

The Assaults Rules and Policies

Mt. Mitchell Finish: All who complete the Assault on Mt. Mitchell are required to immediately hand bikes to the bike handlers who will be loading bike transport trucks. After enjoying some food and beverage and changing into dry clothes, riders are required to board one of the buses for transportation back to Marion or Spartanburg. Transport trucks will carry all bikes down the mountain to either Marion or Spartanburg as needed. If you are not able to adhere to this rule set forth by the Mt. Mitchell State Park, you will not be allowed to participate in the ride, and those caught breaking this rule will be banned from the ride.

General Ride Policies

- Riders must complete the course by **5:30pm**. Riders who have not crossed the Mitchell finish line will be picked up by SAG vehicles and transported to the finish line.
- No refunds or deferments are offered for registrants who are unable to attend.

No Personal, Team SAGS or Unauthorized vehicles allowed on Highway 80 or the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A special event permitting agreement with the Park Service is in place to ensure the safety of our riders and manage the limited amount of space at the top of Mt. Mitchell and on the Parkway. Personal SAG, Team SAG OR Unauthorized vehicles are defined as any non-approved event vehicles traveling the same course as the Assaults on Mt. Mitchell and Marion on Monday, May 14, 2018. Family, friends and non-riding teammates may meet riders at various points between Spartanburg and Marion - so long as they travel on a different route. Additional information on how best to meet up with riders along the route or watch them finish at the summit is posted on the web site under spectator guide.

Important Rules of the Blue Ridge Parkway

- All riders must be on the Parkway no later than 3:00pm.
- Violations observed, improper refuse of human waste and disorderly conduct (exposing, public nudity), under 36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), may carry a fine up to \$5000.00 and, or 6 mos. imprisonment.
- Bicycle riders must comply with all applicable federal and state motor vehicle regulations.
- The bicycle operator must exhibit a white light or reflector visible at least 500 feet to the front and a red light or reflector visible at least 200 feet to the rear during periods of low visibility, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, or while traveling through a tunnel.

Consequences

If you choose to ignore these rules and policies, and you are sighted by any of our ride officials, your rider number will be documented and turned in to the Assaults Director. Upon verification of the violation by the Director or a Freewheelers Board member, you will be notified of the documentation and the disqualification. You will have 10 days to appeal your disqualification to the director of The Assaults. Once the disqualification is complete, your results will be removed from the official results posted on our web site, and you will be banned from the ride for 2 years.

These policies will be strictly enforced so that we may continue to hold the Assaults in the future. The majority of these rules and policies are dictated by the governing entities of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Mt. Mitchell State Park. Violators are therefore subject to penalty beyond The Assaults organization if broken.