

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.

NEW FOR 2019

Updated Time Limit + Checkpoints!

The 44th Assaults on Mt. Mitchell presented by Prisma Health will have a 5:30 p.m. event stop time.

All cyclists must be on the Blue Ridge Parkway by 2:30 p.m.

All cyclists must be at the Mt. Mitchell Parkway (rest stop #9) by 4:30 p.m.

All riders must cross the finish line by 5:30 p.m.

All riders not at the aforementioned checkpoints or finish line by times noted will be picked up by an official event vehicle along the course and driven to the finish line or back to Marion.

Registration Fee Schedule

The Assault on Mt. Mitchell

October 24 – December 31: \$135

January 1 – March 31: \$150

April 1 – May 17: \$165

Packet Pick Up: \$175

The Assault on Marion

October 24 – December 31: \$50

January 1 – March 31: \$55

April 1 – May 17: \$60

Packet Pick Up: \$65

Registration includes busing from Mt Mitchell to The Tom Johnson Rally Park Pavilion, lunch and an event t-shirt. All Mt. Mitchell finishers are required to hand over their bike for truck transport off the mountain and riders themselves will be transported off the mountain on activity buses to The Tom Johnson Pavilion in Marion, NC.

No Dogs

To protect our cyclists, no pets are allowed. Pets will not be allowed at the start line in Spartanburg, the finish lines in Marion and Mt. Mitchell or on any event buses. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are the **only** exception.

Absolutely NO Personal SAGS

In 2019, all those parked along the route in undesignated spectator areas will be turned away and reported by ride officials, police, state park and parkway officials. **Those with SAGS on the course will be immediately disqualified from the ride, not given a finishing time and removed from the finishers list.**

In order to keep the course and specifically the riders safe, and to avoid traffic concerns, family/friends/personal SAGS are not allowed to follow riders. The spectators' guide contains information about how you can intersect with and cheer on your rider at key points along the course! There will be a zero-tolerance policy for any cyclist who has a non-official car supporting them during the ride. If a rider needs help many volunteer techs, SAGS, and Marshals will be on the course to offer assistance.

Finally, family/friends/personal SAGS cannot drive to the Mt. Mitchell finish line or be parked along the route leading from the Parkway entrance to Mt. Mitchell State Park. This is a policy set forth by the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mt. Mitchell State Park that we **MUST** adhere to. If you would like to see your rider finish at the top of Mt. Mitchell, you will need to purchase a \$15 spectator bus ticket which will take them from Marion to the top of Mt. Mitchell. Spectator tickets and additional meal tickets can be purchased online during registration, at Packet Pick-Up on Sunday or Monday at The Tom Johnson Rally Park Pavilion in Marion.

General Ride Policies

- 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.

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.