



# GRAN FONDO

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## Golden Gran Fondo

Aug 26, 2018 | Golden, CO

EVENT GUIDE

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A GFNS event is a supported ride with a competitive element to it. You might want to win the overall, win your age group, beat your buddies, or just beat up on yourself! The time segment format allows you to do that, while also enjoying your ride with old friends and making new ones.

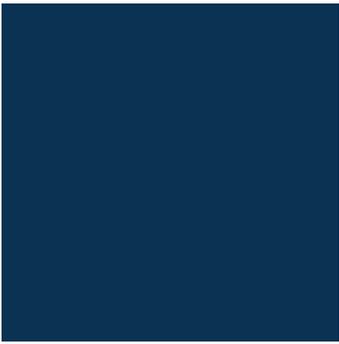
## PARKING

Parking for Sunday will be in the lot at Ford and 10<sup>TH</sup>.

Do not park in regulated parking spots, **you will get fined.**



## RULES



# EVENT ITINERARY

## Saturday, Aug 25, 2018

### Event Check-in and On-site Registration

- Saturday 8/25/18, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM; [Mountain Toad Brewery](#), 900 Washington Ave, Golden, CO 80401

## Sunday, Aug 5, 2018

- Location: [PARFET PARK](#)
- 5:30 AM to 7:15 AM Event Check-in & On-site Registration (if available)
- **7:45 AM - Riders meeting (under Welcome to Golden arch)**
- **8:00 AM - Riders Start**
- **Post Ride Food: When you finish, you receive a complementary post ride meal with your entry**
- **3:00 PM - Piccolo & Medio Route awards**
- **4:00 PM - Gran Route awards and raffle – Directly following Gran Route awards we will be holding a raffle with lots of great stuff from our sponsors, including prizes such as: Litespeed titanium seatpost, Industry Nine hubset, SeaSucker Vacuum Mount Bike Rack, Swiftwick socks, Rudy Project sunglasses, Shimano components, Jittery Joe's Coffee, Tune ups from VeloFix, CrotchGuard, Cane Creek eeBrakes, Rocket7 shoes, a free entry to any Haute Route three-day event, a holiday at Garda Bike Hotel in Italy as well as other prizes). **Yes, it's worth sticking around for!****

# RIDE NOTES



- Route will be marked on pavement with **Orange** chalk/paint, and with **Yellow** plastic signs with **Red** arrows on them.
- Split points for various distances will be indicated on pavement and on signage. Read all event signs and follow the distance indicated to stay on your route distance.
- All Routes will be marked with the same color chalk/paint/signage.
- Cut-off points are established. All riders arriving late to cut-off points will be rerouted to a shorter distance. Cut-off pace is calculated at a 10-mph progression speed, meaning the time you are stopped at rest stops and various points is included in your average speed.
- SAG support vehicles will be available throughout the day. Please be aware of Rest Stop hours and understand that if you arrive outside these hours, support may not be available.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

[Check out the Relive flyover narrated by Brad Sohner!](#)

It starts by tracing the route of the inaugural **USA Pro Cycling Challenge** towards continental divide. It features some of the same roads used in the **Coors Classic**, **Colorado Classic**, and featured in the movie [American Flyers](#) (Kevin Costner's classic cycling film that was set in the town of Golden).

Upon reaching the scenic Peak to Peak Highway, racers will be treated to high alpine vistas, lung busting ascents, a taste of hard pack dirt road, and a total of 10,000 feet of climbing before returning to downtown Golden where riders can replenish their exhausted bodies but full souls. This course is sure to test your climbing prowess while treating you to some of the most ruggedly beautiful landscapes anywhere.

Fear not - there's a **Medio Fondo** of 63 miles and a **Piccolo Fondo** of just over 18 miles for all levels of fitness for riders to enjoy!

# NAVIGATION

The primary means of navigation are the arrows that we place on your ground in spray chalk.

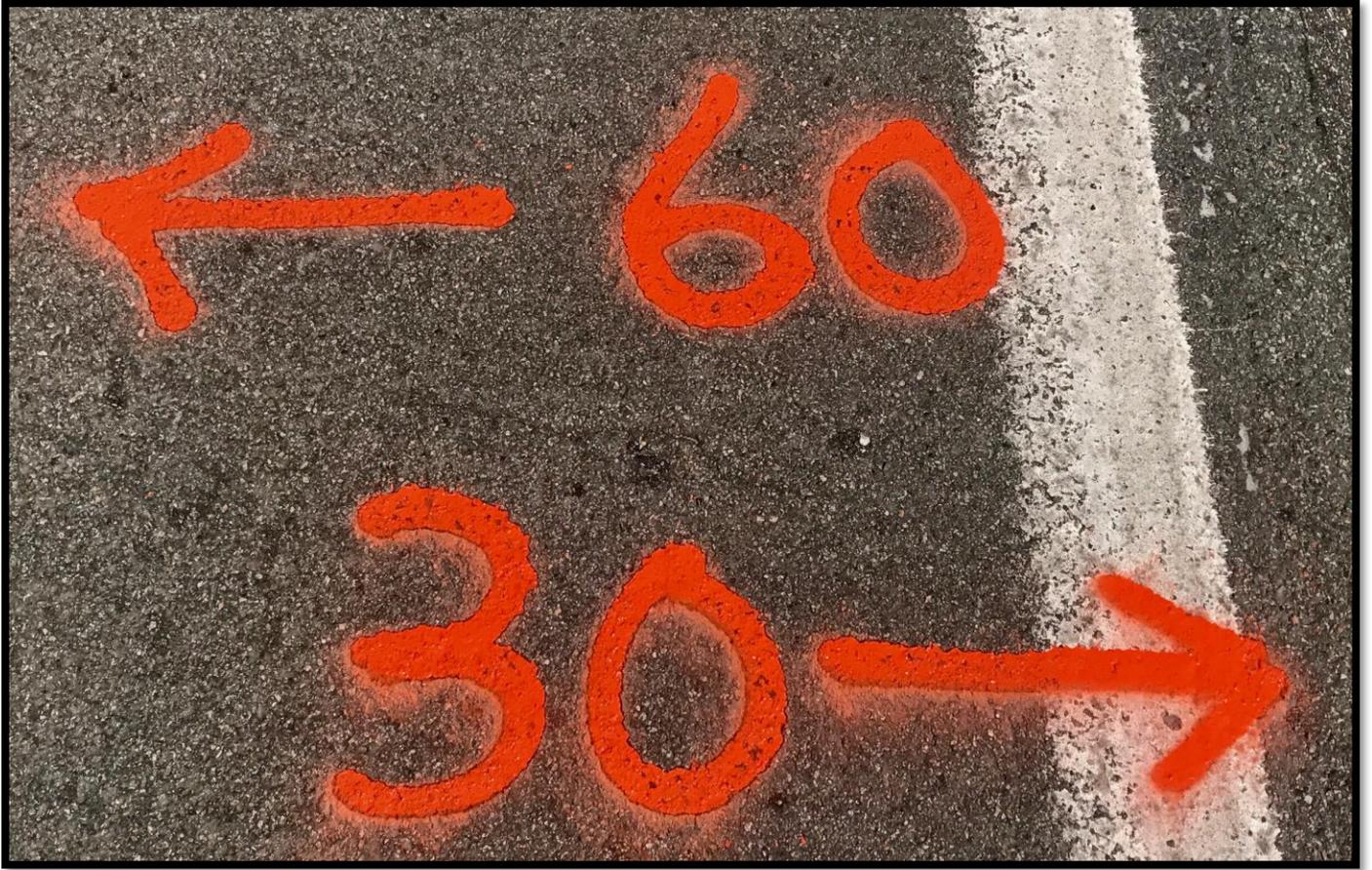
\*we use chalk because it washes away quickly.

Hazards, tricky turns, and dangerous intersections will be marked.

We will also place signs at all the turns and some tricky intersections.

The courses overlap and have deviation points. These will be well marked.





While we take pride in our course marking; we also provide online maps that can be loaded into your GPS device, you can download the RideWithGPS app, or easily print a detailed cue sheet.

<https://www.granfondonationalsseries.com/golden-maps/>

## AID STATIONS

The aid stations are fully stocked, and we encourage you to use them to eat, drink, and socialize.

Be sure to check out our [online maps](#) in order to familiarize yourself with the aid stations, timed sections, and routes.

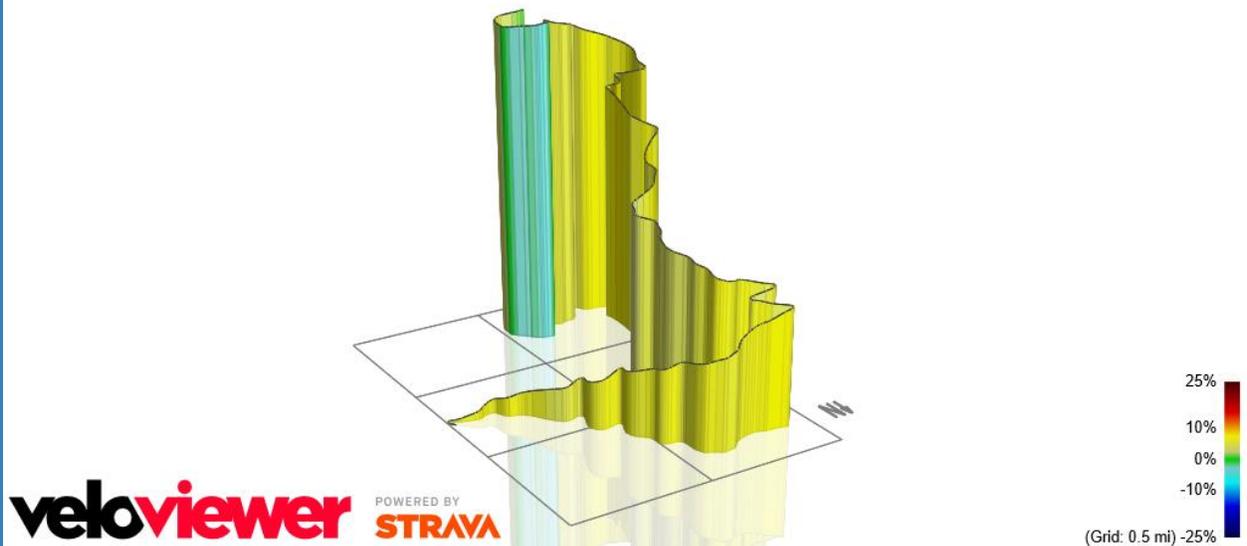
While GFNS events are supported rides, we recommend you bring tire changing equipment. We will vector SAG to you as quickly as possible, but why wait?!



# TIMED SECTION #1

Golden TS1

4.6 mi at 5.3%



Name: Lookout Mountain

Distance: 4.6 miles

Climbing: 1271 feet

Description: Lookout looms over Golden, all cyclists LOVE and HATE it. This timed section is part of the Piccolo, Medio, and Gran.

[STRAVA LINK](#)



# TIMED SECTION #2

Golden TS2

3.1 mi at 5.0%



Name: Tremont Mountain

Distance: 3.13 miles

Climbing: 875 feet

Description: This climb starts at a manageable gradient but quickly pitches up to double digits. Enjoy the pain!

[STRAVA LINK](#)



# TIMED SECTION #3

Golden TS3

4.6 mi at 5.4%



Name: Twin Spruce  
 Distance: 4.7 miles  
 Climbing: 1328 feet  
 Description: The climb is 5.5% average with a section of 12.2%.  
 You'll find yourself on the wooded climb of Gap Road with **Tremont Mountain** on your left.

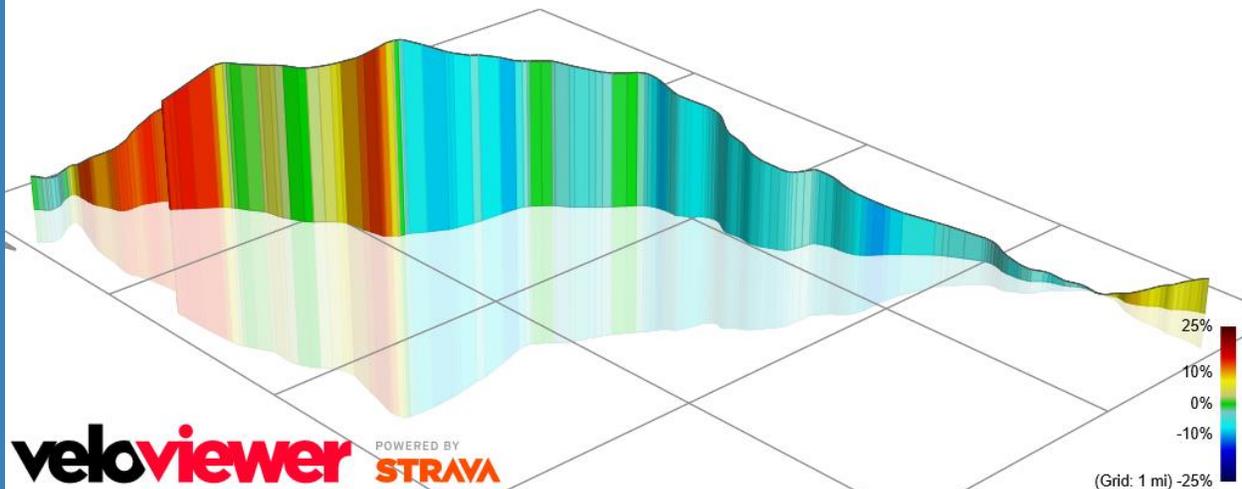
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# TIMED SECTION #4

Golden TS4

5.1 mi at 0%



Name: Drew Hill  
 Distance: 5.3 miles  
 Climbing: 885 feet

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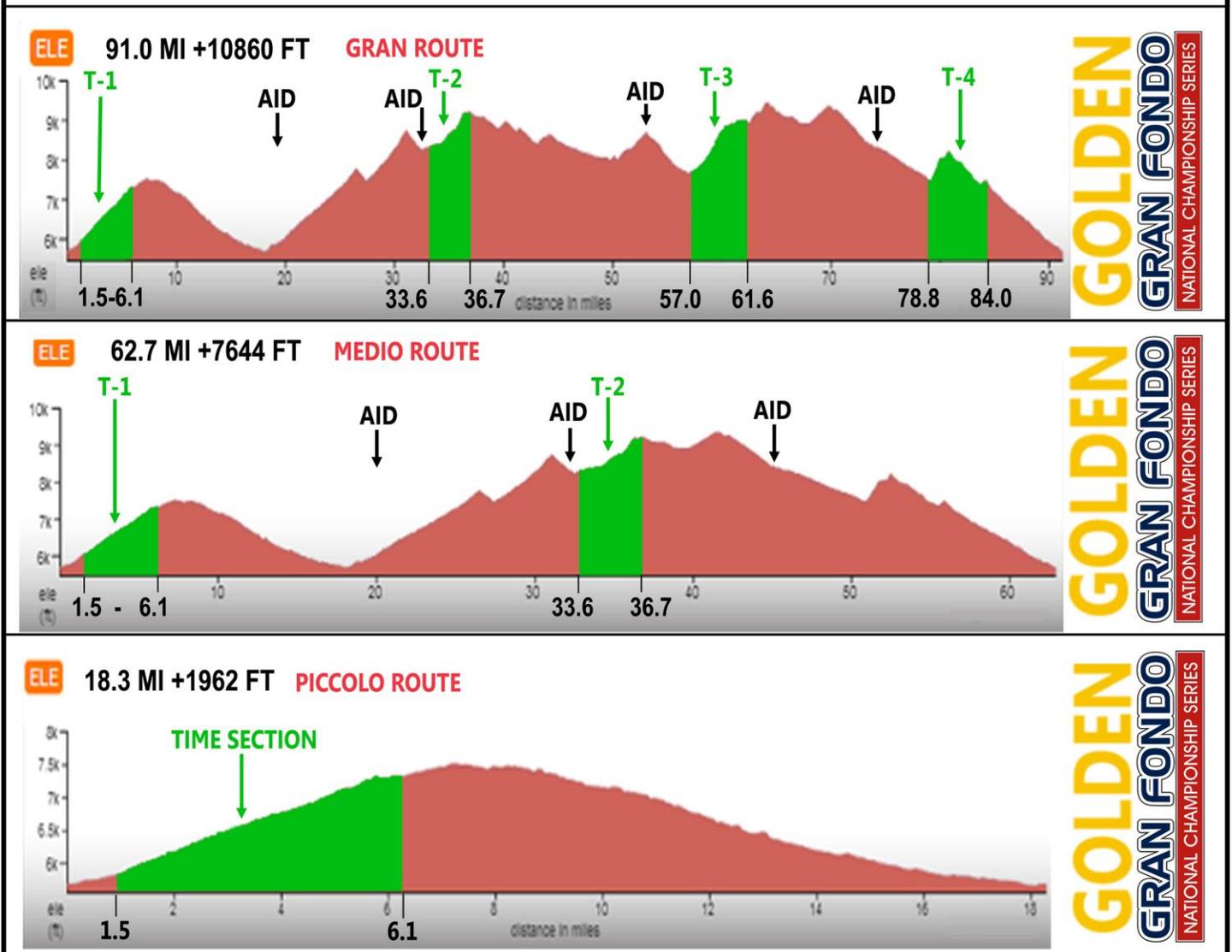
Description: Some GFNS staff members believe that this is the HARDEST timed section in the series. Feel free to go all out knowing that it's all downhill to Golden.

# ELEVATION CHARTS



## GOLDEN GRAN FONDO - RACE SECTION CHARTS

GREEN AREAS INDICATED TIMED SECTIONS USED TO DETERMINE PLACEMENT



# GRAN ROUTE



RIDEWITHGPS MAP

Golden Gran

90.9 mi at 0%



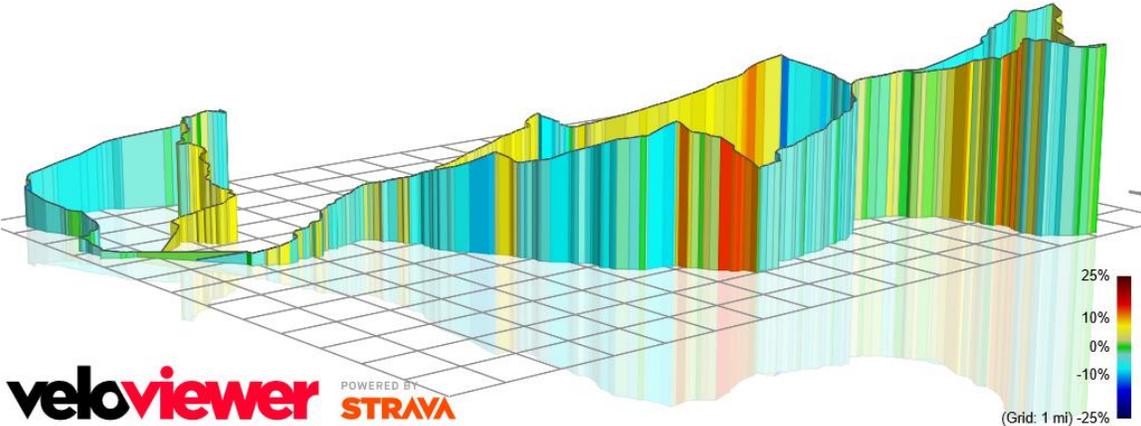
# MEDIO ROUTE



RIDEWITHGPS MAP

Golden Medio

62.6 mi at 0%



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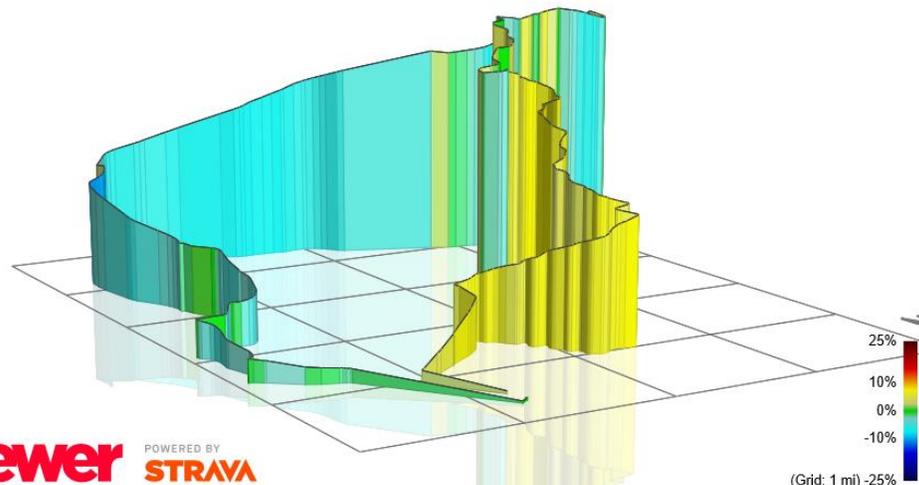
# PICCOLO ROUTE



RIDEWITHGPS MAP

Golden Piccolo

18.2 mi at 0%



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