

Gold Rush Randonnée

The California 1200Km

Vital Information

Weather. Can vary considerably depending on where you are. Plan to pack cold weather clothing in drop bags.

- **Davis to Tobin:** Temps can reach 100+ degrees with low humidity during midday. Delta breeze often blows in from the coast during evening and nighttime hours and result in temps as low as 55 degrees. It seldom rains here in summer, but the 2013 GRR started in the rain!
- **Tobin to Susanville:** Occasional localized afternoon thunderstorm activity. Early morning temps before sunrise over Janesville summit can be as low as 40 degrees...be prepared!
- **Susanville to Davis Creek turn-around:** Occasional localized thunderstorms can hit anywhere in the high desert after 12 noon up till sunset. If you ride through the middle of one these thunderstorms, expect brief intense rain and hail. Predictably, the sun is bright again in 2 hours.

Course Distance. It is 387 miles to the turnaround in Davis Creek; only 361 miles on the return leg. Total distance is 747 miles. The longer distance on the outbound leg is mostly due to the extra mileage gain on a tour through beautiful Indian Valley near Greenville. On the return leg, randonneurs will ride straight west out of the Taylorsville control and pass up this section of road. A direct route between Knights Landing and Davis also reduces the mileage significantly on the return leg.

Course Markings and Missed Turns. Route will be marked with differently [colored](#) arrows on the road.



Yellow for outbound and Red for inbound.



Few, if any,

arrows will be at locations where the direction of travel is straight ahead. Turns are our concern. We will have at least one arrow at every turn. Be aware that these arrows may be very difficult to see at night! Crucial turns missed at night by riders in 2013 were generally between Knights Landing and Oroville and between Antelope Lake and Susanville. Please be aware of turns coming up in these areas by always checking your cue sheet.

Checkpoints. All major control checkpoints have bathrooms, refreshments, food and indoor rest/eating areas. Controls with sleeping areas are first-come, first-serve; most have cots or mats. Packing a blanket in your drop bags may be helpful. The Adin control is impacted with sleeping riders. Inside can get a little noisy so bring your bivi-bag and sleep out on the nice soft lawn. Inside there will be cots. Bring ear plugs as they don't weigh much!

Water Stops/Secret Controls. Most of the water stops are outdoors and have limited food and beverages, and no shower facilities. Some may have limited sleeping facilities. One or more of the water stops may be a secret control, so please check/sign in. We're keeping track of you all the time. There may be a secret control somewhere on the route between Oroville and Knight's Landing, but that's all we are going to tell you!

Info Controls. There are two info controls on the outbound route, located in Greenville and North Arm Road. Bring a pencil and read your brevet cards to find out what to look for and what you need to write down at these locations. **Note: Late breaking news! We have been alerted to curb and sidewalk installation construction on CA-89 in Greenville!**

Receipt Controls. There is one receipt control on the inbound route at the 24hr Union 76 Mini-mart in Sutter, CA. Please purchase a food or drink item, sign and keep the receipt inside your brevet card.

Food. In addition to the menus listed on the control summary, a supply of Endurolytes, Hammergel, Sustained Energy/Perpetuem and Heed will be available at the controls. However, if you use a different brand of performance drinks, make sure you have a supply of your type in your own drop bags.