



# 42nd Mt. Graham Hill Climb

Arizona State Hill Climb Championship

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**Safford, Arizona**

**HELD UNDER USA CYCLING EVENT PERMIT NUMBER 2021-3837**



Race Director:

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**As race director, planning is in full steam ahead, Graham County Board of Supervisors gave their approval for this event. I have applied for permits with ADOT, US Forest Service and the Federal Prison. So we are having the 42nd Mt. Graham Hill Climb in 2021.**

**I will be keeping myself updated on the Covid-19 situation.**

**Registration will be on Bikereg.com & I will use “wait-listed” method so that rider can save a place in the race however will not be charged until closer to race to the race date thus saving having to refund entry fee if the race can not be held due to Covid-19.**

**As of June 12, 2021, I am hopeful that we will be able to use “Plan A”. I highly encourage all cyclist and support members to get vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus!**

**Plan “A” is to have the event as a mass start event with the pre-race get together in the parking area, the mass start and then the awards with a free lunch held at the Graham County multi purpose room in Safford. Registration would be both on-line and in person as in the past years. Number(s) pick up would be at the hotel and at the start line!**

**Plan “B” would be to conduct the Mt. Graham Hill Climb as a time trial with 30-seconds intervals between racers. If this is the case, I would eliminate the pre-race get together and awards/lunch after the event. Awards would be mail to winners. Registration would only be on-line or by mail. Number(s) would/could be mail to riders in advance!**

**Plan “C” would be to small groups if riders race together around 10 in a group. Each group of riders would be selected based on the category. Small categories would/could be grouped together. Registration would be on-line only with extra careful number pickup before the event. Pre-race events would be kept to a minimum; awards would be done at the parking area using social distancing rules.**

**In summary, the event is being planned, updates will be posted every two week on the web page and Facebook and bikereg.com. It will be either a mass start event, small category group race or an individual time trial. Registration is now open with only one fee – no late fee in 2021!**

- 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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**20 MILE RACE WILL START AT 8:00 AM.**  
**10 MILE RACE WILL START AT 8:10 AM.**

**WEB PAGE ADDRESS:**

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

**REGISTRATION:**

Registration will take place on [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com). Bikereg has come up with a system where one can register without having the racer credit card charged until the event is guaranteed to take place. This will keep on-line fees low and give me a good indication of how many racers will take part in 2021. Update will be posted on this web page, Facebook and [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com)

**On-line registration web address:**

<https://www.bikereg.com/42ndmtgrahamhillclimb>

**ON-LINE Registration opens on June 5, 2021 and will closes on FRIDAY, September 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM Arizona Time!**

**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: ONE FEE FOR 2021 (No Late fees in 2021)**

1. Juniors \$25.00
2. All other Categories \$ 60.00 (Seniors Categories and Master)

**Fees include USA Cycling \$4.70 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 now \$10.00.
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!  
**PRICE HAS BEEN THE SAME SINCE 2017!!!**

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

In 2021, there will be a staff serviced or grab & go breakfast. Check with the front desk!

**ROOM RATES: \$80.00 + 14.05% tax for Mt. Graham Hill Climb!**

Rooms have 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.



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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 Next Page
41. Juniors 13 to 14 (Men or Woman)	10 MILES ONLY	See Note Next Page
42. Juniors 15 to 16 (Men or Woman)	10 MILES ONLY	See Note Next Page
43. Juniors 17 to 18 (Men or Woman)	10 OR 20 MILES	See Note 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!**

### **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 and gear to the finish line! Racers are to place items in bags provided and label with name and race number then put the bag into the vehicle!

### **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**

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!**

1. Each year I chose a male and female cyclist as the Most Inspirational Cyclist!
2. 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).
3. 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		

**THIS YEAR 2021 MOST INSPIRATIONAL CYCLISTS ARE PAUL THOMAS AND ELIZABETH PERRY!**

**Mt. Graham supporter!**

**BROADWAY BIKES**



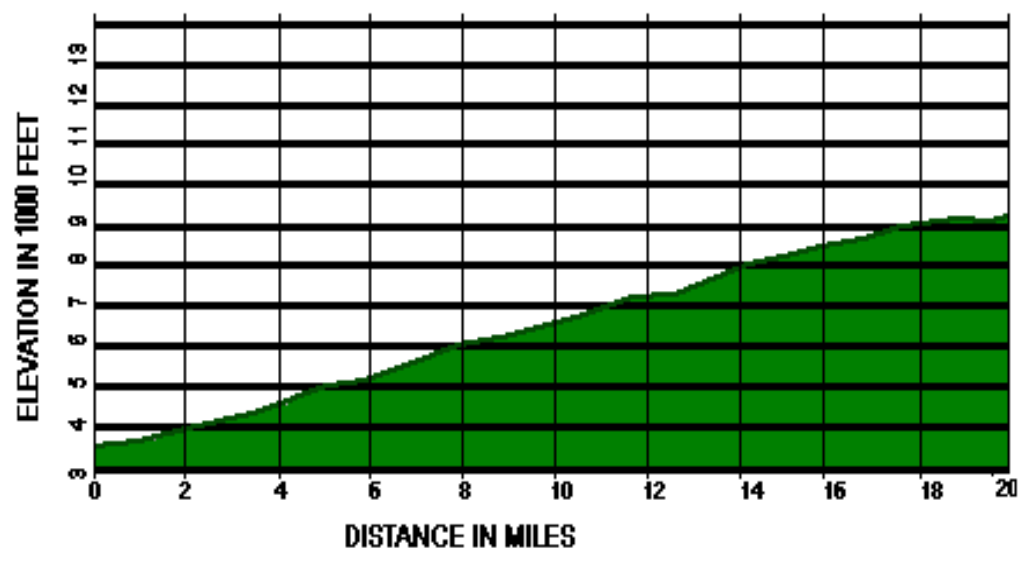
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**PROFILE**







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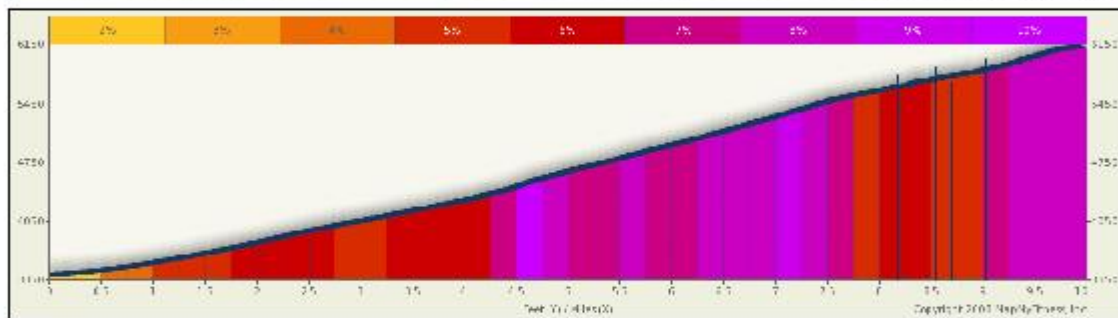
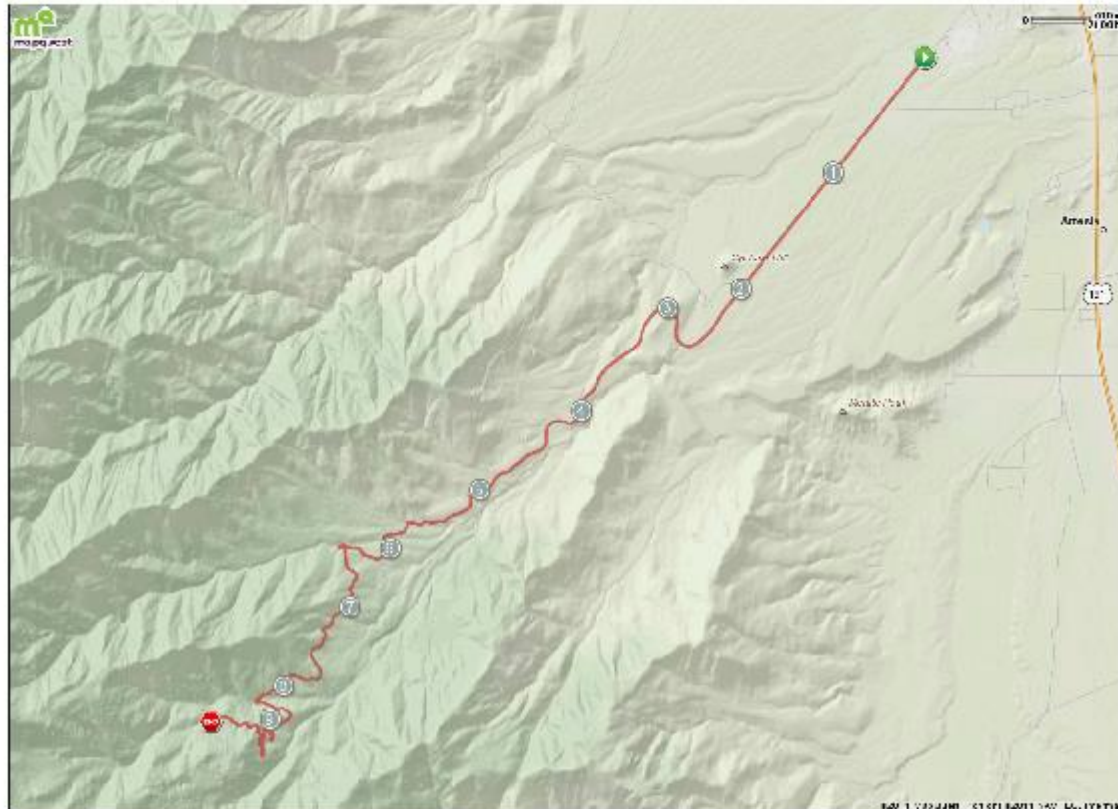
MAPS 10-mile event



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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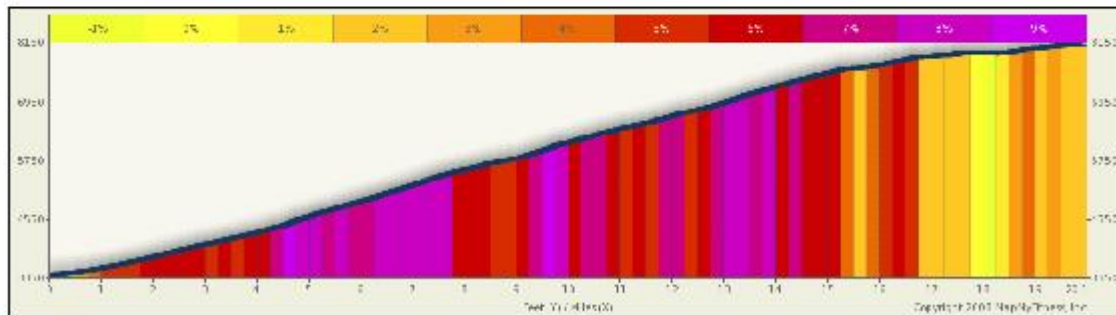
MAP 20-mile event



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