

## PMBC – Flagstaff Tour – Additional Information

With valley temperatures well into the triple digits, you will enjoy riding in the cool temperatures around Flagstaff, with highs in the high 70s or 80s and lows around 50.

### LODGING:

- [Mormon Lake Lodge](#) – Because the planned rides start and end at Mormon Lake Lodge, this is the best place to stay. It is away from the city and out in the forest just off Lake Mary Road about 28 miles southeast of Flagstaff. It is cool and peaceful there, and you just may see elk and deer as you are driving or riding around. There are cabins that range in several sizes, hotel rooms, and RV/tent camping. They do not have air conditioning. There is also a full-service restaurant, pizza parlor and a bar with live entertainment. The best reason for staying here is the three different ride routes that start and end here, so you do not have to drive anywhere in the morning just to get to the ride start.
  - **The cabins and hotel rooms fill up fast during the summer** because it is a popular getaway from the valley, **so make your reservations ASAP!!!** The phone number at the lodge is 928-354-2227. They do not always answer so leave a message, but keep calling back, as they are not always quick to respond to voice mail. Many of their cabins are new and some of the older ones have been remodeled and fixed up. They are all nice and cozy with full amenities. Oftentimes, several people share a cabin.
  - **There are many group events at Mormon Lake during the summer. When events such as weddings are booked, a blanket hold is placed on all cabins until about 3 weeks prior to the wedding. If this happens, you can put your name on a waiting list for the cabins, or you can look at other lodgings.**
- [Vacation Rental by Owner](#), [Bed-N-Breakfasts](#), and other rental options are available in Mormon Lake and on Lake Mary Road. The ride leader (contact info below) can help coordinate lodging if you wish to share a rental.
- There are many hotels in Flagstaff. It is only 28 miles away so you could stay in Flagstaff and drive to the lodge to join us for the rides.
- The ride leader will be staying at the RV campground at Mormon Lake Lodge in his RV. This will serve as ride headquarters. The campground is just across the street from the cabins.

### THE RIDES:

- All routes will be between 6700 to 7400 feet elevation. Maps are provided. For maps and directions to a couple of additional routes if you'd rather, instead of the planned club rides, please see the ride flyers.

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- **RIDE 1: Friday afternoon – 17-mile loop – 4 PM.** The first ride will start around 4 PM and is a 17-mile ride around Mormon Lake. This is a very scenic ride through the forest with a good chance to see deer and elk. It is a hilly ride with several moderate climbs and one big climb.
- **RIDE 2: Saturday morning – 55 miles out and back – 8 AM.** On Saturday morning we will roll out from Mormon Lake Lodge at 8:00 AM. The ride route will take us out to Lake Mary Road where we will head west toward Flagstaff. There are lots of rolling hills, some great descents, but some good climbs as well. Lake Mary Road has a great bike lane. The half-way/turnaround point is at Lake Mary Chevron & convenience store just before you get back to I-17 on the corner of Lake Mary Road and Walapai Dr. If you do not want to do the whole 55 miles, you can always turn around prior to the designated turn-around point. There is one convenience store along the route closer to the Flagstaff side which can be used as a rest stop if desired. If we have any non-riders who want to volunteer to do a rolling SAG stop for us, then we will pick up some drinks and snacks and setup a SAG. Otherwise, no SAG. The ride is very scenic with forests and lakes and green meadows surrounding the route.
- **RIDE 3: Sunday morning – 55 miles out and back – 8 AM.** On Sunday morning, we will depart Mormon Lake Lodge at 8:00 AM. But this time, we head east on Mormon Lake Road away from Flagstaff. This route is like the Saturday ride, except that there are not always bike lanes in this direction; but traffic is light so it should not be a problem. This route has heavy forest and a couple of big climbs, one of which we call "Widow Maker"! The turnaround is at Happy Jack Lodge. You can refuel on drinks and snacks and hit the restrooms at Happy Jack Lodge. That great descent you encountered on the way out turns into the "Widow Maker" climb on the way back, so be prepared to work! This route is 55 miles. Again, if there are volunteers, we can have a rolling SAG, otherwise, no SAG.

### MEALS:

- There are several options for meals during the weekend.
  - There is a full-service restaurant at the Lodge
  - There is a pizza parlor at the Lodge
  - Or you can make the 28-mile drive into Flagstaff
  - Or... you can bring your own chicken, steak or burgers and come over to the camper with the ride leader and throw them on the grill and eat with us. We have a full kitchen and grill, so we are always cooking at the camper.
- Saturday evening, PMBC will sponsor the meal. It will be cooked at the ride leader's camper in the campground and all are welcome to eat and hang out. The meal will be spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread and salad. Water and iced tea will be available, but you may want to bring what you like to drink. We will

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begin cooking around 5 PM and eat whenever it is ready. You are also welcome and encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert and share with everyone.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- We have Blu Ray and DVD players along with two flat screen HD TV's and DirecTV capability so we may be watching movies after dinner at the camper Friday & Saturday night, or as in previous years, light up the bonfire and just hang out. All are welcome to join us.
- Evening drives at dusk are great times to spot elk and deer wondering about.
- For afternoon activities other than bicycle riding, Mormon Lake Lodge has horseback riding available and fishing in the local pond.
- There are a few hiking trails around, and the forests are full of service roads that are great for ATV riding, so if you have one bring it – we may bring ours and make some afternoon rides.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

- There are two easy routes out of the valley to get to Mormon Lake Lodge. The simplest way from Phoenix is to take I-17 north all the way to Flagstaff. Just as you approach Flagstaff, take exit 339 onto Lake Mary Road, and head right/east. It should be about 26 or 27 miles to Mormon Lake Road west side, which will be on the right. Take the second Mormon Lake Road. Either road will get you there – the first one takes you around Mormon Lake, and the second one takes you more directly to the lodge. This should take you about 3 hours from Tempe.
- The other route is to take Hwy. 87 or the Beeline Highway up through Payson, Pine, and Strawberry, and then when you get to the Happy Jack area, turn left onto Lake Mary Road. Stay on Lake Mary Road for around 28 or 30 miles and then turn left onto Mormon Lake Road. The lodge will be down a mile or so, on the right. This route should also take around 3 hours from Tempe.

### **CONTACT INFO**

Contact the ride leader at [flagstaff@pmbcaz.org](mailto:flagstaff@pmbcaz.org).