

RACE TO THE CLOUDS

FACTS ABOUT THE BROADMOOR PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL HILL CLIMB

See photos, video and stories from the race at gazette.com, and follow the action on Twitter: [@csgazette](https://twitter.com/csgazette).

First competed in

1916

making it the 2nd oldest motor sports race in the U.S.

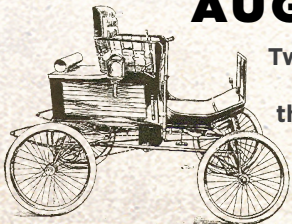


Rea Lentz crosses the finish line at the inaugural Hill Climb in his Romano Demon Special, 1916.

Course is **12.42** miles long

AUG. 12, 1901

Two Denver men named Yont and Felker were the first to drive to the summit of Pikes Peak.



1ST CHAMPION:

Rea Lentz, 22, driving a Romano Demon Special.

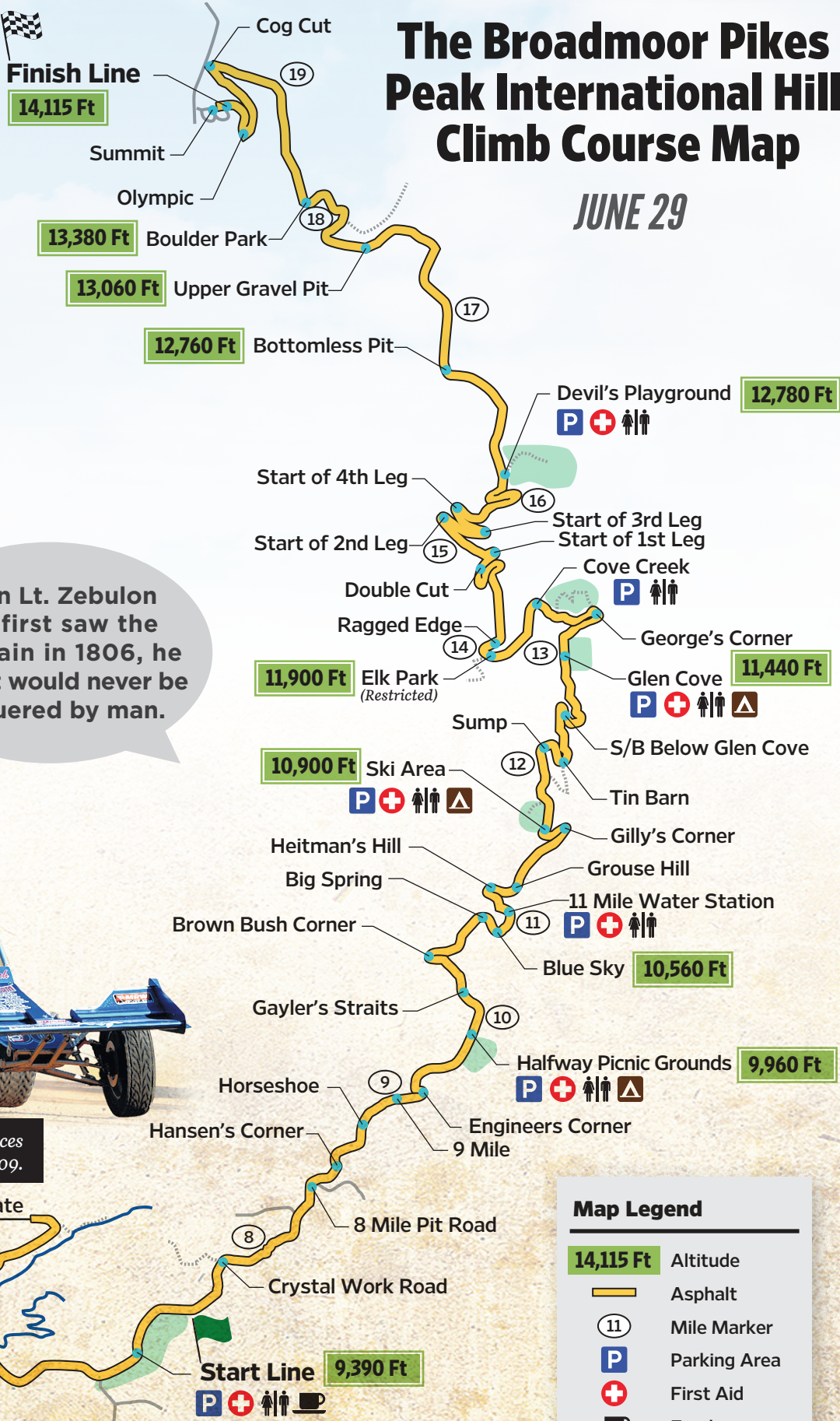
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Bobby Unser in his Jaguar Special, 1956.



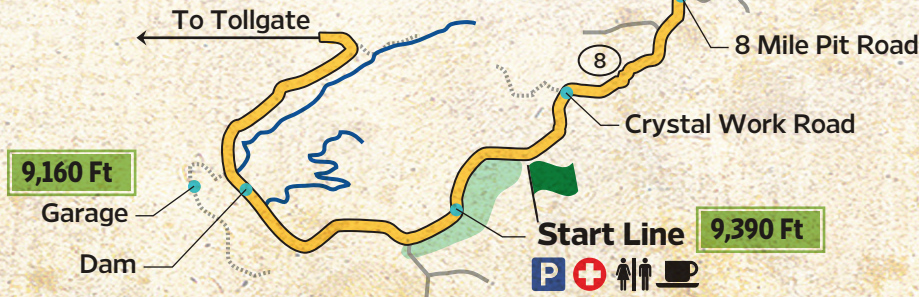
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It's known as "America's Mountain" because a visit to the summit inspired Katharine Lee Bates to compose "America the Beautiful" in 1893.

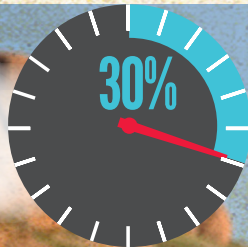


When Lt. Zebulon Pike first saw the mountain in 1806, he swore it would never be conquered by man.

Christopher Strauch races in the open division, 2009.



"Thin" air on and near the summit robs engines of 30% of their power.



RECORD TIME:

8:13.878

set by
SEBASTIEN LOEB
in 2013.

RECORD TIME ON A MOTORCYCLE:

9:52.819

by
CARLIN DUNNE
on a Ducati in 2012.



Hans Schulz and passenger Steve Stull, 2012.

AMONG THE FIRST RACE CARS:

Romano Demon Special; Delage; Duesenberg; Cadillac; Hudson; Stutz



Sports Car division qualifiers, 1960

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