

# COLORADO HIGH COUNTRY 1200

## 2024 Event Procedures

Rev. 21-June-2024

These procedures cover:

- Check-In and Inspection
- Checkpoints and Proof of Passage
- Ride Start
- Overnight Food, Lodging, and Bag Drop
- Ride Finish

### Check-In and Inspection

---

Check-in/inspection will be **4:00 – 5:30 pm** on **Saturday, June 22** at the Quality Inn in Louisville. If this will not work for you, let us know. (Time will be limited at the event start.)

For inspection, you will need to show your:

- **reflective gear** for your bike and yourself (leg-bands and reflective vest or equivalent) – need to meet RUSA guidelines;
- **lighting system** mounted on bike and backup lighting system (see requirements below).
- **drop bag** –(preferably filled, to assure that your bag is not too heavy); if it's too big, you can find another across US-36 at Target or Costco; limits are 10" x 10" x 20" or 40" combined linear dimensions, and 25 lb.

You will receive your brevet card and tag for your drop bag, and sign your waiver.

After inspection, you may wish to join other riders for dinner at a neighboring restaurant. There are several within walking distance.

### Lighting Requirements

---

Two independent taillights are required. At least one may be mounted on the bike at all times.

A bike-mounted headlight is required. Two fully independent headlight systems are *strongly recommended*. A helmet-mounted backup system is ok, if it's sufficiently powerful. The headlights can be both battery powered, or a dynamo setup and a battery light.

### Proof of Passage and Checkpoint Cutoffs

---

Intermediate checkpoints have no time limits. You must only finish within 90 hours for the 1200k or 75 hours for the 1000k. This still means budgeting your time!

Your brevet card shows the would-be closing times for intermediate checkpoints (although they are untimed). This is for rough guidance only. Don't be too concerned

if you arrive after closing time early in the day or after a long climb.

You may use a GPS tracking device, photos, or answer info questions on your brevet card to provide proof of passage. This can be in any combination, e.g., if your GPS device becomes inoperative, you can fall back to photos or info questions. *Please consider inscribing your brevet card with arrival time at checkpoints – this helps us study timing for the future.*

### At the Ride Start

---

Sign in between **4am-4:30am** at the Quality Inn.

Riders depart at **5:00am**.

**Drop Bags** – Deposit your drop bags at the designated spot in the meeting room at the hotel. If your drop bag is too voluminous or heavy, you will be asked to leave items behind before the bag is accepted.

**Luggage Storage** – As in years past, the Quality Inn staff is making provisions to store guests' bicycle bags and other luggage in the meeting room. We or they will give you directions.

**Parking** – You may park in the Quality Inn spaces if you are staying there at start/finish. Otherwise, ask hotel staff if you may park there, or find another spot to park. This could include the RTD Park-and-Ride south of the hotel. (Pay for four days' stay.)

### En Route

---

**Overnight Accommodations** – At Walden, we provide hotel-room accommodations (if selected), food, and your drop bags. Volunteer staff and lodging are at the North Park Inn.

**Walden Check-In** – When you arrive at Walden the first evening, volunteers will provide you your drop bag (available late afternoon). If you've selected included lodging, volunteers will assign you a room. This will be your room to keep for all three nights, unless some situation arises.

Food will be available in a common area. There will be evening items and then breakfast items in the morning, including items to take with you. We will have inside and outside areas, or you may take food items to your room.

**Check-Out** – Before leaving after your final stay in – or transit through - Walden, return your drop bag to the common area.

**Bike and Other Cleaning** – Be especially careful not to soil hotel towels or linens with bike oil, grease, etc. We are liable for expenses and our good reputation. Ask the staff for rags or paper towels.

**Sign-In/Sign-Out – IMPORTANT** – Each time you arrive in Walden, **sign in** on the sheet provided. Then remember also to **sign out** when you leave, whether your stay is half an hour or overnight. This lets us keep track of the riders and post rider progress on the website.

---

### Rider Tracking

**Rider Progress** - People can follow riders' arrivals and departures from Walden on the Rider Progress Spreadsheet (see link on CHC home page). We will try to keep this updated several times a day, but volunteers' first priority will be to support the riders, so there may be times when updates lag.

**Tracking Devices** – If you will be using a SPOT, Garmin, or other tracking device with Web visibility, you can give us the web link and we will add it to the Rider Progress spreadsheet.

**Blog** – We should also be posting more general updates on conditions, etc., on the [Colorado High Country blog](http://coloradohighcountry1200k.blogspot.com/): <http://coloradohighcountry1200k.blogspot.com/>

---

### Emergent and Out-of-Time Situations

If you have a situation in need of emergency care, phone **911**. If you can, alert us via the volunteer phone numbers on your card, or have someone else do so. We cannot stand in for emergency responders, but want to know what's going on with all the riders. If using a SPOT or other tracking device, consult with us.

If you are unable to continue, for mechanical or other reasons, our aim – when a volunteer is free – will be to get you to the staffed checkpoint (Walden), and then work on your options for getting back to Louisville.

If you need to abandon because you are outside the checkpoint time windows *and do not feel you can make up the time*, let us know, and we can discuss your options for getting back to Louisville.

---

### Ride Finish

Finish is at the Louisville Quality Inn. We'll be there mid-afternoon on June 26<sup>th</sup> until dinnertime.

If you finish when there is no event staff present: e-mail, phone, or text your name and finishing time to me. Then have hotel staff validate your finishing time, and retain your card.

Drop bags will be available starting Wednesday afternoon at the Quality Inn.

**IMPORTANT:** Please collect your luggage and drop bag when you finish. We can keep them in the storage area or hotel common areas for only a limited amount of time.

---

### Après-Finish Dinner

Riders traditionally adjourn in groups to a neighboring restaurant, such as Murphy's across the street from the hotel. This year there is no formal dining arrangement.

---

### Jerseys and Vests

A second ordering period for jerseys and vests is under way. You may [order](#) from Voler through July 1.

---

### Medals

We will present Colorado High Country 1200 medals at the finish. Finishers can also purchase Les Randonneurs Mondiaux 1200 medals from the RUSA Store.

---

### Cautions and Advisories

From our pre-riders (Jenn, Rashid, Vernon, Debbie):

– Walden to Saratoga is a 67-mile stretch with climbing. Services may not be open in Encampment, so carry plenty of fluids.

– The final six miles into Kremmling (generally descending) are on US-40, which can have traffic and has limited shoulder. Be alert and ride predictably.

– Stock up in Kremmling, as there are no services until Walden, except possibly something in Hot Sulphur Springs, and limited hours at the Rand store. There are stores at jct. US-40 and US-34, 1.9 miles past turn to Hwy. 125 (not on route).

---

### Preliminary Menu at Walden Overnight

**Sunday Night – Italian-themed** - Spaghetti red sauce with meat and pasta, Italian bread, Salad

**Mon, Tue, Wed Mornings** - Coffee, Juice, Cereal, Waffles, Breakfast burritos, Eggs

**Monday Evening – Mexican-themed** – Burritos, Chips and salsa

**Tuesday Evening – Burger Night** - Burger with buns, Condiments, Chips

**Extras** – Watermelon, Bread, PB&J, Fruit, Sodas, some gluten-free options

---

*Bonne Route!*

-jle