



# 43rd Mt. Graham Hill Climb

Arizona State Hill Climb Championship

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**Safford, Arizona**

**HELD UNDER USA CYCLING EVENT PERMIT NUMBER 2022-pending**



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This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year as race director and planning is underway! So everybody knows I need permits from Graham County Board of Supervisors, Arizona Department of Transportation, United States Forest Service, United States Department of Corrections Federal Prison System and USA Cycling so we are can have the 43rd Mt. Graham Hill Climb in 2022.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Mt. Graham Hill Climb will be a mass start event for the 20-mile and 10-mile distances with the pre-race get together in the parking area. The mass start will travel up hill on Arizona State Route 366 from mile post 151.

If Covid-19 is “under control” or it is safe then I will bring back the awards ceremony and the free lunch held at the Graham County multi purpose room in Safford!!!

**Number will be mailed to all registered racers in late August so make sure your address in Bikereg.com is up to date! There will not be any race day registration as I have very limited number of volunteers!!!**

#### **WEB PAGE ADDRESS:**

<http://presteza.homestead.com/MtGrahamIndex.html>

#### **REGISTRATION:**

**Registration will take place on bikereg.com**

#### **On-line registration web address:**

<https://www.bikereg.com/43rdmtgrahamhillclimb>

**ON-LINE Registration opens on June 10, 2022 and will closes on THURSDAY, September 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM Arizona Time!**

**20 MILE RACE WILL START AT 8:00 AM.**

**10 MILE RACE WILL START AT 8:10 AM.**

- Mt. Graham is located in the southeastern corner of Arizona. Mt. Graham draws riders each year to a spectacular event. The 20-mile road race starts @ mile post 115.1 across from the Federal prison (elevation 3,379 ft.) and winds up the “Swift Trail” (State Route 366) to the finish at mile post 135.1 near the Snow Flat camp ground (elevation 9,068). The 5,689 ft. climb travels through high desert grassland, oak woodlands, and alpine meadow to pine forest!
- Mt. Graham is the longest continuous bicycle race in Arizona in its 42nd year & the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest elevation gain one-day race in the United States.



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## **Mail in Registration**

1. Nippy Feldhake 5601 East Scarlett Street Tucson, Arizona 85711
2. Make checks out to Presteza Cycling Club! Phone (520) 747-2544

## **FEES FOR 2022**

### **Before August 10, 2022**

1. Juniors \$30.00
2. All other Categories \$ 60.00 (Seniors Categories and Master)

### **After August 10, 2022**

1. Juniors \$35.00
2. All other Categories \$ 65.00 (Seniors Categories and Masters)

### **Day before Race at Best Western Hotel on September 10, 2022:**

1. Juniors categories \$45.00
2. All others Categories \$75.00 (Seniors Categories and Master)

### **September 10, 2022 and September 11, 2022:**

1. Juniors categories \$45.00
2. All others Categories \$75.00 (Seniors Categories and Master)

### **Registration (Day Before) September 10, 2022:**

1. In Safford at the Best Western Desert Inn Motel - Saturday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. At Best Western Desert Inn, 1391 Thatcher Blvd. Safford, Arizona 1-800-707-2336 or 928-428-0521.

### **Registration (Race Day): September 11, 2022**

3. At Federal Prison parking lot: Near Start on SR 366 (mile post 115) From 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM. No real early birds. Let us get set up, please!

**Fees include USA Cycling \$5.10 surcharge for insurance! Promoter pays this fee to USA Cycling!**

### **USA Cycling Licenses**

1. All riders must have a USA Cycling License to be a participant in Mt. Graham Hill Climb
2. USA Cycling annual & one-day licenses will be on sale during registration (day before & race day!)
3. One-day USA Cycling license is either \$10.00 or \$25.00.
4. USA Cycling annual license will also be available at registration. Only annual licensed riders are eligible for State championship medals and State Jersey per USA Cycling rules.



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First rider's finishing time will be around 9:30 am. Last rider finishing time will be around 11:00 AM. Those riders choosing to ride down the mountain will return to the parking area around 12:00 noon!

### **Riding Down-THE RACE IS UP THE MOUNTAIN NOT DOWN!!!**

You may ride your bikes down Mt. Graham however extreme care needs to be taken when riding down the mountain! Helmets are required. The race is up the mountain NOT DOWN! Riders wanting a ride in a vehicle down the mountain ask at the start before the race OR AT THE FINISH AREA!

### **Host Hotel:**

**Best Western Desert Inn**  
1391 Thatcher Blvd. Safford, Arizona  
1-800-707-2336 or (928) 428-0521!

**Ask for the Mt. Graham Hill Climb Special!**  
**1<sup>st</sup> PRICE INCREASE SINCE 2017!!!**

**There are two Best Western motels in Safford. I use Best Western Desert Inn NOT Best Western Plus!**

In 2022, there will be a staff serviced or grab & go breakfast. Check with the front desk for more details!

**ROOM RATES: \$84.00 + 14.05% tax for Mt. Graham Hill Climb!**

Rooms have the one of the following One King or One Queen Bed or for Two Queen Beds!

LATE CHECK OUT for all riders is 1:00 PM. Just let the front desk know you are with the bike race!

### **Camping:**

1. ROPER STATE PARK: Park is 2 miles from start line. Amenities include showers, indoor toilets, RV hookups and ramadas. For rates, call (928) 428-6760. Follow brown colored state park signage off Hwy 191! Address 101 E. Roper Lake Road Safford, Arizona 85546.
2. Web page is <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/ROLA/index.html>

### **Other Camping! Camping on Mt. Graham!**

1. There is camping on Mt. Graham! One is at milepost 124.5 at the US Forest Service Camp Ground Arcadia. The other is Snow Flats at milepost 135! The fees are around \$10 per day per campsite.

### **Support**

1. FREE food will be available at rest area past the finish line!
2. There will be a support vehicle provided by the event allowing all cyclists to take extra cloths & gear to the finish line! Racers are to place items in bags provided & label with name & race number then put the bag into the vehicle!



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<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	
1. Senior Men Category 1	20 MILES	
2. Senior Men Category 2	20 MILES	
3. Under 23 (Espoires)	20 MILES	
4. Senior Men Category 3	20 MILES	
5. Senior Men Category 4	20 MILES	
6. Senior Men Category 5	20 MILES	
7. Senior Women Category 1	20 MILES	
8. Senior Women Category 2	20 MILES	
9. Senior Women Category 3	20 MILES	
10. Senior Women Category 4	20 MILES	
11. Senior Women Category 5	20 MILES	
12. Master Men 35 to 39	20 MILES	
13. Master Men 40 to 44	20 MILES	
14. Master Men 45 to 49	20 MILES	
15. Master Men 50 to 54	20 MILES	
16. Master Men 55 to 59	20 MILES	
17. Master Men 60 to 64	10 OR 20 MILES	
18. Master Men 65 to 69	10 OR 20 MILES	
19. Master Men 70 to 74	10 OR 20 MILES	
20. Master Men 75 + (into 5yr age group)	10 OR 20 MILES	
21. Master Woman 35 to 39	20 MILES	
22. Master Woman 40 to 44	20 MILES	
23. Master Woman 45 to 49	20 MILES	
24. Master Woman 50 to 54	10 OR 20 MILES	
25. Master Woman 55 to 59	10 OR 20 MILES	
26. Master Woman 60 to 64	10 OR 20 MILES	
27. Master Woman 65 to 69	10 OR 20 MILES	
28. Master Woman 70 + (into 5yr age group)	10 OR 20 MILES	
29. Tandem Men 70 Plus	20 MILES	
30. Tandem Men Elite Under 70	20 MILES	
31. Tandem Men 90 Plus	20 MILES	
32. Tandem Men 120 Plus	20 MILES	
33. Tandem Mixed 70 Plus	20 MILES	
34. Tandem Mixed 90 Plus	20 MILES	
35. Tandem Mixed 120 Plus	20 MILES	
36. Tandem Women Elite Under 70	20 MILES	
37. Tandem Woman 70 Plus	20 MILES	
38. Tandem Woman 90 Plus	20 MILES	
39. Tandem Woman 120 Plus	20 MILES	
40. Juniors 10 to 12 (Men or Woman)	10 MILES ONLY	See Note on Next Page
41. Juniors 13 to 14 (Men or Woman)	10 MILES ONLY	See Note on Next Page
42. Juniors 15 to 16 (Men or Woman)	10 MILES ONLY	See Note on Next Page
43. Juniors 17 to 18 (Men or Woman)	10 OR 20 MILES	See Note on Next Page



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**JUNIOR RACERS: (ALL) :**

**ALL JUNIOR RACERS AGE 16 AND UNDER MUST RACE THE 10-MILE DISTANCE ONLY. NO EXCEPTION NO MATTER WHAT CATEGORY/RANKING THE JUNIOR HOLDS.**

**ALL JUNIOR RACERS AGE 17 AND OLDER MUST BE A CATEGORY 3 OR ABOVE TO ENTER THE 20-MILE DISTANCE. ALL JUNIOR RACERS AGE 17 AND OLDER THAT ARE CATEGORY 4/5 MUST RACE THE 10-MILE DISTANCE. NO EXCEPTION!**

**IT IS HIGHLY SUGGESTED THAT ALL JUNIORS RACERS AGE 16 AND UNDER DO NOT RIDE FROM MILE POST 125 TO MILE POST 135. THIS IS A SAFETY CONCERN FOR ALL YOUNG RIDERS!**

**SPECIAL THANKS :**

2. A very special thanks to the following, they make this race possible> All Nippy's family, Don Lash, Broadway Bikes, Team Aggress, ADOT, Graham County Supervisors, Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), City of Safford, US Forest Service, Federal Prison, Eastern Arizona Courier, and former Mt. Graham race director Al Hopper, former webmaster Jay Schreiber and photographer Kathleen Drier!

**AWARDS**

1. This is officially the Arizona State USA Cycling Hill Climb Championship Race. Each winner of all categories and age groups winner will receive the Arizona State Championship jersey. The race director pays for the jerseys.
2. USA Cycling State medals will be awarded to the first three cyclists in each category & age group for Arizona licensed cyclists. They are Gold, Silver & Bronze medals.
3. Per the USA Cycling rule book, only those riders that have an ANNUAL license are eligible for the state championship title! ONE-DAY LICENSE RIDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE STATE JERSEY OR MEDAL!
4. Only Arizona State Annual licensed riders are eligible for the Arizona State Championship Jersey.
5. Break a Mt. Graham record and receive an "Official Mt. Graham Record"!
6. **TENTATIVE AWARDS!** They may be held at the Graham County General Services Building. The building is located at 921 Thatcher Blvd., Safford, Arizona 85546. The entrance to the room is in the behind the main building.

**BIKE SHOPS SUPPORTING THIS RACE!**

**BROADWAY BIKES**

140 S Sarnoff Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85710  
(520) 296-7819

**PIMA STREET BICYCLE**

5247 East Pima Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85712  
(520) 326-4044



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**MOST INSPIRATION CYCLIST!**

- Each year I chose a male and female cyclist as the Most Inspirational Cyclist!
- If you know someone who deserves this award e-mail Nippy at [nippy-mr-smarty-pants@juno.com](mailto:nippy-mr-smarty-pants@juno.com).
- Past Recipients!
 

1999 Al Hopper	2000 Vern Roberts
2001 Jeannie Longo & Don Melhado	2002 Scott Price
2003 Rebecca Cooke & Ken Stamm	2004 Steve Walters (In Memory)
2005 Herb Johnson & Adrienna Brian	2006 Maggie Williams & Dave Deichman
2007 Marlene Zuhl & Dwight Nelson	2008 Christina Carbone & Kerry Farrell
2009 Tammy Lamb & Jesus Lamb	2010 Jay Schreiber
2010 Colleen Whealdon-Haught (In Memory)	2011 Franz Hammer & Catherine Dickerson
2012 Reg Dowell & Martha Stedman	2013 Alisha Welch & Darien Newman
2014 Luis Chacon & Joanna Roberts	2015 ??? Cannot Remember???
2016 Lisa Crujido & Joey Iuliano	2017 Nathalie Potvin & Gustavo “Gus” Amado
2018 John Conahay (In Memory) & Shelby Hoglund	2019 Richard Horn & Cathi Stevens
2020 Joel Thompson & Lauren Frisk	2021 Elizabeth Perry and Jeremy Barrett (In Memory)

**THIS YEAR 2022 MOST INSPIRATIONAL CYCLISTS ARE**

**Leslie O'Doherty (In Memory) 2 time Mt. Graham Hill Climb Records Holder, great climber, long time friend!**

**Ron Sweet, Long time friend, Phenomenal Cyclist and climber**

**Mt. Graham supporter!**

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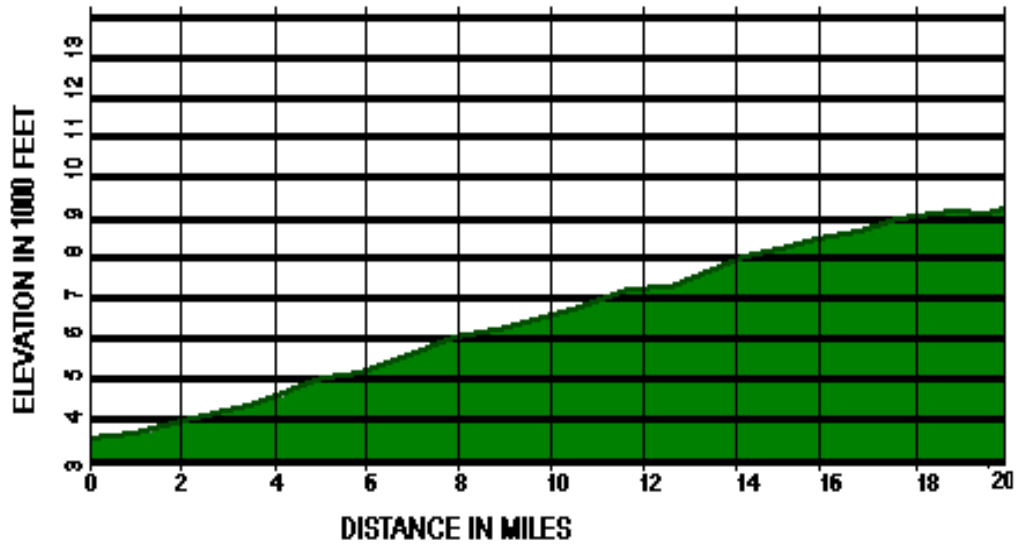
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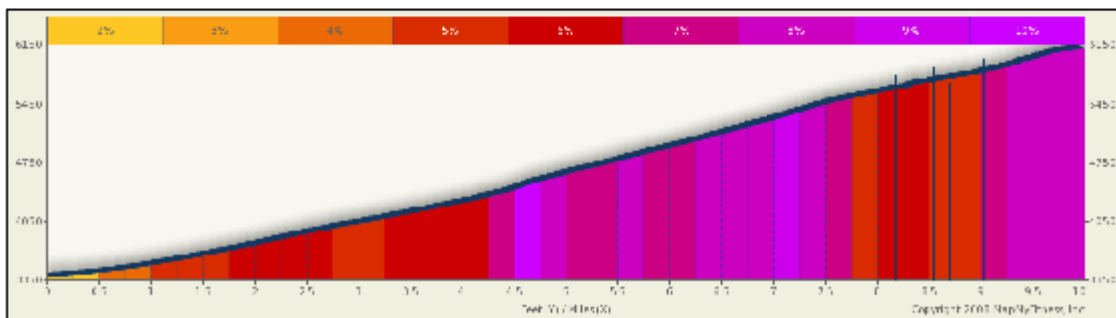
MAPS 10-mile event



Mt. Graham Hill Climb 10 Mile Event

Starts in Safford, Arizona

10.00 miles



**Description**  
Mt. Graham Hill Climb 10 Mile event starting at mile post 115.1 on Arizona State Route 366 South of Safford Arizona and ending at mile post 125.1. Start just past the upper prison parking area. The route is the Mt. Graham Hill Climb which is the Arizona State Hill Climb Championship. This is a road bike event not a mountain bike event.



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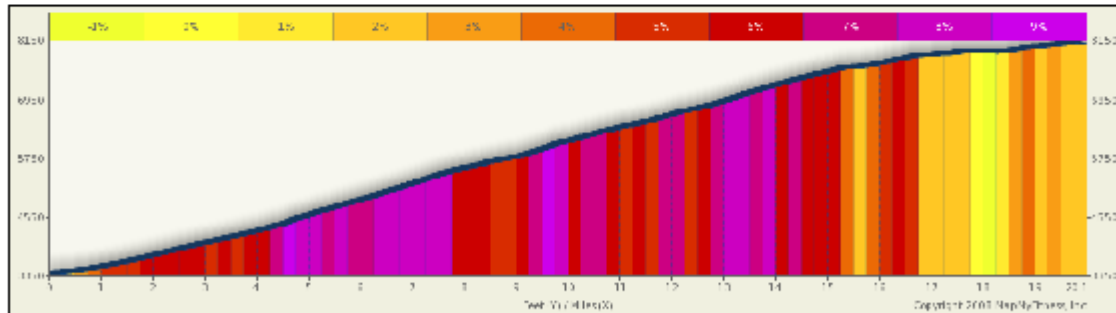
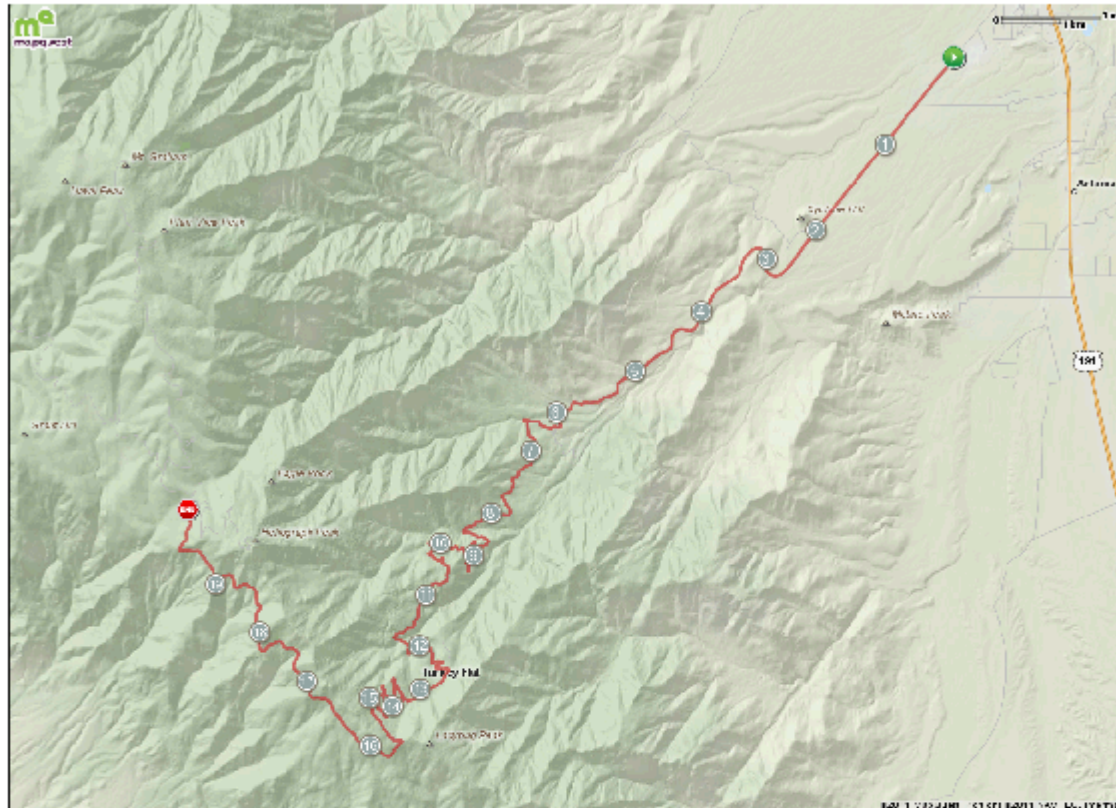
## MAP 20-mile event



### Mt. Graham Hill Climb 20 Mile Event

Starts in Safford, Arizona

20.00 miles



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