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Peak to Creek Ride – Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ What experience level is needed to participate?
 - Due to the length of the ride, topography and diversity of surface-types on this route, some previous biking experience is recommended. The majority of the ride is downhill, with some steep sections near the summit, as well as a few sections of uphill riding. Participants are welcome to dismount and walk in areas that may be uncomfortable, but please be mindful of your fitness and comfort level with riding both in steep terrain and on-road with cars passing. The entire route will be signed for participants, with appropriate traffic control to alert drivers to the increased presence of bikes on the roadway. Participants are expected to follow all traffic laws.
- ❖ What equipment is needed to participate?
 - Participants are expected to bring their own bikes, helmets, and any other gear they require to be safe on the ride. All-terrain bikes are recommended, due to the diversity of surface-types on this route. If you aren't sure whether or not your bike is suitable, we encourage you to visit a local bike rental shop, where you can get professional advice on equipment needs.
- ❖ What amenities will be provided as part of this event?
 - When you arrive at Hawthorne Park south parking lot, there will be a check-in table where you receive your shuttle pass, t-shirt and route map. Light refreshments will be provided at the summit of Roxy Ann Peak, but participants are expected to come prepared with water and snacks to stay safe and comfortable throughout the ride. There will be no refreshments or checkpoints along the route, and there are no restrooms at the summit. There are two portable toilets in Prescott Park, and the shuttle can stop en route for anyone who needs to use them. Participants can also stop on their way down; locations of toilets will be included on the route maps.
- ❖ When does the ride start?
 - Participants will reserve a seat for a specific shuttle departure time with their registration. We recommended that you plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your shuttle departure time, to allow adequate time to check-in and load your bike onto the shuttle for on-time departure. The shuttle ends at Roxy Ann Peak summit, where light refreshments and general event information will be available. Riders are welcome to begin their descent whenever they are ready. Please be mindful that shuttles will be departing Hawthorne Park until 11:30, and riders are expected to yield to shuttles travelling uphill on roads within Prescott Park.



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- ❖ How long does the ride take?
 - The route is roughly 9 miles in length, which takes approximately 45 minutes going downhill. However, this may vary significantly based on skill level and approach to the ride. Participants are encouraged to take their time, enjoy the views, and be safe. Within Prescott Park, riders have the option to utilize gravel access roads or a combination of mountain biking trails, which may increase the riding time. More information about these route options will be provided at the summit.
- ❖ What happens if I can't finish the ride?
 - If you are injured or unable to finish the ride, emergency medical teams and transportation will be available.
- ❖ Do I have to park at Hawthorne Park and take the shuttle?
 - The registration price includes a reserved shuttle seat for riders and their bikes to reach the summit. Parking is available within Prescott Park, but private vehicles are prohibited from driving all the way to the summit. If you would like to bike or walk to the summit with your bike, you are most welcome to do so, any day of the week! Please keep in mind that the gate to Prescott Park is closed daily at 9pm.
- ❖ How do I take my bike on the shuttle?
 - Shuttle service will be provided by Ashland Mountain Adventures, which has been in business for over 10 years. This business specializes in providing shuttle service to Mount Ashland, so that people can enjoy riding down the many mountain bike trails in the Ashland Watershed. They will be utilizing passenger vans with trailers fully equipped to transport people and their bikes safely to the summit.
- ❖ What happens if the weather is bad on the day of the event?
 - The Peak to Creek Ride will not be cancelled for inclement weather, unless conditions make access to Roxy Ann Peak summit unsafe. If the event is cancelled, all participants will be issued a refund, and we will work to reschedule the event if possible.
- ❖ Can I cancel my registration?
 - Refunds for cancellation will be provided until April 20th, after which refunds will not be available. If you cannot attend, but you know someone who would take your spot, we are able to transfer your registration to another name. Please call the Parks Department front desk at (541) 774-2400 for more information about cancellations.
- ❖ What is the last day to register?
 - Registration will be open from April 1st through April 26th. Please note that there are only 6 shuttles available, and each can transport 12 people.



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