



ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

1. Where do I check-in for the ride?

This year, on Saturday, October 24th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, we will have a socially distanced cyclist check-in at **Napa River Velo, located at 680 Main Street in downtown Napa.** The store faces the waterfront. We will have you sign the event waiver, and we shall provide your cyclist ride detail package. If you are not able to check-in on Saturday, we will be available at 5:30am on Sunday, October 25th at our 3rd and Coombs parking lot - [LOT K](#).

2. What time do we actually start? **UPDATED FOR 10.25 DATE**

The Napa9 is a full day of riding, for some up to 10+ hours. We start early - **AT 6:15 AM.** We will roll out on 3rd street in front of the downtown courthouse. Parking is available at [3rd and Coombs street](#). Rest rooms will be available at Napa River Velo, After our safety briefing at 6:05 AM and a few socially distanced group photos, we will depart no later than 6:15 AM with our Police escort in 3 groups leaving 2 minutes apart: Polkadot, General Classification and the Gruppetto. **Please make sure you have lights for front and back; bright front lights for night time riding are required.** Also, all cyclists are required to wear a mask at the beginning of the ride. Masks can be removed once we roll out of town.

3. How many rest stops are available along the course?

The Napa9 has rest stops at the top and bottom of peaks throughout the course. All peaks except Wild Horse (#1) have Course Marshals with food and drink. Please see chart for details:

		BOTTOM	TOP	TYPE
1	Wild Horse	Yes	No	Food/Drink
2	Mt George	No	Yes	Hydration/CLIF
3	Atlas Peak	Yes	Yes	Food/Drink
4	Soda Canyon	Yes	No	Larger Rest Stop
5	Triangle corner	Yes	No	Food/Drink
6	Oakville Grade	No	Yes	Hydration/CLIF
7	Trinity	No	Yes	Food/Drink
8	Veeder	No	Yes	Light snack/Drink
9	Partrick	No	Yes	Food/Drinks & High Fives!

4. Can we bring our own food and clothing for the SAG vehicles?

Yes. You can bring your own food (ideally 2 bags to put in 2 different roving SAG cars). All four SAG vehicles will have food and drink, and bags with your name to take your layers. All bags will be returned to Napa River Velo, near our starting point. October mornings can be cool, so plan to bring layers and please know we'll be available to take what you don't need.

5. What is the recommended gearing for the steep climbs?

In speaking with several of our veteran cyclists, the recommended gear ratio is an 11-28. And, there's nothing wrong with a compact chainring on the front as well (50-34). Except for the Triangle (Lake Hennessey), you'll be conquering these climbs physically and mentally.

6. Is there on course mechanic support?

Yes, we have Volvo-Sram on course. This vehicle will also have bikes on board if your bike has a major and unfixable mechanical. We also will have 4 SAG vehicles, 2 MOTOs and 1 Bicyclist / EMT mechanic. We highly recommend making sure your bike is in solid working order, and that you have worthy brake pads. There's as much down as up, with some very steep descents on rough roads too.

7. Are there restrooms on the course?

Aside from nature breaks in nature, we do have key locations to share. We'll also be providing hand sanitizer and hand wipes for you too.

Start	Napa River Velo Bike Shop
Base #3	Silverado Resort
Base #4	Soda Canyon Market
Mid #5	Hennessey Boat Ramp
Pre #6	Luna Market
Pre #7	Lokoya Fire Station

8. Is the course marked?

The course will have either course marshals or staked arrow signs at key intersections. We also suggest downloading the STRAVA file <https://www.strava.com/routes/9278144>

9. Is there a cut-off time for cyclists on the course?

The Napa9 is not a race, it's a very challenging ride in which one can make it harder by personal effort. The range of ride time is 7 hours 15 min to 10 hours 20 min. We'll be waiting on top of Partrick until 4:30pm - or eleven hours.

10. Where do I pick up my goody bag?

Goody bags will be available for pick up at Napa River Velo from 2pm to 5:30pm. If you are not able to pick up, please let us know and we will make arrangements to get this to you.

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