

## GILA INNER LOOP SUPER TOUR DESCRIPTION

The tour begins Saturday, May 9, 2020 in Silver City, NM and ends Sunday in Silver City. We pedal the Gila Inner Loop Scenic Byway, which has some moderate to steep ascents and descents through the Gila National Forest and crosses the Continental Divide two times. The altitude ranges from 5,800 to 7,500 feet and the terrain varies from arid rolling hills to evergreen forest. Motor vehicle traffic is low which makes the ride both safe and enjoyable. After leaving Silver City, we will pedal through historic Pinos Altos, past Signal Peak, the Ben Lilly Monument and on to Lake Roberts. We spend the night in the Gila wilderness at Camp Thunderbird. The next morning, we ride down the Mimbres River valley, past the Chino open pit copper mine, and back to Silver City.

### TOTAL MILES

Total ride is 73.5 miles (approximately 40 miles Saturday, 33.5 miles Sunday).

### OPTIONAL MILES

Enjoy a 40-mile round-trip to the Gila Cliff Dwellings and Indian Ruins where you can experience a 1,550-foot pass with a challenging descent (remember the returning ascent!) into the Gila Gorge to view the ruins. The view at the top of the pass is spectacular.

### MEALS

Bagels, snacks, water, sports drink, and fruit will be provided on the ride on **Saturday and Sunday**. Lake Roberts store has snacks, too. There is also a restaurant 5 miles from Camp Thunderbird.

**Saturday post-ride** snacks and drinks, **Saturday night** dinner, and **Sunday morning** breakfast will be provided by Camp Thunderbird.

### SUPPORT

Support vehicles will carry baggage, SAG riders, and provide FOOD STOPS with fresh fruit, snacks, sports drinks, and water. PLEASE PACK LIGHT as space in the SAG vehicle is limited (besides it is only a two-day ride!). If you or your bike needs a ride or you would like to ride share to & from Silver City, please let us know.

### EQUIPMENT

Bring a spare tube, patch kit, pump, and basic tools. All riders must wear an ANSI approved helmet. The NMTS recommends high visibility clothing and rear lights.

### FEE INCLUDES

- ◆ Lodging at Camp Thunderbird Saturday night.
- ◆ Saturday post-ride snacks and dinner at Camp Thunderbird.
- ◆ Sunday breakfast at Camp Thunderbird.
- ◆ Fruit, drinks, snacks on the road (not literally).
- ◆ SAG support; we carry gear and weary cyclists.
- ◆ Maps and ride instructions are available in ride packets, available day of ride.
- ◆ League of American Bicyclists rider's insurance.

- ◆ Non-member fee includes one-year membership in the NMTS!

### MEETING PLACE

**Place:** Walmart parking lot on Hwy. 180, on the east end of Silver City. Park and meet in the parking lot on the west side of the Walmart building.

**Time:** Saturday, May 5, 2018. Check-in starts at 7:30 AM, with the ride beginning at 8:00 AM. SAG vehicle leaves at 8:30. *PLEASE be on time.* Cars may be left overnight in the Walmart parking lot. Most riders will finish the ride around noon on Sunday.

### SIGN-UP DEADLINE

Please sign up no later than April 30, 2020. The ride is limited to 65 cyclists—sign up early! You will be notified by e-mail upon acceptance.

### DINNER ON FRIDAY

Many riders gather for a no-host dinner on Friday evening. If you wish to join the group, please indicate on the registration or notify by email.

### NMTS GILA SUPER TOUR SHIRTS

The Gila Super Tour Shirt is long sleeve, poly-dry fabric with a distinctive Gila Super Tour artwork on the back and a small NMTS logo on the front. Besides enhancing your designer-collection wardrobe, this shirt is also a great cool weather bike jersey or a base layer on colder days. No one should be without one! Order yours before April 22, 2020

### VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for individuals willing to help support the Tour, by helping with rest stops, driving SAG support, etc. If you are planning to ride the Tour and have a non-riding family member or friend who would like to come along, NMTS will waive the registration fee for anyone volunteering his or her time to support the Tour. Please contact Mike Dennett at 505-489-0050 or email at [mfdennett@gmail.com](mailto:mfdennett@gmail.com). Alternatively you may contact David Olson at 505-239-0136, [drolson5@gmail.com](mailto:drolson5@gmail.com).

### REGISTRATION and PAYMENT

Please enclose a completed copy of this form for each person entered along with a check or money order for the 2020 GILA SUPER TOUR. Please complete the information shown on the form and include in email to Mike Dennett at [mfdennett@gmail.com](mailto:mfdennett@gmail.com). Or print the registration form and mail into to Mike at this address

Mike Dennett  
P.O. Box 7456  
Albuquerque, NM 87194

Check made out to Gila Super Tour may be mailed in at the above address. One may also use alternatives such as Zelle or PayPal. Check with Mike for instructions.

*Fee is non-refundable for late cancellations two weeks or less prior to ride.*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*If emailing, please provide all the following. If mailing, print only this page and forward with payment.*

**Tour shirt:** Y/N (no orders after April 22, 2020)

Size: **SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE XX-LARGE**

Do you plan to camp outside at Camp Thunderbird? **Y/N**

**FEES**

<b>NMTS Member Registration</b>	<b>\$85</b>	\$ _____
<b>Non-Member Registration *</b>	<b>\$105</b>	\$ _____
<b>Late Fee (after May 1, 2017)</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	\$ _____
<b>Gila Super Tour shirt</b>	<b>\$22</b>	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>		\$ _____

\*Includes NMTS single membership fee. Those electing to make family membership should add \$5 (please note on entry form).

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_:

**Friday Night Dinner:**

If you wish to join others for dinner on Friday evening around 6 PM, please indicate: **Y/N**

*Location and details will be announced*