



44th Mt. Graham Hill Climb

Arizona State Hill Climb Championship

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Safford, Arizona 85546

HELD UNDER USA CYCLING EVENT PERMIT NUMBER 2023-7732



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The 44th 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.

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/44th-mt-graham-hill-climb>

ON-LINE Registration opens on June 19, 2023 and will close on WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2023 at 10:00 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 3rd highest elevation gain one-day race in the United States.



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 2023

Before August 21, 2023

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

After August 21, 2023

1. Juniors \$ 40.00
2. All other Categories \$ 70.00 (Seniors Categories and Masters)

Day before Race at Best Western Hotel on September 9, 2023:

1. Juniors categories \$ 40.00
2. All others Categories \$ 80.00 (Seniors Categories and Master)

RACE DAY September 10, 2023:

1. Juniors categories \$ 50.00
2. All others Categories \$ 90.00 (Seniors Categories and Master)

Registration (Day Before) September 9, 2023:

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 10, 2023

At Federal Prison parking lot: Near Start on SR 366 (mile post 115) From 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM. No real early birds. Let us get set up, please!

Fees include USA Cycling \$5.30 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 \$15.00 or \$35.00.
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

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.03054.html?iata=00171880&ssob=BLBWI0004G&cid=BLBWI0004G:google:gmb:03054

Ask for the Mt. Graham Hill Climb Special!

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

Breakfast served from 6 AM to 10 AM. Check with the front desk for more details!

ROOM RATES: \$ 90.00 + 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:

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.

Web page is <https://azstateparks.com/reserve/#!/park/21>

Other Camping! Camping on Mt. Graham!

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 fee is \$20.00 per day per campsite.

Web Page is <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coronado/recarea/?recid=25576>

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. | Men's Pro | 20 MILES | |
| 2. | Senior Men Category 1 | 20 MILES | |
| 3. | Senior Men Category 2 | 20 MILES | |
| 4. | Under 23 (Espoires) | 20 MILES | |
| 5. | Senior Men Category 3 | 20 MILES | |
| 6. | Senior Men Category 4 | 20 MILES | |
| 7. | Senior Novice Men (Formally Cat 5) | 20 MILES | |
| 8. | Women's Pro | 20 MILES | |
| 9. | Senior Women Category 1 | 20 MILES | |
| 10. | Senior Women Category 2 | 20 MILES | |
| 11. | Senior Women Category 3 | 20 MILES | |
| 12. | Senior Women Category 4 | 20 MILES | |
| 13. | Senior Novice Women (Formally Cat 5) | 20 MILES | |
| 14. | Master Men 35 to 39 | 20 MILES | |
| 15. | Master Men 40 to 44 | 20 MILES | |
| 16. | Master Men 45 to 49 | 20 MILES | |
| 17. | Master Men 50 to 54 | 20 MILES | |
| 18. | Master Men 55 to 59 | 20 MILES | |
| 19. | Master Men 60 to 64 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 20. | Master Men 65 to 69 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 21. | Master Men 70 to 74 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 22. | Master Men 75 + (into 5yr age group) | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 23. | Master Woman 35 to 39 | 20 MILES | |
| 24. | Master Woman 40 to 44 | 20 MILES | |
| 25. | Master Woman 45 to 49 | 20 MILES | |
| 26. | Master Woman 50 to 54 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 27. | Master Woman 55 to 59 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 28. | Master Woman 60 to 64 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 29. | Master Woman 65 to 69 | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 30. | Master Woman 70 + (into 5yr age group) | 10 OR 20 MILES | |
| 31. | All Tandem Men | 20 MILES | |
| 32. | All Tandem Mixed | 20 MILES | |
| 33. | All Tandem Women | 20 MILES | |
| 34. | Juniors 11 to 12 (Men or Woman) | 10 MILES ONLY | See Note on Next Page |
| 35. | Juniors 13 to 14 (Men or Woman) | 10 MILES ONLY | See Note on Next Page |
| 36. | Juniors 15 to 16 (Men or Woman) | 10 MILES ONLY | See Note on Next Page |
| 37. | Juniors 17 to 18 (Men or Woman) | 10 OR 20 MILES | See Note on Next Page |



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JUNIOR RACERS: (ALL) :

Per the 2023 USA CYCLING RULE BOOK: JUNIOR RACE FOR NATIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP NOW START AT AGE 11 TO AGE 18.

THE RACE DIRECTOR HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THAT AN ADULT RIDER FOLLOW, BEHIND THE JUNIOR, UP THE MOUNTAIN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE JUNIOR RIDER.

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 :

1. 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

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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.

Past Recipients!

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|--|---|
| 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 & Adrianna 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 & Jeremy Barrett (In Memory) |
| 2022 Ron Sweet & Leslie O'Doherty (In Memory) | |

THIS YEAR 2023 MOST INSPIRATIONAL CYCLISTS ARE:

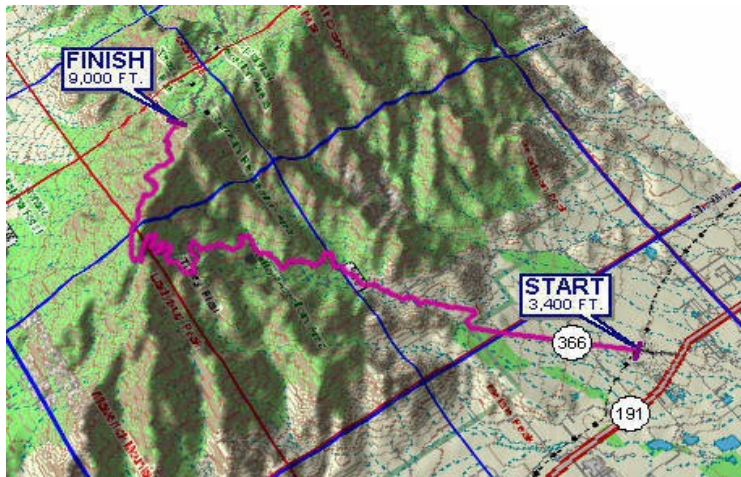
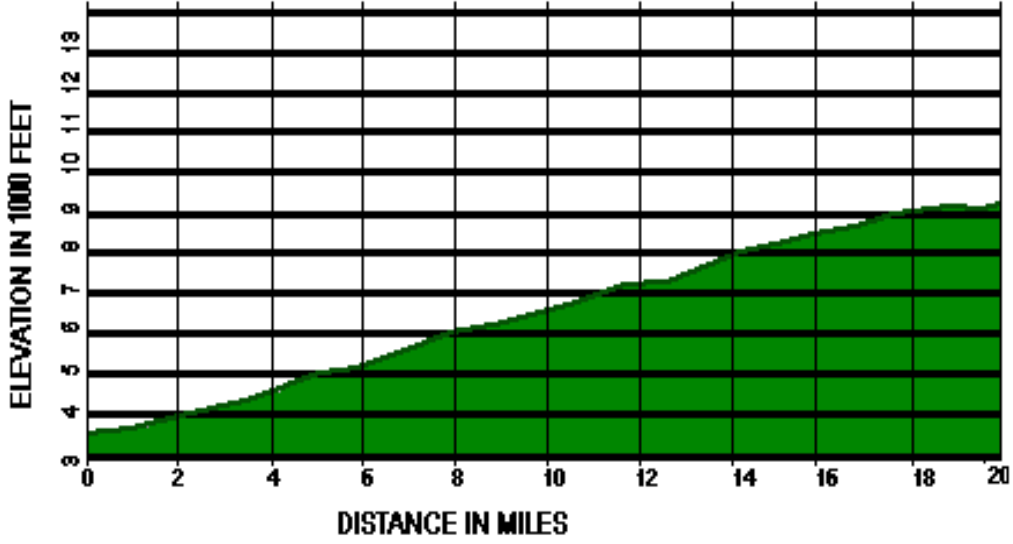
Barabara & Ted Frohling, Cyclist, USAC Official, Participant of Mt. Graham Hill Climb many times, Long time friend, Member of Summit Velo Racing Team





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PROFILE





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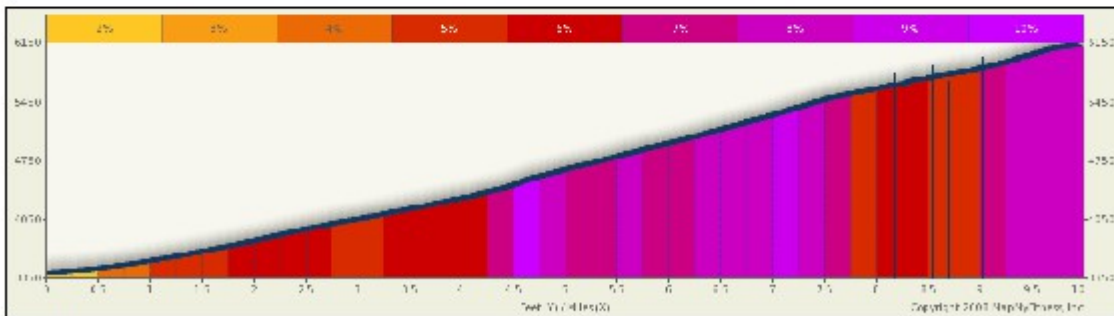
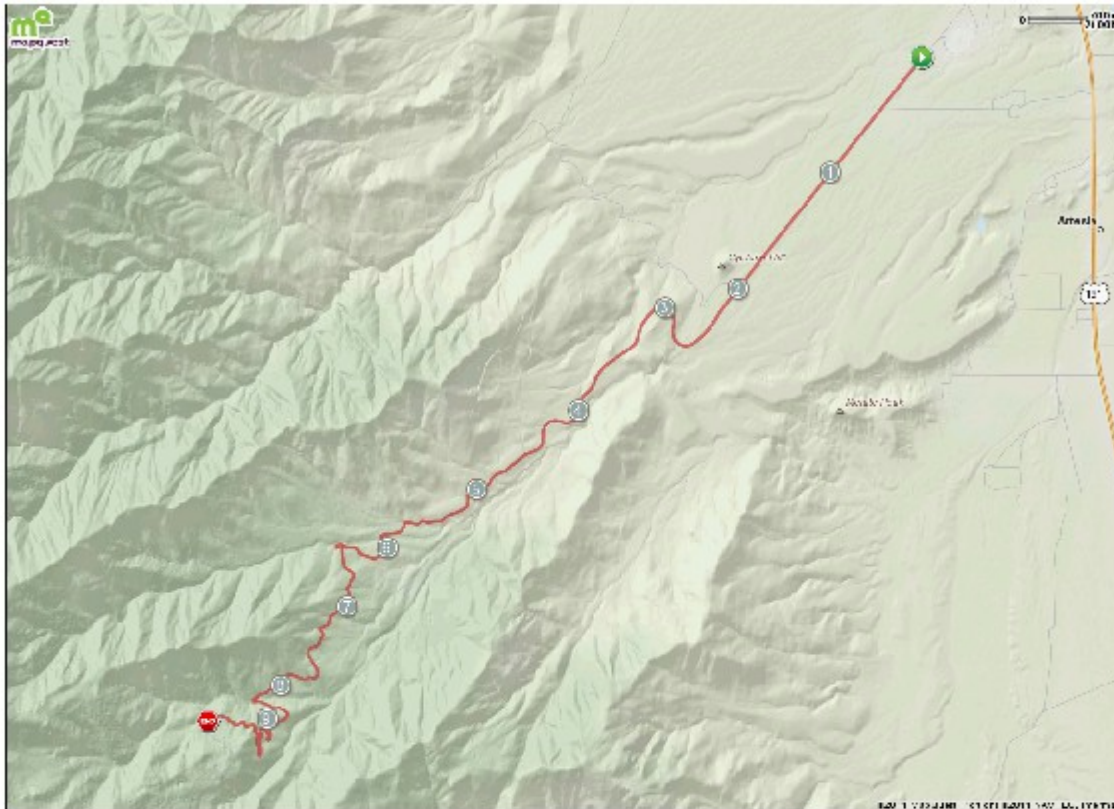
MAPS 10-mile event



Mt. Graham Hill Climb 10 Mile Event

Starts in Safford, Arizona

10.00 miles



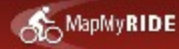
Description
Mt. Graham Hill Climb 10 Mile event starting at mile post 115.1 on Arizona State Route 366 South of Safford Arizona and ending at mile post 125.1. Start just past the upper prison parking area. The route is the Mt. Graham Hill Climb which is the Arizona State Hill Climb Championship. This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



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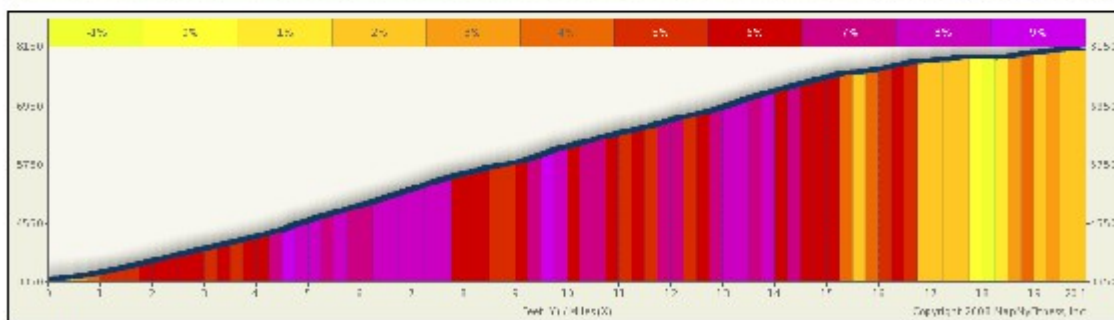
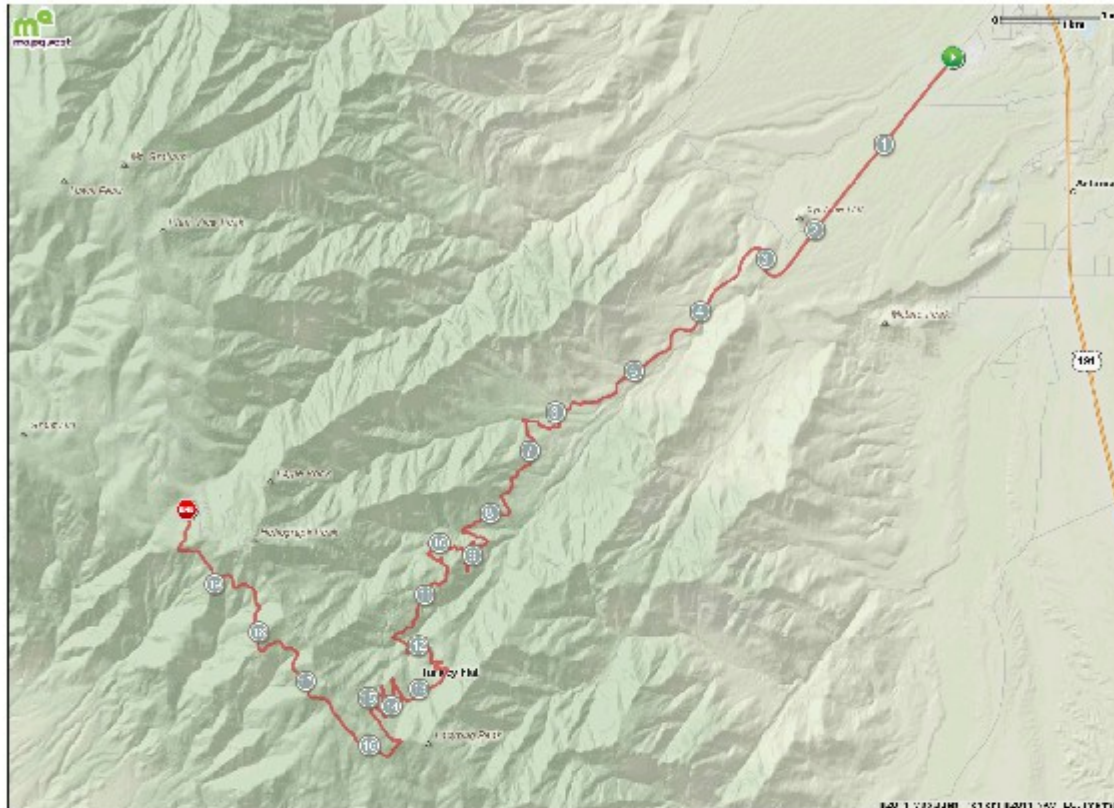
MAP 20-mile event



Mt. Graham Hill Climb 20 Mile Event

Starts in Safford, Arizona

20.00 miles



Description

Mt. Graham Hill Climb 20 Mile event starting at mile post 115.1 on Arizona State Route 366 South of Safford Arizona and ending at mile post 135.1. 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. This is the toughest climb in Arizona and is Rated a HC due to the length and steepness! Nippy Feldhake Race Director