



2026 RIDER GUIDE

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WELCOME

Welcome, athletes, to the 17th annual Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit!

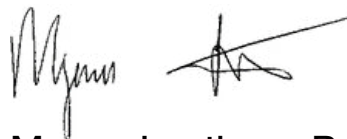
On behalf of the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, I am proud to extend a sincere and enthusiastic welcome as you prepare to take on this iconic climb. We are honored to host cyclists from across the world who have chosen to challenge themselves on Pikes Peak — America’s Mountain and to be part of this unforgettable endurance experience.

Events like The Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit hold special significance for our community. Beyond serving as a remarkable test of strength, perseverance, and determination, this event brings meaningful impact to Colorado Springs through tourism, community engagement, and support of local businesses. Your participation helps strengthen our region and contributes to the continued growth of this tradition, and we are deeply appreciative of your commitment to be here.

Whether this is your first ascent or you are returning for another ride to the summit, we are grateful to have you with us. As you gather at the start line, embrace the challenge ahead, the camaraderie of fellow cyclists, and the extraordinary scenery that makes this course so memorable. May this year’s climb once again reflect your dedication to the sport and leave you with lasting pride and accomplishment.

Wishing you a safe, strong, and successful ride to the summit.

Boom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Leatham', followed by a stylized flourish or scribble.

Megan Leatham, President & CEO
Colorado Springs Sports Corporation

INTRODUCTION

Produced by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation (CSSC) and sanctioned by USA Cycling (USAC), The 2026 Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit will take place on Pikes Peak - America's Mountain (PPAM) on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Sanctioned by USA Cycling, this competitive hill climb features age-group categories, an e-bike category, and the Midway Challenge, giving cyclists of all skill levels the opportunity to take on this iconic 14er. **This competitive race will require that all participants be a member of USAC (annual or one-day).** While the event is professionally timed and features age-group competition, every rider can climb at their own pace — whether chasing a top finish in their category or crossing making it to the Summit off their bucket list. The event is open to the public. Unicycles are not allowed to participate in this event.

The Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit will also serve as the **2026 Hill Climb State Championship under the Colorado Bicycle Racing Association.** In age-group categories (excluding the E-Bike and Midway Challenge), the top three Colorado resident finishers will be recognized immediately following each respective Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit age-group podium presentation.

The event will be held early in the morning with access to the Pikes Peak Highway (PPH) only allowed by those with special passes for the event. All efforts will be made to reduce the impact on visitors to the PPH. Road closures and openings will be coordinated with PPAM management staff and rangers. It is expressly understood that these races will be held in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Non-Exclusive Special Use Agreement between the City of Colorado Springs, and the CSSC.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Welcome to Colorado Springs, Olympic City, USA! Colorado Springs is located at the base of Pikes Peak - America's Mountain, 61 miles south of Denver at an elevation of 6,035'.

With an estimated population of 700,000, it is the second most populous city in the state of Colorado and the 41st most populous city in the United States. Colorado Springs has an average summer high of 85° F.

Colorado Springs is home to 25 NGBs and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, an important resource for current and aspiring Team USA athletes.

PIKES PEAK - AMERICAS MOUNTAIN

Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain rises along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and stands as one of the most iconic summits in the United States. The summit is 14,115’ above sea level and 8,000’ above what is known as the “Pikes Peak Region.” This region includes many popular mountain towns at its base including Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Woodland Park, Cripple Creek, and Cañon City.

The discovery of Pikes Peak dates back to the early 1700’s but was not called Pikes Peak until an expedition led by explorer Zebulon Pike, whom the mountain was later named for. Unfortunately for Pike, he was unable to reach the summit. Since this failed attempt, explorers and travelers alike have made the same journey. Popular routes up Pikes Peak include hiking up Barr Trail or Crags Trail, driving via Pikes Peak Highway, or taking a ride up The Broadmoor’s Pikes Peak Cog Railway.

PIKE NATIONAL FOREST

The Pike National Forest comprises nearly 1,000,000 acres of public land, including Pikes Peak. Outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, and off-highway travel are available. There are over 225 miles of trails (1/3 of which are motorized), approximately 250 developed campsites, and many fishing areas. Located throughout the Pikes Peak Ranger District. Please plan to spend and enjoy some time in the area while you are here.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

4:00 - 8:00 PM Packet Pickup at Axe and the Oak Whiskey House
(1604 S Cascade Ave Ste #80, Colorado Springs, CO 80905)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

4:45 AM	Gateway opens to cyclists
6:00 AM	Spectator Shuttle leaves the start line making brief stops at Halfway Picnic grounds, Glen Cove, and Devils Playground before proceeding to the summit
6:10 AM	All cyclists report to staging area and start line for instructions
6:15 AM	E-Bike cyclists begin
6:15 AM	Summit Gear Transport departs
6:20 AM	Age group categories begin
6:25 AM	Midway Challenge cyclists begin
6:45 AM	Cyclists must be through the Gateway entrance by 6:45 AM to participate
7:30 AM	Gateway opens for public (will hold at Mile 6 until 9:00 AM)
9:00 AM	Mountain opens to the public
9:15 AM	PPAM Ranger vehicle to tail the remaining cyclists above Devils Playground in front of first private vehicle coming up from Crystal Reservoir
9:30 AM	Awards Ceremony begins at Festival Area (awards will be given out when top three recipients for the age category are present)
9:45 AM	Timing Ends and Finish Line breaks down

PRE-EVENT INFO

REGISTRATION

No day-of registration allowed.

RACER	EARLY REG 3/16/26 - 5/30/26	STANDARD REG 5/31/26 - 8/5/26	PACKET PICKUP REG 8/7/26
ADULT	\$70	\$75	\$85
JUNIOR (U18 & UNDER)	\$50	\$55	\$65
E-BIKE	\$70	\$75	\$85
MIDWAY CHALLENGE (5.16 miles)	\$50 JR: \$35	\$55 JR: \$40	\$65 JR: \$50

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RACE NUMBERS

All participants will be wearing numbered race bibs on their jerseys: front and back. Race numbers correlate with gender and the event in which you are entered. **Race numbers must always be visible during the event.**

PERMISSION/PERMITS/INSURANCE

All USAC rules apply. USAC waiver must be signed upon registering by all racers or parent/guardian for anyone 18 years or younger.

- Required License: A USAC license is required to compete in any of the race categories. To purchase a one-day license, please [click here](#) or on BikeReg registration. Make sure to bring the receipt to the race. Annual USAC licenses available online at usacycling.org.

HOW TO WATCH THE RACE



Option #1: Spectator Shuttle + Gateway Pass

[PUCHASE HERE](#) (Bike Reg)

Pikes Peak - America's Mountain provides a shuttle for spectators to catch the cyclists crossing the finish line at the Summit! The shuttle also makes quick stops along the highway at the mountain's key recreational areas on the way. Pickup is near the Gear Bag vans and across from the Festival Area at Mile 7. Please email info@thesportscorp.org if you need an ADA accessible shuttle. Departure Times: 6:00 AM from the Festival Area and approximately 8:45 AM from the Summit. Tickets for Ages 6-15: \$12 (ticket includes Gateway Pass); Tickets for Ages 16 and Older: \$40 (ticket includes Gateway Pass).



Option #2: Family & Friend Gateway Pass (Start Line Access Only)

[PUCHASE HERE](#) (Bike Reg)

Cyclists will receive their Gateway Pass in their race packets. For spectators (family and friends): If you plan to watch from the Start Line only, you must have a Gateway Pass to pass through the highway toll gate and access the Start Line and Festival Area. Each person in the vehicle must have their own Gateway Pass. Tickets for Ages 6-15: \$5; Tickets for Ages 16 and Older: \$10.

This pass does not allow you to drive to the Summit after the race. See "ADD-ON: Summit Timed-Entry (Personal Vehicle)."



Option #3: ADD-ON: Summit Timed-Entry 9:00 AM (Personal Vehicle)

[PUCHASE HERE](#) (Bike Reg)

A timed-entry reservation per vehicle is required to drive to the Summit. For a \$2 add-on, you may drive your personal vehicle to the Summit once Pikes Peak Highway reopens after the race at 9:00 AM. This timed-entry allows one vehicle and does not include the Family & Friend Gateway Pass,. Every spectator is required to purchase a Gateway Pass (see Friend & Family Gateway Pass) to access the mountain. Timed-entry reservation per vehicle = \$2.

Purchase All Tickets [HERE](#) Under "Event Items" (Under Categories)

bikereg.com/the-broadmoor-cycle-to-the-summit

COURSE OVERVIEW



Course Statistics

Length – 12.42 Miles (Start to Summit)
 Surface – Pavement
 Turns – 156
 Elevation at Start – 9,390 ft.
 Elevation at Finish – 14,115 ft.
 Length of Plus Grade – 61,626 ft.
 Maximum Plus Grade – 10.5%
 Length of Negative Grade – 3,934 ft.
 Maximum Negative Grade – 10.0%
 Average Grade – 7%

Map Legend

- 14,115 Ft** Altitude
- 99** Mile Marker
- P** Parking Area
- +** Ambulance Staging
- 🍌** Snack & Hydration Station
- 🚻** Restrooms
- 🏆** Awards Area
- 🏠** Shelter
- 📶** Communications
- 🎪** Festival Area



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COURSE NOTES

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

The Pikes Peak Highway and the adjacent North and South Slope Recreation Areas utilize and adhere to the Leave No Trace principles. These 7 principles are Plan Ahead & Prepare, Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces, Dispose of Waste Properly, Leave What You Find, Minimize Campfire Impacts, Respect Wildlife, and Be Considerate of Others. It's the expectation that these principles are widely distributed and communicated to all people attending or working at the event as well as adhered to.

START AREA

The officials will coordinate the Start Line. Cyclists are asked to stage at least 5 minutes prior to their start time. There will be signage to indicate where the staging areas are located prior to the Start Line.

You may be asked to stop at the start line on your return ride from the summit. This will allow race officials to confirm your return.

GLEN COVE REST AREA & STOPPING POINT FOR MIDWAY

5.5 miles from the Start Line – Midway or “halfway” to the Summit!

- Snacks and drinks to refuel
- Radio operator
- Ambulance
- Restroom facilities
- Staging area for all cyclists and cycles should there be inclement weather during the event.
 - *All cyclists/cycles will be initially transported to Glen Cove if inclement weather impacts the race. If you get separated from your cycle, it will be staged at Glen Cove. Eventually, you will either be transported down to the Festival Area, or you can choose to ride down on your own.*
- At this point, the grade increases significantly, and the air is thinner. Use your judgment and do a self-evaluation to determine your readiness to continue your ascent.

DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND REST AREA

Located on the right, along the wide shoulder of the road, just past the entrance to the parking area.

- Snacks and drinks to refuel
- Radio operator
- Portolet facilities
- Safety vehicle parked
 - *This vehicle is used for shelter should inclement weather occur during the event. This vehicle will remain stationary and participants will be driven to Glen Cove by another safety vehicle as space allows.*

SUMMIT FINISH LINE

Located at 14,115' above sea level at the summit of Pikes Peak-America's Mountain – the finish line!

- Funnel finish
- Chip timing system and officials. Please avoid standing/walking around the finish line area as your chip can interfere with the timing equipment.
- Ambulance staging area
- Radio operator

Once you have crossed the Finish Line, you may proceed to the Summit Visitor Center for hospitality services. Participants shall change clothes within the designated restroom facilities. All cyclists who reach the summit **before 9:45 AM** will receive a “**Summit Society**” medal. Your gear bag will be located outside of the Summit Visitor Center, along with snacks and drinks.

In the event of inclement weather, racers that have reached the summit will be asked to remain indoors and wait for a safety vehicle to transport you to Glen Cove. The first priority is to cyclists that are experiencing inclement weather on course. Their needs will be addressed first and then the cyclists on the summit will be addressed. The Participant Shuttles will transport cycles and their bikes to Glen Cove initially.

THE DESCENT

- There will be **two** Rider Shuttles staged at the summit that will do **continuous** pickups and drop offs at Glen Cove. Riders are expected to ride from Glen Cove to the Start Line/Festival Area.
- Always follow the Yellow Line Rule. Remain in the proper lane for the descent.
- Always maintain your speed at or below the speed limit. USFS Law Enforcement will ticket for speeding.
- Watch for wildlife.
- Control your breaking. Overheated rims may cause the air in the tire to expand, causing a rupture. You may want to release some air from your tires prior to your descent.
- Wear dry clothing and wind gear. You will not be generating heat on the descent so proper clothing is strongly recommended.
- Take breaks. Give your rims time to cool and give yourself time to warm up, if necessary.
- There will be vehicles on the course throughout the race.
- **After 9:00 AM, the highway is open to public vehicle traffic on the course.**
- Please be cautious when descending around corners.

ALTITUDE & HYDRATION

The start line is at 9,380' and the finish is at 14,115' elevation.

- Plan to spend several days prior to the ride, practicing at altitudes of at least 6,000' or higher.
- Hyper-hydrate prior to traveling to Colorado Springs to help oxygenate your muscles.
- Drink at least one gallon of water per day.
- Be particularly aware of their diet and hydration leading up to the event.

There will be nutrition and hydration stations along the route: Glen Cove (5.5 miles, 11,440' elevation) and Devils Playground (9.2 miles, 12,780' elevation). There are also snacks and hydration available at the Summit and Start Line/Festival Area. All participants are encouraged to carry plenty of water and snacks.

MIDWAY CHALLENGE

Stopping at Glen Cove, halfway up the mountain – a ride of 5.16 miles.

- This timed event is fully supported with aid stations along the course to keep you fueled and hydrated. Plus, all finishers will receive a Midway Challenge medal to celebrate! The Midway Challenge will start AFTER all other categories
- Participant must finish in the Midway Challenge if that is what they signed up for
- Midway challenge will have a different colored bib
- No awards – but athletes will receive a completion medal
- Must ride back down. Participant shuttles will only be shuttling from the Summit to Glen Cove

AFTER THE RACE SUMMIT SOCIETY

An exclusive club for summiteers united by the challenge and adventure of cycling up Pikes Peak.

Riders that complete the Cycle to the Summit who reach the summit of Pikes Peak before the conclusion of the race (**by 9:45 AM**) will become a member of the Summit Society!

FOR MOR INFORMATION AND FULL LIST OF SUMMIT SOCIETY BENEFITS, VISIT: CycleToTheSummit.org

TIMING AND RESULTS

Timing tags will be used for the entire race (including Midway Challenge, E-Bike Midway Challenge, and E-Bike Open).

Results will be transmitted from the Summit to the Festival Area where they will be posted. Our system will allow results to be posted prior to riders arriving at the Festival Area. Please check the posted results when you return and report any timing issues to race officials prior to the awards ceremony.

AWARDS

All E-Bike and All Midway Challengers:

1. Receive a finish time and finisher medal but will not be awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place on the podium.

Age Group Categories:

1. Receive a finish time and Summit Society medal upon completion (prior to 9:45 AM).
2. Top three in every age-group categories will be awarded for the Cycle to the Summit podium.
3. **The Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit will also serve as the 2026 Hill Climb State Championship under the Colorado Bicycle Racing Association.** In age-group categories only, the top three Colorado resident finishers will be recognized immediately following each respective Cycle to the Summit age-group podium presentation. **To earn a Colorado State Championship title, riders must be Colorado residents.**
4. Overall top three women and men from age-group categories will also be awarded at the end.

Categories will be announced in the order they are completed; once the top three finishers in each category have crossed the line and official times have been received.

Racers that think they have placed in their divisions should limit their time at the summit and return to the Awards Area as soon as possible after their race. Awards will be given when all placers in a single division have arrived at the Awards Area.

FESTIVAL AND AWARDS AREA

The Festival & Awards Area is located to the south of the participant parking area, approximately 200 yards downhill from the Start Line. A listing of the start groups will be posted in this area prior to the start, and finish times will be posted in the same location as soon as possible following the conclusion of the races. There will be a hospitality tent for snacks and drinks (and portalets).

PARKING & HIGHWAY ACCESS

Pikes Peak - America's Mountain is accessed via Pikes Peak Highway. The highway begins in Cascade, Colorado and continues to the Summit. This is a toll highway. Your registration for this race includes your Gateway Pass to the highway. **BE SURE TO REMEMBER YOUR PASS THE MORNING OF THE RACE OR YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A NEW PASS.**

EVERYONE, including the support team and family members, must have a pass to access the highway– **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Tickets for Ages 6-15: \$5; Tickets for Ages 16 and Older: \$10. **Purchase All Tickets [HERE](#) Under "Event Items" (Under Categories) - bikereg.com/the-broadmoor-cycle-to-the-summit**

This pass does not allow you to drive to the Summit after the race.

Participants and teams who arrive prior to the Gateway opening at 4:45 AM will be staged in the parking area prior to the Gateway. Only staff, volunteers, sponsors, and vendors will be directed to the Gateway area prior to the highway being opened for competitors.

PARKING

Once you have cleared the Gateway, you will drive 7 miles to the race parking area and the Festival Area. Volunteers will direct you into the parking area. Participants are asked to follow signage and the directions of the parking attendants to help conserve space for everyone. Only Pikes Peak Rangers, Pikes Peak Operations, Race Operations, and Race Officials will have access to the highway, uphill from the race parking area. No team or support vehicles will be allowed access to the racecourse prior to 9:00 AM when the highway will open to the general public.

Note: On race day, the highway will be closed to vehicles at Crystal Reservoir, approximately 1 mile downhill from the Start Line for the race. The highway will remain closed at Crystal Reservoir until 9:00 AM. There are North Slope Recreation day passes which will allow access for guests into the North Slope Recreational Area through the race parking area.

YOUR SAFETY & HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS

Many ability levels will be using the highway at the same time. Be sure to use caution and notify other cyclists when and where you are passing. Be aware of your limitations and avoid impeding the progress of cyclists.

Most race operations vehicles and Pikes Peak Highway vehicles will be in radio communication with the Race Director and other support vehicles. Should you need assistance along the route, please wave down one of these vehicles and they will try to assist you. If you request a transport uphill to the next rest area, this assistance must be reported to the Race Officials, and you will not receive a race time for the event.

If you need assistance along the route, and between two rest areas, you should ask a fellow racer to notify the radio operator at the next check point of your location and your request for assistance. The radio operator can relay your request to a support vehicle.

There are stationary radio operators at the Start Line/Festival Area, Glen Cove, Devils Playground, and the Summit. There will be one roving radio operator. They have constant contact with race command courtesy of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). These volunteers support the race with a mission of safety for the participants. They are here to support your needs and race operations.



Please note that cell phone reception on Pikes Peak is spotty at best. You may not have cell phone service while you are on the mountain.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

There will be a medical support vehicle on the mountain roving throughout the event. The vehicle is staffed with medical staff from the Orthopedic Centers of Colorado.



There will also be an ambulance staged at Glen Cove and the Summit. If you have a medical emergency, get word to the closest Rest Area which will have radio communications with all emergency personnel. If possible, flag down a race operations vehicle which will also have a radio.

If experiencing a medical issue, please try to identify your location on the course. There are highway marker signs throughout the route so please be aware of the most recent sign you saw to help emergency vehicles quickly respond to your needs.

CLOTHING

Participants should be prepared for all types of weather. Participants should prepare a gear bag and leave it in the corresponding transport vehicle so that it will be delivered to their finish point. Weather website for Pikes Peak which provides forecasts, current conditions, and live camera views: pikespeakcolorado.com. **Participants must change clothes in restroom facilities, not public areas.**

NO LITTERING

Please respect the mountain and the natural beauty of the area. Do not discard water bottles, snack wrappers, fruit peels, gels, food wrappers, etc., while on the course, at the finish, in the Festival Area or the Parking Area. There will be trash cans along the route and in high traffic areas to deposit trash.

SANITATION

Portolets and trash cans will be distributed along the entire course.

GEAR BAGS

Gear bags should contain:

- Warm dry clothing
- Wind gear
- Gloves
- Extra pair of shoes to enter Summit Visitor Center. **CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SUMMIT VISITOR CENTER.** To enter the Summit Visitor Center, you must wear a different pair of shoes, wear socks, etc.

There will be gear transport vehicles parked on the shoulder of the highway between the parking area and the Festival Area. Please confirm that you have a bag tag on your gear bag prior to placing it in the vehicle. There will be race volunteers with transport vehicles to assist you.

Gear Bag Transport Vehicles will be departing the Festival Area at designated times. The tentative departure times are listed below; however, participants should double check the schedule when they arrive at check in at the Festival Area.

6:15 AM – Vehicle #1 and 6:30 AM - Vehicle #2 departs for the Summit.

Gear bags will leave the Summit when the timing has ended for the event at approximately 9:45 AM, picking up gear bags at Glen Clove on the way down.

You may choose to carry your gear bag as you descend to the Festival Area if you do not want to wait for it to be delivered to the Festival Area. ***Gear bags will not arrive at the Festival Area until at least 10:15 AM. Any uncollected gear bags will be available for pick up at Sports Corp's office on Monday morning (1631 Mesa Ave, Ste E, Colorado Springs, CO 80906). Contact info@thesportscorp.org to coordinate pick up.***

NO SMOKING PERMITTED AT ALL FROM GATEWAY TO SUMMIT: Pikes Peak Recreation Corridor is a no smoking campus from the Gateway to the Summit. All employees, contracted employees, special event holders, concession permit holders and officials are prohibited from smoking any cigarette, pipe, cigar, or electronic smoking device on the property unless a designated area is provided per City Ordinance No. 6-6-202. Furthermore, Pikes Peak – America's Mountain is federally owned property and possession of marijuana is prohibited in its entirety.

TRAVEL & LODGING

Travel to Colorado Springs is fast and convenient by plane or car. Interstate 25 splits through the middle of the city and connects with Highway 24 at exit 141. A short 9.5-mile drive to the west is Cascade, CO, and the start of the Pikes Peak Highway.

Situated on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, the Colorado Springs Airport is one of the easiest and most welcoming terminals you will find.

Airlines with flights into Colorado Springs include:

Americans: www.aa.com

Avelo: www.aveloair.com

Delta: www.delta.com

Frontier: www.flyfrontier.com

Southwest: www.southwest.com

United: www.united.com

Taxis are available just outside the main terminal entrance and include:

Springs Cab: (719) 444-8989

zTrip: (719) 777-7777

Uber & Lyft

Rental car desks are conveniently located next to baggage claim and include:

Alamo: www.alamo.com

Avis: www.avis.com

Budget: www.budget.com

Enterprise: www.enterprise.com

Hertz: www.hertz.com

National: www.nationalcar.com

**Denver International Airport is located 80 miles to the north of Colorado Springs. Rental vehicles are available and there are also several services between Denver and Colorado Springs, including Colorado Springs : (719) 687-3456.*

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