



2022

# GRAND TRAVERSE

MOUNTAIN BIKE

- PRESENTED BY -



Racer Manual  
Regulations & Guidelines



Move, discover, connect and explore.  
Scramble, climb and breathe.  
Commit. Run. Push. Send.  
Reach. Focus. Descend. Reflect.  
You are made to go further, faster,  
In whatever way you choose.

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## Conditions of Participation

**\*\*\* This is a backcountry event requiring a high degree of self-sufficiency and preparedness \*\*\***

Rugged backcountry conditions and severe weather may be present along any part of the course. Hazards may include but are not limited to: swift creek crossings, rain, hail, snow, lightning, rock fall, and/or strong winds. Course officials cannot monitor or guarantee complete safety throughout the entirety of the course. Participants must be skilled in making their own assessment of conditions and have sufficient gear and knowledge of how to manage potentially life-threatening conditions. Racers proceed at their own risk.

### - Racers Must -

1. Have a high level of physical fitness, backcountry competency, and possess sufficient gear to survive in strenuous to potentially life-threatening conditions.
2. Arrive to and depart from checkpoints *prior* to established cut-off times.
3. Agree to be pulled from the race for any reason deemed necessary by Race Officials.
4. Notify Race Dispatch by phone if decision to self-withdraw or abandon the race is made without informing race staff on course.
5. Not litter! It is prohibited to dispose of food wrappings, bottles, equipment, etc., on course.
6. Not stash supplies along the course and not accept outside aid, except within 100 yards of a designated aid station.
7. Carry **REQUIRED GEAR** - *Waterproof Shell with Hood / Gloves / Warm Hat or Buff.*
8. Present *proof* of current **Colorado Recreational Search & Rescue** coverage, or valid Colorado Fishing or Hunting license. [Purchase CORSAR](#)

## Race Divisions

### **Mountain Bike Division**

Individual Male & Female

### **Dual Sport Division**

Individual Male & Female

### Age Classes

Female - 18 & Under	Male - 18 & Under
Female - 19 to 29	Male - 19 to 29
Female - 30 to 39	Male - 30 to 39
Female - 40 to 49	Male - 40 to 49
Female - 50 to 59	Male - 50 to 59
Female - 60+	Male - 60+

## Registration Refund

If you are unable to compete, a percentage refund may be requested according to the refund schedule below. Registration deferments are not accepted.

**REQUEST REGISTRATION REFUND >>>**

December 1 to May 31 – **75% Refund of Individual Registration**  
June 1 to July 31 – **50% Refund of Individual Registration**  
August 1 to August 20 – **25% Refund of Individual Registration**

## Event Schedule

### FRIDAY, September 2

**Bib Pick-Up & Registration - 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
[Crested Butte Nordic Center - 620 2nd Street](#)

### SATURDAY, September 3

**Bib Pick-Up & Registration - 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
[Ajax Park - 1001 S. Ute Ave, Aspen](#)

### SUNDAY, September 4

**Late Bib Pick-Up & Finish Bag Collection - 6:00 AM**  
[Ajax Park - 1001 S. Ute Ave, Aspen](#)

**Race Start - 7:00 AM**

[Ajax Park - 1001 S. Ute Ave, Aspen](#)  
Neutral Start on Ute Avenue

**Mt. Crested Butte Finish Line - Noon to 5:00 PM**  
[Crested Butte Mountain Resort - Base Area](#)

Racers finishing throughout the day. Athletes served complimentary meal & beer!

**Podium Ceremony ~ 2:00 PM**

[Crested Butte Mountain Resort Finish Line](#)  
Top 3 Overall Mountain Bike - Male & Female  
Top 3 Overall Dual Sport - Male & Female  
Presentation of 2022 Triple Crown Champions - Male & Female

## Accommodation



### Crested Butte Lodging Search

Discounted Lodging is available by calling the following number, or via the link above.  
**(877) 547-5143**

**Crested Butte Camping:**

[USFS Camping Map & Regulations](#)

#### North Village Campground

Free camping is available within this Mt. Crested Butte municipal campground. Tents may be pitched on a first come, first serve basis, on any of the 22 established tent platforms. Port-a-potty restroom is present on site.

#### Vehicular Camping within Crested Butte Mountain Resort Parking Lot

For GT Participants. Friday through Monday Evening. Must obtain a parking pass at registration. Port-a-potty restrooms will be present on site.

**Public Showers**

[Gunnison Recreation Center](#)  
200 Spencer Ave, Gunnison, CO



### Aspen/Snowmass Lodging Search

Discounted lodging is available by calling the following number, or via the link above.  
**(877) 405-5611**

**Aspen Camping:**

[USFS Difficult Campground](#)  
(reservations required)

[Additional Aspen Camping Options](#)

**Parking in Aspen**

Short-term parking in downtown Aspen is available for up to 4 hours. The **Rio Grande Parking Garage** offers all day parking for \$15.00/day. Metered spaces are enforced Monday - Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Pay Stations are located in both the downtown business core, as well as in some residential areas.

# Transportation

## Gunnison Airport Shuttle

Crested Butte is located 35 minutes from the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport. Airport transportation can be arranged from [Alpine Express Shuttle](#).

## Carpooling

Transportation logistics for a point-to-point event can be daunting. . . . We highly encourage our racer community to assist each other in pooling resources. You may publicize carpooling requests, in addition to other race logistics help wanted, by posting in the [Grand Traverse Athlete Forum](#).

## Bike Shuttle

To assist Dual Sport competitors with logistics of back-to-back events a dedicated bike transport shuttle is being offered for a \$20 fee. Book your bike a ride [HERE](#).

## Return Transportation

Return shuttle, including bike transport, may be booked through online race registration at **\$100/person**. Shuttle will depart approximately 5:00 PM from the Finish Expo at Crested Butte Mountain Resort. *Capacity is limited* - If you failed to book a return shuttle through online race registration, email the Race Director at [events@cbnordic.org](mailto:events@cbnordic.org) to inquire about shuttle availability.

## Vehicle Shuttle Service

Arrange to have your private vehicle shuttled to a destination with [Maroon Bells Shuttles](#).

### Finish Bag Transport

A single gear bag will be transported per competitor to the Crested Butte Mountain Resort finish line.

Finish-line bags must be under 20 lbs. and no bigger than a carry-on.

Finish bags will be collected by race staff at the **Ajax Park - START LINE**, the morning of the event.

Please label your bag with the following contact information - **Name / Phone # / Bib #**

**Unclaimed bags/gear will be returned to: Crested Butte Nordic Center**  
**THE GRAND TRAVERSE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR**  
**ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

Please contact Crested Butte Nordic, [events@cbnordic.org](mailto:events@cbnordic.org) to claim your bag.

# Course Details

## Course Marking

The route is NOT continuously marked. Limited marking does not free participants from their obligation to familiarize themselves with the course route. You must remain diligent to keep your bearings during the race. Course flagging will be placed at critical turns and intersections. Additional confidence flagging will be placed roughly at one 50-yard interval following the turn indicator.

The following marking conventions will be used:

### Positive Direction

- PINK - Flagging Tape
- YELLOW / PINK - Ground Flags



### Wrong Direction

- RED - Flagging Tape
- RED - Ground Flags



We thank Central Colorado Mountain Riders for their volunteer course marking support!

## Aid Stations

### MTB AID #1 (Limited AID) - Aspen Mountain Summit

Mile 5 (39° 9' 4.01"N 106°49' 7.46"W)

**CUT OFF - 9:00 AM**

### MTB AID #2 - Taylor Pass

Mile 15.5 (39° 1' 12.75"N 106°45' 22.04"W )

**CUT OFF - 11:30 AM**

### STAR PASS - Medical Staging

Mile 22.5 ( 38°58'5.51"N 106°47'43.63"W)

### MTB AID #3 (Limited AID) - CR 738 & FS Trail 435.1

Mile 33 (38° 51' 32.77"N 106°55' 22.19"W )

**CUT OFF - 2:30 PM**

**Cups will NOT be provided at Aid Stations**

**---- FULL AID ----**  
**Aid - #2**

**Honey Stinger Gels**  
(flavor variety)

**Salty Snacks**  
**Sweet Snacks**  
**Fruit**

**Soda**  
**Water**

[Tailwind Electrolyte](#)

*Mandarine Orange Endurance Fuel*

**-- LIMITED AID --**  
**Aid - #1 & #3**

**Water**

[Tailwind Electrolyte](#)

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**Honey Stinger Gels**  
(flavor variety)



### Taking Care of "Business" On Course

In accordance with backcountry ethics, every participant should be prepared to responsibly dispose of their personal human waste.

- Carry a packaged wet wipe towelette for sanitation.
- Dig a proper 6" "cat hole" to bury and cover solid waste.
- **Aid # 2** will be equipped with a Bucket Toilet for more convenient relief.
- [PACT Outdoors](#) will be providing additional waste disposal tools at aid stations.

## TAYLOR PASS > EXPRESS CREEK EGRESS

Cut-Off Racers at Taylor Pass will descend Express Creek Road to further ride themselves back into Aspen via Castle Creek Road (CR 15).

### Cut-Off Times

To ensure the safety of participants and Course Staff alike, the following cut-off times will be strictly enforced. Weather or changing conditions may compel the Race Director to alter cut-off times without prior notice.

**Aspen Mountain Summit (AID #1) – 9:00 AM**  
**Taylor Pass (AID #2) – 11:30 AM**  
**Brush Creek Rd. (Aid #3) – 2:30 PM**

**Racers must DEPART checkpoints at the appointed cut-off time. Failure to abide by an imposed cut-off will result in immediate disqualification and will result in athlete being blacklisted from all future Grand Traverse events.**

### Self-Withdrawal

Race officials must be notified if you decide to abandon the race. Failure to properly exit the race could result in an unnecessary Search & Rescue mission activation.

**You MUST phone Race Dispatch if you elect to abandon the race without notifying a Course Official. Race Dispatch's phone number will be printed on the back of your Bike Plate.**

### Cut-Off Contingency Plan

To assist cut-off racers from being stranded without their intended return transportation, bib numbers of cut-off racers at Aspen Mountain & Taylor Pass will be publicized on [Grand Traverse Facebook](#) (@grandtraverse) & [Twitter](#) (@EMGTskirace) feeds.

- **AID #1** Cut-Offs will be instructed to turn themselves around and descend Aspen Mountain via County Road 14.
- **AID #2** Cut-Offs will be instructed to descend Express Creek Road to County Road 15C (**Castle Creek Rd.**) and ride themselves back to Aspen via the paved county road.
- **AID #3** Cut-Offs will be instructed to ride themselves into the Town of Crested Butte via Brush Creek Road. Free Mountain Express bus transportation (with bike racks) may be obtained in town for vehicular assistance to the CBMR base finish.

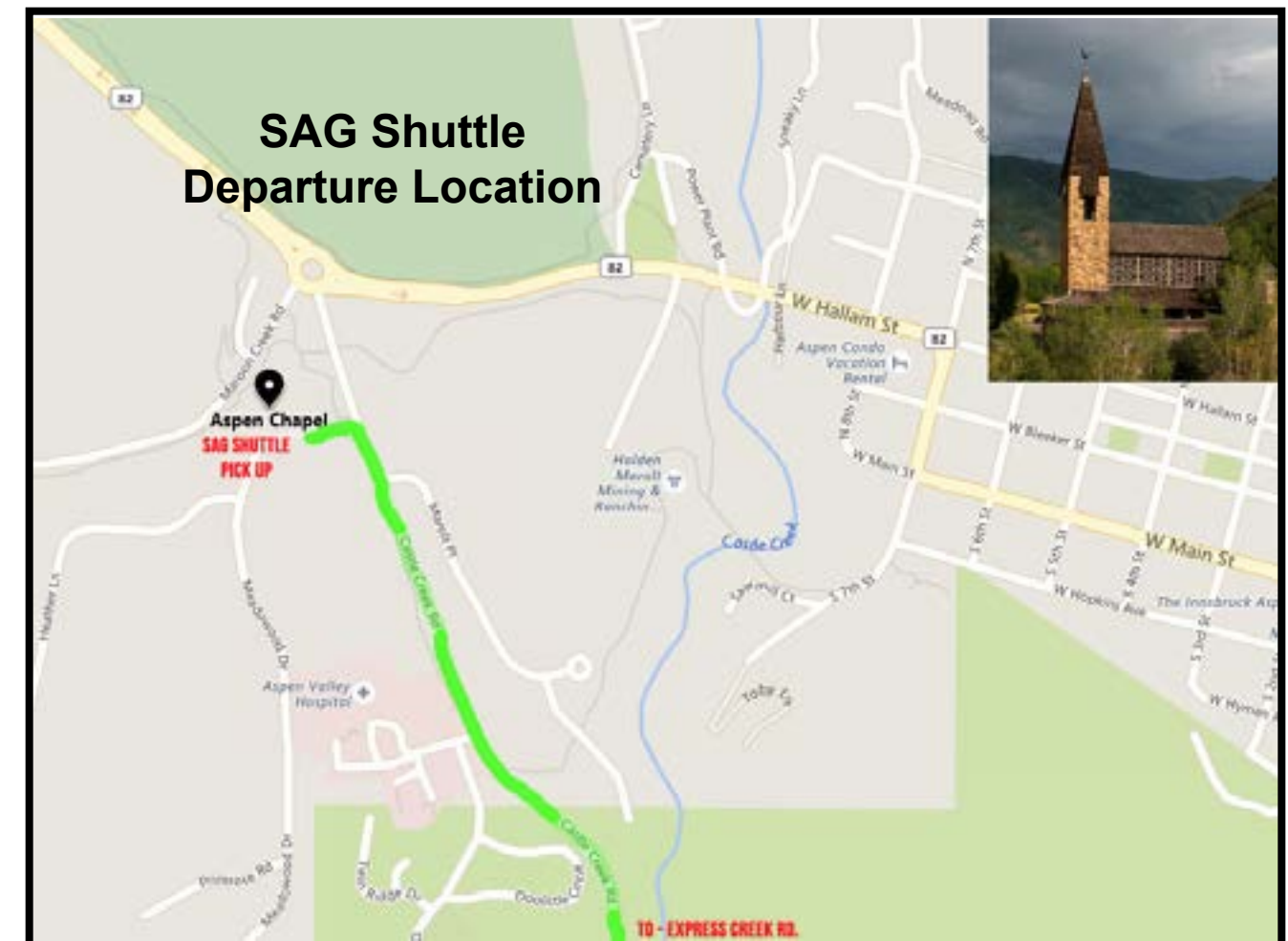
**Racers unsure of their ability to pass checkpoints #1 & #2 should instruct arranged transportation to monitor GT social feeds until 12:00 PM, prior to departing Aspen for Crested Butte on race morning.**

### Aspen to Crested Butte - SAG Shuttle

Riders unable to proceed beyond the first two cut-off checkpoints have the option to obtain complimentary SAG shuttle transportation to Crested Butte, if transport is desired.

**Departure Location**  
Aspen Chapel Parking Lot  
77 Meadowood Dr, Aspen, CO

**Approximate Departure Time**  
**~ 1:30 PM**



# Route Description

## MTB - Miles & Elevation Gain / Loss

( RED = Cut-Off Location )

Mile	Altitude	Waypoint	+ Miles	+/- Elevation
0	8,062'	Start Line - Aspen 1A Base	-	-
5	11,270'	<b>AID #1 - Aspen Mountain Summit</b>	+ 5	+ 3,208'
10	11,060'	Richmond Ridge - Low Point	+ 5	-
14.41	12,267'	Richmond Ridge - High Point	+ 4.41	+ 1,207'
16.7	11,930'	<b>AID #2 - TAYLOR PASS</b>	+ 2.29	-
19.5	11,535'	Taylor Ridge Road - Low Point	+2.8	- 395'
22.5	12,336'	Star Pass Summit	+ 3	+ 801'
35.25	9,065'	<b>AID #3 - Brush Creek Rd.</b>	+ 12.75	- 3,271'
35.86	9,433'	Upper Upper - High Point	+ .61	+ 368'
37.82	9,100'	Upper Upper - Low Point	+ 1.96	- 333'
39.73	9,789'	CBMR - High Point	+ 1.91	+ 689'
41.02	9,404'	Finish Line- Crested Butte Mountain Resort	+ 1.29	- 385'



[Link Interactive Map](#)

**The race director reserves the right to delay the race start, alter the course route, and/or cancel the event as deemed necessary.**

The Mountain Bike start is **7 AM** at **Ajax Park**, located at 1001 S Ute Ave. This will be a neutral mass start, rolling out on pavement for approximately 2 1/2 blocks until intersecting with the gravel surfaced Summer Road (CR-14) junction.

Riders are launched directly into a sustained 3,300' climb over 5 miles, ascending the Summer Road to the summit of Aspen Mountain. **AID #1** will be distributed here, as well as enforcement of the **9:00 AM CUT-OFF**.

Departing the Ski Area boundary riders set off over a rolling traverse on Richmond Ridge Road (CR-15E).

At mile 9.5 riders begin their second sustained climb of 1,292' over 3.4 miles. After an intervening 300 ft. descent, leading back into a 300' climb, followed by another 300' descent, racers arrive at **AID #2** (mile 16.5) and the Taylor Pass Checkpoint. An **11:30 AM CUT-OFF** will be imposed.

Riders continue on a moderate double-track descent for 4.5 miles. At mile 18.3, the route begins an alpine ascent to the top of Star Pass, double-track transforms into singletrack at mile 20.5. Once over Star Pass, riders will embark on a relentless 11.4 mile descent down the Brush Creek drainage.

Singletrack turns back into double-track at mile 23.4 (FS Road 738.2B). Continuing to mile 28.5, riders will divert off the jeep road, forking to the south (LEFT) onto the Death Pass singletrack traverse, a narrow off-camber section skirting a steep escarpment. Take caution on this exposed section! Arriving on the opposite end of the singletrack, riders continue STRAIGHT, regaining the double-track road (FS Road 738.2B).

The road briefly descends to a cattle guard, soon leading to the wide West Brush Creek crossing. Immediately upon crossing the creek, the road climbs gently on a cross-slope trajectory. The top of this climb opens into a large meadow area with numerous dispersed campsites. CAUTION - vehicular traffic becomes a hazard from here until AID #3. The route continues onto a sustained descent to the valley floor where double track transitions to graded dirt - County Road 738. The course continues down valley on level road surface, until crossing the East River bridge, the road begins a .25 mile climb up to **AID #3** (Mile 35.25). Riders unable to depart this checkpoint by **2:30 PM** will be **CUT-OFF** and asked to ride themselves into the Town of Crested Butte via Brush Creek Road to Hwy 135.

Departing AID #3, the route returns to singletrack (FS Trail 435.1 - "Upper Upper Trail"), presenting racers a 470' stinger over 0.5 miles. After twisting descents through the "bridges" section of the Upper Upper trail, riders will continue to their last climb, ascending through a technical rock section. This last 700' climb over 1.4 miles tops out at Hunter Hill Road.

Intersecting pavement, racers turn RIGHT on the road, following course marking to the San Moritz condo parking lot, which leads to the San Moritz Trail accessing the resort singletrack. This trail propels riders onto a descending finish at the base of Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

## Course Sweep

Every portion of course is cleared by a back-of-pack sweep team. If you incur an injury that renders you immobile, rest assured, if you remain on the course you will be encountered by the Course Sweep who are equipped to provide emergency assistance.

## Required Gear

A minimum degree of backcountry self-sufficiency is expected of every athlete on course. You must be prepared to survive in strenuous to potentially life-threatening weather conditions.

### Required Weather Protection Gear:

1. Waterproof shell with hood
2. Gloves
3. Warm Hat or Buff

### Recommened that athletes additionally carry:

1. Thermal Under Layers
2. Mylar Emergency Blanket
3. Moist Towelettes

# Finish Bags

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# Results

Live preliminary results will be posted throughout the event at - [www.rmtiming.co](http://www.rmtiming.co)

Official results will be posted to the [Grand Traverse Results Board](#) by 5:00 PM on Monday.

# Awards

## **- Finisher Award -**

Every finisher will receive a commemorative finisher pint glass.

## **- Age Class Award -**

Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to the **1st place - Male & Female** in each Age Class.

## **Individual Mountain Bike Division**

Top 6 podium - Male & Female, cash prizes will be awarded.

1st Place - \$1,000

2nd Place - \$750

3rd Place - \$500

4th Place - \$300

5th Place - \$200

6th Place - \$100

## **Individual Dual Sport Division**

Top 3 podium - Male & Female, will be awarded product prize packages from Black Diamond.

## **2022 Triple Crown Championship**

1st Place - Male & Female, with lowest cumulative finish time across 3 events will be crowned series champions. Commemorative champion trophies and Black Diamond prizes will be presented.

\*\*\* Final results for Dual Sport and Triple Crown will be determined by summing total finish times for each race leg, to arrive at the fastest cumulative finish time.

# Race Updates

Connect with us on the following social channels!



We want to share in your GT experience!  
Share your race by tagging -

**#TheGrandTraverse #GrandTraverseBike #AspentoMtCB**

# Athlete Community

## Grand Traverse Athlete Forum

Utilize this valuable racer community group for anything and everything GT related!



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The Grand Traverse operates under a Special Use Permit on the Gunnison & White River National Forests.