



2021 Co2uT Riders Manual
A "Must Read"
Distance Specific Supplement
125 Mile Utah Raptor Course

This supplement contains information, rules and details specific to your course.
You must also read the general riders manual for full event details.

Welcome to the UtahRaptor Course. Don't tell everyone else but this is our favorite course. The additional 25 miles after the 100 course is the bomb (unless the Raptor Traps are in bloom – in that case it can be a dusty bomb) you get it all. To make it you will have to ride smart, push hard and plan well. If you do, you'll experience a deep sense of accomplishment and satisfaction knowing that you tamed the fiercest monster of Co2uT.

Things you need to know

Start time: 6:30 a.m. Downtown Fruita – Peach Street and Aspen.
Official end of 125 race: 9:30 p.m. Downtown Fruita. Peach Street and Aspen.

Start Location.

All distances Begin in the parking lot on the north side of Civic Center Pavilion Park. 325. E. Aspen Avenue.

Start Time.

6:30 a.m. UtahRaptor – 125 Miles

Event Parking.

Parking for all distances is Fruita Monument High School. 1102 Wildcat Avenue, Fruita, CO 1.5 miles from the start. Be sure to allow enough time to ride safely to the start and obey all road rules and laws.

Map from Parking lot to start. <https://goo.gl/maps/6fgwAuqL93oAv9Be8>

Packet Pickup.

All Packets must be picked up Friday. **There will be NO race day pick up.**

Packet pick location. Rocky Mounts World Headquarters. 1675 Las Colonias Drive. Grand Junction. 12 p.m. – 10 p.m. Friday, May 21st. Family, crew, spectators will not be allowed at packet pick up this year. Please come solo or with other participants.

Neutral Start and Finish

You will roll out of and back int Fruita on paved city streets. To keep you safe and give you time to find your groove the first and last 7 miles is "Neutral." NO RACING. Just after hitting the gravel on 18 road you will see a timing station. Racing and timing officially begins and ends here for the race. Inbound, you will ride "neutral" after this timing station—racing is over and you can spin into town easy and reflect on your accomplishment. *Note – Cut-off times are based on the time you leave the event start in town.

Important course note.

Mile 21 you will approach State Highway 139. You MUST stop before entering the highway. It is just ½ mile to aid station #1 and back on gravel. Please, use extra caution on this road. The median is wide. Use it to stay far right.

When you are coming inbound just as you leave the final aid station you repeat this same ½ mile in the opposite direction. Again, use caution and stay far right.

Cut-Offs/Drop Down.

We want you to finish UtahRaptor. We want you to keep at it and get it done. For these reasons plus your safety the following cut-offs will be strictly enforced and a “drop down” option is available.

- Drop Down. At race mile 45 the 100 mile course departs from the 125 and 185 mile routes. If you want, you can continue onto the 100 mile route here. If you do – You MUST let an official know at the next aid station that you “dropped down” to the 100. You MUST ensure they log your name and race number. If you choose to drop down, you will be recognized as an official finisher in the 100 mile Stegosaurus course. You will not be eligible for an age group award.
- Cut-off. Aid Station #5 (Same as aid station #1 outbound, 22 miles from the finish.) Race mile 103, 13 hours after official start time.
 - Additionally, any rider leaving aid station #5, between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. will be required to have an operational front light.
- Official finish line, Downtown Fruita. Final cut-off 9:30 pm.

Lights

You are required to have a flashing red taillight on and operational for the entire event. Any rider on course after 8pm is required to have a white front light on and operational through the finish.

Drop bags

You will be allowed one drop bag that will be delivered to aid station #2. This is mile 40 outbound and mile 87 inbound.

You must CLEARLY LABEL the drop bag with your name and race number. Mark it well – you will be required to find your drop bag on your own. The better you label it the more organized we’ll have it.

It needs to be a reasonable size (such as a race-tote, musette bag) or 6 pack cooler. Drop bags need to be dropped off prior to your start on Saturday morning at the start/finish area (this zone will be marked). Drop bags may not be retrievable after the race until Sunday morning at the finish area.

Strava Segment(s)

Prizes and awards will be given on several Strava segments along the course. Some for QOM and KOM. Some for special positioning (like rider Strava position 100 as an example). Keep an eye on course for Sponsor flags and signs for segments.

Best Selfie Video.

Desert Gravel and Co2uT founder/creator Morgan Murri is continually “amazed” by the elusive nature of the infamous Raptor Traps. They come and go like the tumbleweeds. One week there are dozens, the next nada. We can say this... If they are out it will be at mile 52.5 and or between miles 66 – 70. If you get to experience these wheel grabbing, power sucking pits of despair take a minute to tell us about it. The best Raptor Trap selfie video posted to Instagram and or Facebook tagged with @desertgravel and @rockymounts will earn you super sweet Rocky Mounts bike rack!

Course Splits and two way traffic.

Your course rides with the 70, 100 and 185 to mile 39 aid #2. Here the 70 mile course continues down the asphalt road. You, the 100 and 185 turn right, going through the aid station and heading west on gravel.

At mile 45 the 100 milers continue straight, you and the 185 milers go right (west).

At mile 62, Aid #3 you turn left (south) and the 185 riders continue straight.

It is remotely possible that after you come back to aid #2 (now your 4th aid station) at mile 87 you could ride into oncoming rider traffic from the outbound 100 mile route (they start 90 minutes after you). Always follow the rules of the road and stay right, heads up and pay attention.

At about mile 98 it is possible that you will see, or join, merging riders coming in from your right as the 75 milers come back in from a south eastern road. From here to the finish all riders share the same inbound route.

Lastly and most importantly...

125 miles and almost 7,000' of gain is no joke. Add in wind, Raptor Traps a heck of a lot of twists and turns and the Utah Raptor will represent her reputation. Not if, but when, she get's you down... Doubt begins to creep in, your tears trail dust tracks down your cheeks and the dino breeding grounds have rattled your confidence. Remember this. You are brave. You are strong. You are healthy. Just a few months ago you told yourself "I would give anything to just go to the desert and ride my bike.!" That day is here and so are you. Look up, take it in. Truly – LOOK around you... and remind yourself how blessed you really are. Then, breathe deep, smile and pedal on. We are waiting for you at the finish.