



ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

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

This year, on the event date, October 17th, you can check in beginning at **5:30am** at **Napa River Velo, located at 680 Main Street in downtown Napa**. The store faces the waterfront. We will have you sign our event waiver, and you'll receive your cyclist ride detail package. PARK at 3rd and Coombs in downtown Napa, at parking lot K - [LOT K](#).

2. What time do we actually start?

The Napa9 is a full day of riding, for some up to 10+ hours. We start early - **AT 6:30 AM SHARP**. 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 6:15 AM and a few group photos, we will depart no later than 6:30 AM with our Napa Police escort. **Please make sure you have lights for front and back; bright front lights for night time riding are required.**

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 at Soda Canyon Market |
| 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 Mechanics on course including 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.

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| 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 5:00pm. If you are not able to pick up, please let us know and we will make arrangements to get this to you.

11. Where is the post-ride dinner party?

Napa9 Founder and former Napa Police, Ken Chapman and his wife Jennifer will be hosting at their home in Napa Valley. We will confirm with each cyclist if he/she is able to attend. *Happy Hour* begins at 6pm with dinner following.