes. For your safety, the first four passes will be closed at specific times to vehicular traffic. See course times.

This year's ride returns riders to our infamous five pass course including:

- Monitor Pass (Highway 89) 8,314 feet
- Ebbetts Pass (Highway 4) 8,730 feet
- Carson Pass (Highway 88) 8,580 feet

Five pass finishers will receive a Five-Pass Pin and are eligible to purchase an exclusive Five-Pass Finisher Jersey.

### **Registration Includes:**

- Commemorative Bone Brigade T-Shirt with registration (restrictions will apply\*)
- Custom Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® Patch
- Custom Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® Water Bottle
- Custom Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® Five-Pass Finishers Pin (if course is completed)
- Tuf-Map
- Giveaways from Sponsors at Bike Expo and on course (if available)
- Official Participant Numbers
- Highway Closures
- SAG, Tech & On Course Communication Support
- Medical Support
- Law Enforcement Support
- Food & Drink at Rest Stops

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## Registration Includes (continued):

- Lunch (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

\*Bone Brigade T-Shirt restrictions: no exchanges for a different size, please order carefully when you register and t-shirt will NOT be mailed if you are a no show.

**For further event information, please review our Registration Tips and Guidelines PDF and on our website**

## Event Check-In/Registration:

Friday, 07/12/19 (11:00 am - 7:00 pm)

Check-In/Registration is at Turtle Rock Park located on Hwy 89, just 2 miles north of Markleeville. Staff will not be available for emails, faxes or phone calls after 07/01/19.

## Event Limited Saturday Morning Check-In:

Saturday, 07/13/19 (4:00 am - 6:00 am) We will not add new riders the day of the event.

## Rider Number:

White number must be attached to the rider's back on outer layer with provided safety pins. The yellow number is attached to the front of your bike handlebars with provided twist ties. Both numbers are required to pass through any checkpoints and for access to the rest stops. Be sure to completely fill out your personal information on the backside of your bib and bike number. First bib check will be at mile 7: Whorehouse Flat.

## Note to Riders:

The Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® management reserves the right, without the refund of any portion of the entry fee, to refuse admission to or eject any person(s) whose conduct is deemed to be disorderly, whose language is vulgar or who fails to comply with these or other event rules. Any violation of these rules by riders will result in removal from the event and any future events.

Unfortunately, it is becoming more and more costly for us to produce our event. We continue to have riders disputing their credit card charges and receiving refunds for not following our no refund and duplicate registration policy. Please note, if you cannot adhere to the rules of the event and road, we ask that you do not register for our event.

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## Do Your Part:

In 2014 the amount of debris left behind by riders was the most ever. Do your part to prevent littering, defacement and other forms of pollution so that others may enjoy the wonder and beauty of our county just as you have. Please pack in and pack out. If you change tires or tubes on the side of the road, please do not leave trash there. Please deposit it at the nearest rest stop or a dumpster. Leftover garbage will result in increased registration fees and the possibility of the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® losing our permit to conduct this event. Thank you.

## Recycle Your Waste With GU:

For years, there's been a trash problem. The refuse of nutrition brands litter trails and roads far too often. And unfortunately, GU is not immune to the issue. While athletes are ultimately responsible for discarding their used wrappers, we at GU certainly must play our part. Recently, we partnered with TerraCycle in an effort to repurpose the material into affordable, innovative products. None of this is possible, however, without YOUR help. So, join the Performance Nutrition Brigade, together, we can do it. Participating is completely free and very easy. There are no signup or participation fees, and the shipping is covered by our brand partner. Check the website at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/performance-nutrition-brigade> to find out how.

## Start & Cut-Off Times:

Generally, the start-time is 5:00 am or at daylight. Starting before sunrise requires visible lighting in front and back of bike and rider. If starting early, bring your own food and water as rest stops will not be open until posted times. Riders not planning on completing all passes please start a little later to avoid congestion. All riders must be off the course by 8:00 pm.

## Road Closures: Day of Event 07/13/19

From 5:00 am - 7:00 am, the road will be closed to traffic from the Markleeville Courthouse to the junction of Highways 89 & 4. Monitor Pass (Hwy 89) & Ebbetts Pass (Hwy 4) will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 5:00 am. Monitor Pass reopens to vehicular traffic at 12:00 pm. Ebbetts Pass reopens to vehicular traffic at 3:00 pm. Highway 89 from Woodfords to the Markleeville Courthouse will remain open. Please adhere to posted speed zones and early morning parking crew instructions.

## Event Starting Times:

<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>START BETWEEN</b>
Five Passes	5:00 am and 6:30 am
Four Passes	6:00 am and 7:00 am
Three Passes	6:30 am and 7:30 am
Two Passes	7:00 am and 8:00 am
One Pass	7:30 am and 8:30 am

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## Rest Stop/Water Stop Hours of Operation:

(Please review for any course/rest stop changes. Subject to change without notice)

4/89 (*Water stop ONLY*)

Heenan Reservoir (*Porta Potties ONLY*)

Top of Monitor (5:30 am - 12:00 pm)

East Monitor (*Water stop ONLY*)

Topaz (5:30 am - 12:00 pm)

Wolf Creek **Lunch Stop** (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Scossas Cow Camp (*Porta Potties ONLY*)

Top of Ebbetts (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Hermit Valley (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Woodfords (11:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Picketts (11:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Carson (11:00 am - 6:00 pm)

## Cut-Off Times:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Cut-Off</b>
Start	5:00 am - 8:30 am
Ascend Monitor from Hwy 89/4 junction	9:30 am
Descend Monitor to Hwy 395	10:00 am
Ascend Monitor from Hwy 395	11:00 am
MONITOR PASS (HWY 89) OPEN TO VEHICLES	12:00 pm
Ascend Ebbetts Pass from Centerville (Wolf Creek)	1:00 pm
Descend Ebbetts Pass to Hermit Valley	1:30 pm
Ascend Ebbetts Pass from Hermit Valley	2:00 pm
EBBETTS PASS (HWY 4) OPEN TO VEHICLES	3:00 pm
Ascend Woodfords Canyon	4:00 pm
Ascend Carson Pass from Picketts	5:15 pm

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*All riders must be off the course by 8:00 pm. All cut-off times are strictly enforced.*

## Safety:

Safety is important for this event. The organizers insist that you adhere to this information for your safety and all other event participants. While we have tried to outline the essential information for you to have a safe ride, please remember that this event can be dangerous! **Be careful, your safety is your responsibility, ride at your own risk!** Safety violators will be removed from event and future events.

- Heed the Safety Director's warnings at all times.
- Helmets are always required.
- No using earphones, iPods or MP3 players.
- Aerobars are cautioned due to the excessive speeds during the descents on the mountain passes.
- No child carriers.
- Ride single file and to the right at all times.
- Be alert and respectful to other riders.
- Control your speed on descents.
- Use your brakes sparingly and evenly on descents, rims can heat up from brake pad friction. Watch for overheating brakes.
- Watch for bumpy road conditions and cattle guards.
- Be aware of vehicular traffic. Obey all traffic laws, even on closed roads. Reduced speed zones will be signed and in effect. Carson I Woodfords speed zones are 35mph for all vehicles. Markleeville I Turtle Rock Park speed zones are 25 mph for all vehicles.
- Carry extra tubes, a pump, etc.so you are prepared for hazards.
- Carry extra water. Drink before you're thirsty. Drink water before the ride and drink frequently during the ride. Plan for at least two bottles per hour.
- Carry extra energy food, etc. especially if starting early as the rest stops might not be open. Eat before you're hungry. Eat often during your ride. Small portions keep the fuel supply up.
- Starting before 5:00 am requires visible lighting in front and back of bike and rider.
- Unexpected weather changes (cold, heat, wind, rain, hail and snow) can quickly occur so be prepared by having extra layers of clothing.
- Beware of unexpected wind gusts.
- Personal SAG vehicles are not permitted on any closed roads/highways during the event.

\* The event organizers will not be held responsible for those riders who ride without the proper registration/liability form on file when the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® takes place on Saturday, 07/13/19. This is extremely careless and dangerous and puts you and your fellow riders at great risk.

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## Medical Insurance:

Please check your medical insurance coverage. Medical transportation from the course is mandatory to a medical facility and can easily exceed typical insurance coverage. Many places on the course could require helicopter evacuation depending on injury. Be sure to completely fill out your personal information on the backside of your bib and bike number. Our medical personnel need this important information if you need to be transported to a medical facility.

## Parking:

Please look for our parking crew to assist you. Parking is located on Highway 89 and on Airport Road across from the entrance of Turtle Rock Park. Limited parking will be available at Turtle Rock Park burn pile area beginning on 07/11/19 at 5:00 pm on a first come, first serve basis. During event week (07/05/19 - 07/14/19) parking is not available in the lot next to the Community Building. Illegally parked cars will be ticketed and may be towed at the owners expense. Please park completely off the pavement and do not block any of the road while unloading. Areas along Highway 89 will be blocked off with cones or caution tape. These areas are not designated for parking or unloading areas. Please do not remove cones or caution tape, law enforcement officials will be monitoring the area along Hwy 89 at the entrance of Turtle Rock Park for any parking violations. We encourage riders to carpool whenever possible. RV parking is permitted in signed area on Highway 89.

## Camping & Campfires:

Camping is available at a variety of campgrounds in Alpine County. Most USFS campgrounds and Turtle Rock Park are on a first come first serve basis. Hope Valley, Kit Carson and Silver Creek which are USFS campgrounds will take reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Grover Hot Springs State Park will take reservations at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). Indian Creek Recreation Area managed by the Bureau of Land Management will also take reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Camping is prohibited outside your vehicle along state and county roads and highways - you could be cited. For further camping information visit [www.alpinecounty.com](http://www.alpinecounty.com). **Coin operated showers available at Turtle Rock Park campground.**

If you are dispersed camping during the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® - **campfires in unimproved areas are prohibited during the summer months in Alpine County.** Authorities will be patrolling the camping and parking areas along the course and if you have an unauthorized campfire, you will be cited and fined. You will be putting yourself and others at risk. Please adhere to the USFS posted fire safety rules in Alpine County. Campfire permits for designated campgrounds available at the Visitors Center in Markleeville or online at [www.preventwildfireca.org/campfire-permit](http://www.preventwildfireca.org/campfire-permit).

### Dump Station Information:

Carson Valley Inn/RV Park

1627 US 395, Minden NV 89423 (775) 782-9711

20 miles from Markleeville one way via Hwy 89 to Hwy 88 to US 395, Gas Station: \$6.00

Topaz Lodge/RV Park

1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV, 89410 (775) 266-3337

27 miles from Markleeville one way via Hwy 89 Monitor Pass (subject to road closures), 39 miles from Markleeville one way via Hwy 89 to Hwy 88 to US 395, Gas Station: \$10.00

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## Clothing Drop-Off:

We are happy to announce that California Alps Cycling (CAC), one of our newest Chamber members and whose members are Death Ride participants, will be sponsoring and managing our bag drop during the 2019 event! At Registration and the Death Ride Expo on Friday, July 12, 2019, we invite you to stop by their booth and purchase a bag. In the meantime, please visit <http://californiaalpscycling.bike/deathride-2019> for more information.

*The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce producers and volunteers of the Tour of the California Alps – Death Ride® recommend this service but will not be held responsible for lost or stolen personal items once picked up by the California Alps Cycling team.*

## Death Ride Expo:

Be sure to visit the many booths at the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® Expo. Sponsors/exhibitors will provide rider giveaways, products and services ranging from tech support to souvenir items. The expo takes place on the Friday before and the Saturday of the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride®.

## Fun at Turtle Rock Park:

Come test your skills at the 18-hole disc golf course or at the horseshoe pit. It's free to play and open to everyone! Maps available at tee #1 by the tennis courts. Discs are available at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

## Course Food:

Bagelfuls, cocoa, coffee, cookies, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, ham and cheese or cheese sandwiches hard boiled eggs, green salad, muffins, handmade PB &J and Uncrustable Sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, pretzels, soda, soup, V8 juice and water. Sponsor products from GU Energy. Specialty foods are available at some stops (hard boiled eggs, ice cream and potatoes). Course food is based on availability and is subject to change without notice. Always carry additional water and energy snacks. Due to our rural location and road closures we are unable to deliver fresh food supplies during the event. We strive to provide the best quality products. If you have special dietary needs you should be prepared to provide your own food, since many rest stops may not have your required foods. We do try to provide some gluten free foods. **Due to fewer sponsor commitments in 2019, we will no longer be providing energy snacks, gels or bloks at rest stops, please provide your own.**

## An Example of the Course Food At Each Rest Stop:

**Monitor:** cocoa, coffee, fresh fruit, handmade PB&J sandwiches, potatoes

**Topaz:** cocoa, coffee, fresh fruit, hard boiled eggs, potatoes

**Wolf Creek Lunch:** fresh fruit and vegetables, garden salad, handmade ham and cheese sandwiches or cheese sandwiches, handmade PB&J sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, pickle spears, soup

**Ebbetts:** bagelfuls, chips, fresh fruit, red licorice, soup

**Hermit Valley:** chips, cookies, fresh fruit, handmade PB&J sandwiches

**Woodfords:** chips, cookies, fresh fruit, pretzels, Uncrustables (PB&J)

**Picketts:** chips, cookies, fresh fruit, pickle spears

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**Carson:** chips, cookies, fresh fruit, Schwans Ice Cream treats

## Dining Options In Alpine County:

*Visit Alpine County's website at [www.alpinecounty.com](http://www.alpinecounty.com) for business contact information and current hours of operations. Subject to change without notice.*

- Alps Haus: Markleeville - breakfast, coffee & lunch
- Bear Valley Adventure Company: Bear Valley - drinks, snacks
- Carson Valley Inn: 24 hour hotel/casino, coffee shop, fine dining
- Kirkwood Inn: Kirkwood - full service dining
- Kirkwood General Store & Deli: Kirkwood - small market with deli
- Mad Dog Café and Market: Woodfords - breakfast, lunch, coffee & small market
- Malibu Dogs: Markleeville – hot dogs and drinks
- Sorensen's & Hope Valley Resorts: Hope Valley - full service dining

You spoke, we listened. We are no longer providing specific meals but have included handmade sandwiches at certain rest stops.

**REMINDER: POST RIDE DINNER IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 EVENT. A COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT HAS TAKEN ITS PLACE.**

## Merchandise:

Merchandise is available at our online store until 06/13/19. 2019 merchandise will be available to start shipping in June. We ship all orders complete. We encourage you to purchase Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® merchandise via our website before our online store closes. Many items sell out fast and may not be available at the event. Online store will reopen on Monday, 07/29/19. Limited quantities and sizes of merchandise will be available for purchase at the event on Friday, 07/12/19 from 9:00 am- 6:00 pm and 5 Pass Jersey (pre sale only) Saturday, 07/13/19 from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Inventory is not guaranteed. Visa or MasterCard are accepted. NO cash, checks, American Express or Discover. No refunds; exchanges only for same merchandise (does not apply to 5-Pass Finisher Jerseys.) Merchandise also available at the Alpine County Visitor Center, #3 Webster Street, Markleeville, CA. Office hours are subject to change without notice. Please supply your own bags for merchandise. Sponsor logos will be added to the final products (jerseys, wind vests, and T-shirts) and will not be reflected on online store samples (subject to change without notice).

## 5-Pass Finisher Jersey:

5-Pass Jerseys can only be ordered by riders who completed all 5 passes of the Tour of the California Alps Death Ride®. The 2019 5 Pass Finisher Jersey Order Form (PDF) will be available at the end of the event or riders can download the form at [deathride.com](http://deathride.com) until 08/13/19. We strongly suggest turning in your 2019 5 Pass Finisher Jersey Order Form (PDF) at the Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® event. After 07/15/19 we will ONLY accept orders through United States Postal Service (USPS), FedEx or UPS. Complete the form and mail it along with a copy or photo of your bib with the verification stickers on it from all 5 passes. **NO PHONE, EMAIL OR FAXED ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED.** Jerseys must be ordered by 08/13/19. The envelope must be dated and postmarked on or before 08/13/19. Orders placed after 08/13/19 are subject to availability and a \$25 late fee.



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## 5-Pass Finisher Jersey (Continued):

Please allow 8 weeks after 08/13/19 for your 5-Pass Finisher Jersey to arrive. Approximate arrival date is end of September; first week of October. Out of Country orders add an additional 8 weeks to your shipping date. Your credit card statement will be your receipt. If we receive duplicate orders you will be charged accordingly. Be sure to check the sizing charts, we only order what is requested. There is a \$25 restocking fee for each exchange and we cannot guarantee exchanges for the wrong size. Sponsor logos will be on the sleeves, sides and back of final product.

***Thank You For Participating in the  
Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride® & Good Luck!***



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