

# Bob Cook Mt. Blue Sky Memorial Hill Climb Colorado State Championship Hill Climb

Citizens Ride & Colorado State Master and Senior State Championship Hill Climb

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!**

**REGISTRATION CLOSING WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 at NOON**

(OR WHEN OVERALL FIELD LIMIT OF 1000 RACERS TO THE SUMMIT IS REACHED)

**NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION**

Registration link for USAC Race and Citizens Ride/ Race:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/85069/mt-blue-sky-hill-climb>



**PRIMAL**



The Bob Cook Memorial Mt. Blue Sky Hill Climb is an iconic bicycle race that takes place on Mount Blue Sky, Colorado. It was run for the first time in 1962. It was renamed in 1981 in honor of five-time race winner Bob Cook, who died of cancer at the age of 23.

Held under permit from the US Forest Service and race is held on US Forest Service land. Permitted by USA Cycling.

Citizens Ride/ Race USAC Permit 2024-8857

USA Cycling Categories: USAC Permit 2024-8856

Chief Referee: Michael McGuinn

USAC Clubs: **Racer X Cycling/Colo Bike Law, Team Evergreen Cycling**

START LINE 320 Chicago Creek Road IN IDAHO SPRINGS – FINISH IS AT THE SUMMIT -- RACE DISTANCE 28 MILES

**Course Description:** This epic climb takes place on the highest paved road in the United States. It's a 7,000' of climb from an elevation of 7,500' all the way up to 14,100 feet. **There will be a light aid station at Echo Lake with water, hydration mix and gels. Water, hydration mix, and gels will also be available at the summit. Be prepared to ride down to your car.**

**What is the difference between Citizen's Ride/ Race and USA Cycling Categories?** USA Categories are for individuals interested in competitive racing and do it on a regular basis or are planning to race on a regular basis. A USAC license, Collegiate license, or USAC 1-day license is required for USAC categories. Colorado riders that want CUP points will need an annual USAC License which includes a Bicycle Colorado membership. **Citizen's Ride/ Race is the citizen's event and is timed -- NO license needed.**

**Citizen's Ride/ Race**

- \$150
- **NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION, ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY**
- Registration includes Commemorative Gear and Post Ride Party with 1 free beer

**USA Cycling Categories Colorado State Championship Hill Climb – Adult Categories**

- \$110
- **NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION, ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY**
- Registration includes Post Ride Party with 1 free beer
- **Juniors race in category and will go to the summit -- No Juniors under 15**

Award Ceremony 11:00 am – 4pm will be Shelly/Quinn Ball Fields 101 E. Idaho Springs Rd. Idaho Springs CO 80452, you must be present to receive your award.

**One Day License Registration link for USAC For RACE ONLY, NOT Citizen's Ride:**

<https://membership.usacycling.org/one-day/9827>

**Important USA Cycling Category Information: All USAC Rules Apply**

- USAC Release waiver must be signed by all racers or parent/legal guardian for anyone 18yrs or younger.
- **USAC License or Collegiate License Required for USAC Race Categories only, Not for Citizen’s Ride / Race.** Available here: [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)
- USAC discount code (INTROMEMB24) for new 1st time Adult Race Membership (\$49) at USACycling.org
- USAC 1-Day licenses can be purchased on the USAC site, or with the QR code provided on registration site.
- Bicycle Colorado (BC) Points Competition for Road and CX requires a BC Membership
- **Juniors race in category -- No Juniors under 15**
- **Colorado State Championship Eligibility Rule:** Only current USAC annual licensees who are USA citizens or permanent residents and reside in the local association area known as Bicycle Colorado as shown on their license are eligible to compete for the State Championship Title. Professional men and women are welcome to race but are not eligible for State Championship title, medal, or jersey.

Some starts may be combined for safety and to provide a better racing experience.

**Chip Timing:** Chip timing will be used at this event; chips will be provided to all riders in your race packet.

**No Chip= Last Place with no time. Please note that there are no refunds.**

### RACE DAY SCHEDULE

Juniors race in category -- No Juniors under 15

2024 Bob Cook Memorial Mt. Blue Sky State Championship Hill Climb Schedule					
Category	State Championship & Cup	Route	Registration	Start	Prize/Places
Citizen's Ride/ Race - Men & Women, 17-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+	NO	Base to Summit	\$150	8:00 AM	Commerative Gear
<b>USAC Categories</b>					
Juniors race in category – No Juniors under 15	State Championship & Cup	All Riders go to the summit			
Handcyclists	No	Base to Summit	\$110	8:10 AM	Prizes/3
Tandem	No	Base to Summit	\$220	8:15 AM	Prizes/3
Women 50+/ 60+ /70+/80+	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:20 AM	Prizes/3
Men 70+ /80+	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:25 AM	Prizes/3
Men 60+	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:26 AM	Prizes/3
Women 4	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:28 AM	Prizes/3
Beginner Women 5	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:30 AM	Prizes/3
Women 40+	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:33 AM	Prizes/3
Men 4	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:38 AM	Prizes/3
Beginner Men 5	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:41 AM	Prizes/3
Men 50 + 4-5	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:45 AM	Prizes/3
Men 50+ 1-2-3	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:48 AM	Prizes/3
Men 40 + 4-5	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:51 AM	Prizes/3
Men 40+ 3	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:54 AM	Prizes/3
Men 40+ 1-2	x	Base to Summit	\$110	8:58 AM	Prizes/3
Women 3	x	Base to Summit	\$110	9:02 AM	Prizes/3
Women Pro 1-2	x	Base to Summit	\$110	9:05 AM	\$250/ \$100 /\$75
Men 3	x	Base to Summit	\$110	9:10 AM	Prizes/3
Men Pro 1-2	x	Base to Summit	\$110	9:15 AM	\$250/ \$100 /\$75
Please note: Cut off time at Echo Lake guard post is 2:00 pm.					
If you are not down and through the gate by 2:00 pm, you are officially out of the race and not covered by medical, support or event insurance.					

**Packet & Timing Chip Pick-Up: If you register by July 5, your race packets will be available for pick-up at locations TBA. Otherwise, you will need to pick up your race packet at Race Headquarters, on Friday before the event, or race morning. (Locations and times listed below.)**

\* If you are registered for the race, bring your USAC license to packet pickup. Timing Chips will be included in the race packet and picked up before the race with instructions for proper placement. Correct number placement diagram will be included in packets. Merchandise i.e., jerseys will also be included in your packets. **Note: to guarantee gear size and availability, order must be placed by April 20th.** Pick-up locations and time will be posted [www.bicyclerace.com](http://www.bicyclerace.com).

**Packet Pickup Locations and times:**

<u>July 11th, Thursday</u>	<b>Colorado School of Mines (Noon – 6:30pm)</b> Colorado School of Mines Student Center Ballrooms 1620 Maple St, Golden, CO 80401
<u>July 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday</u>	<b>Colorado School of Mines (8:30am – 6:30pm)</b> Colorado School of Mines Student Center Ballrooms 1620 Maple St, Golden, CO 80401
<u>July 19th, Friday</u>	<b>Evergreen Bicycle Outfitters - Evergreen (1:00 – 5:00 pm)</b> 29017 Hotel Way #101c, Evergreen, CO 80439
<u>July 20th, Saturday – RACE DAY</u>	<b>6:00 am – 9:00 am</b> <b>*NOTE NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION* Packet pick up only.</b> <b>Race Headquarters/ Start line</b> 320 Chicago Creek Rd Idaho Springs, CO 80452

**NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION – ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!**

**Directions to Race:**

**320 Chicago Creek Rd Idaho Springs, CO 80452**

From Denver (East): 32.4 miles West on US Interstate 70 to Idaho Springs and take the "Mt. Blue Sky" exit (#240)

From Dillon (West): 36 miles East on US Interstate 70 to Idaho Springs (thru Eisenhower Tunnel) & take the "Mt. Blue Sky" exit (#240)

**LITTERING ON COURSE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**

**NO PUBLIC URINATION, THIS IS ILLEGAL.**

Please do not throw any trash on the mountain. It is a special place, and we want to continue to use it. Please put trash in your pocket and dispose of trash receptacles at Summit Lake, the top and at the school. No off-trail use permitted due to sensitive environment, please do not walk, ride, or drive off the roads, or designated trails. Public urination is illegal, do not do it! Use discretion while changing at your car, please respect the residents of Idaho Springs.

**Clothing Bag Transport:**

**No Shuttle Service included with registration; you must be prepared to ride down the mountain to the start.**

Your clothing bags will be transported to the summit, which will hold warm gloves, jackets, and food for the descent. **The clothing vans will be located at the start line and will leave at 7:45 am, 8:45 am and 9:00 am. Note: The descent will be cold, and you will be expected to ride down, make sure you bring what you need to keep you warm in your clothing bag for the descent! Please wear highly visible clothing for the trip down the mountain, this will ensure your safety in the case of adverse weather conditions.**

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

The primary goal of the Bob Cook Memorial Hill Climb is to operate a safe event for everyone involved. While the event recognizes the aspirations and commitment of its participants, there may be circumstances where it is deemed unsafe to proceed with the race as planned. In addition to participant safety, considerations to alter or cancel the event will be based on other factors, such as potential adverse impact on local residents and the capacity of municipal agencies and healthcare systems. The Chief Referee and Race Director reserve the right to cancel or alter the race to avoid exposing participants and the community to undue risks that might result from staging the event under potentially hazardous conditions. Circumstances that could prompt the cancellation, alteration or postponement of the event are not always foreseeable but include inclement weather or the threat of inclement weather (e.g. tornados, lightening, fire, high heat, or icy conditions), acts of terrorism or civil unrest or the threat of terrorism or civil unrest, and similar circumstances beyond the control of event officials.

**In the case of lightning, severe rain, snow, wind, fire, or any other condition that affects the potential safety of the participants, spectators and volunteers, the event may be delayed, or cancelled and all participants will be asked to proceed promptly to safety.**

The event will start if the weather clears (in the case of severe weather). In the case of light rain, the event will continue until or unless safety becomes an issue.

To the extent possible, notifications about weather conditions, event postponement, course adjustments and event cancellation will be communicated via the following channels: the official website ([www.bicyclerace.com](http://www.bicyclerace.com)), e-mail notifications, Facebook, Twitter, on-course signage and flags, and public address announcements.

Event conditions resulting in race cancellation, course alteration or participant withdrawal will not warrant the refunding of race entry fees or granting of future race credits.

Regardless of event day conditions, all participants should be discerning of their own fitness level. It is understood that each participant assumes personal responsibility upon entering the event and understands the inherent risk that bicycle racing presents.

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