

Devils Playground



Popular area for the most diehard fans who are prepared to spend a full day at nearly 13,000ft.

The highest vantage point on the course offers a spectacular and unobstructed view of the course below

Be prepared to experience all weather types and pack accordingly

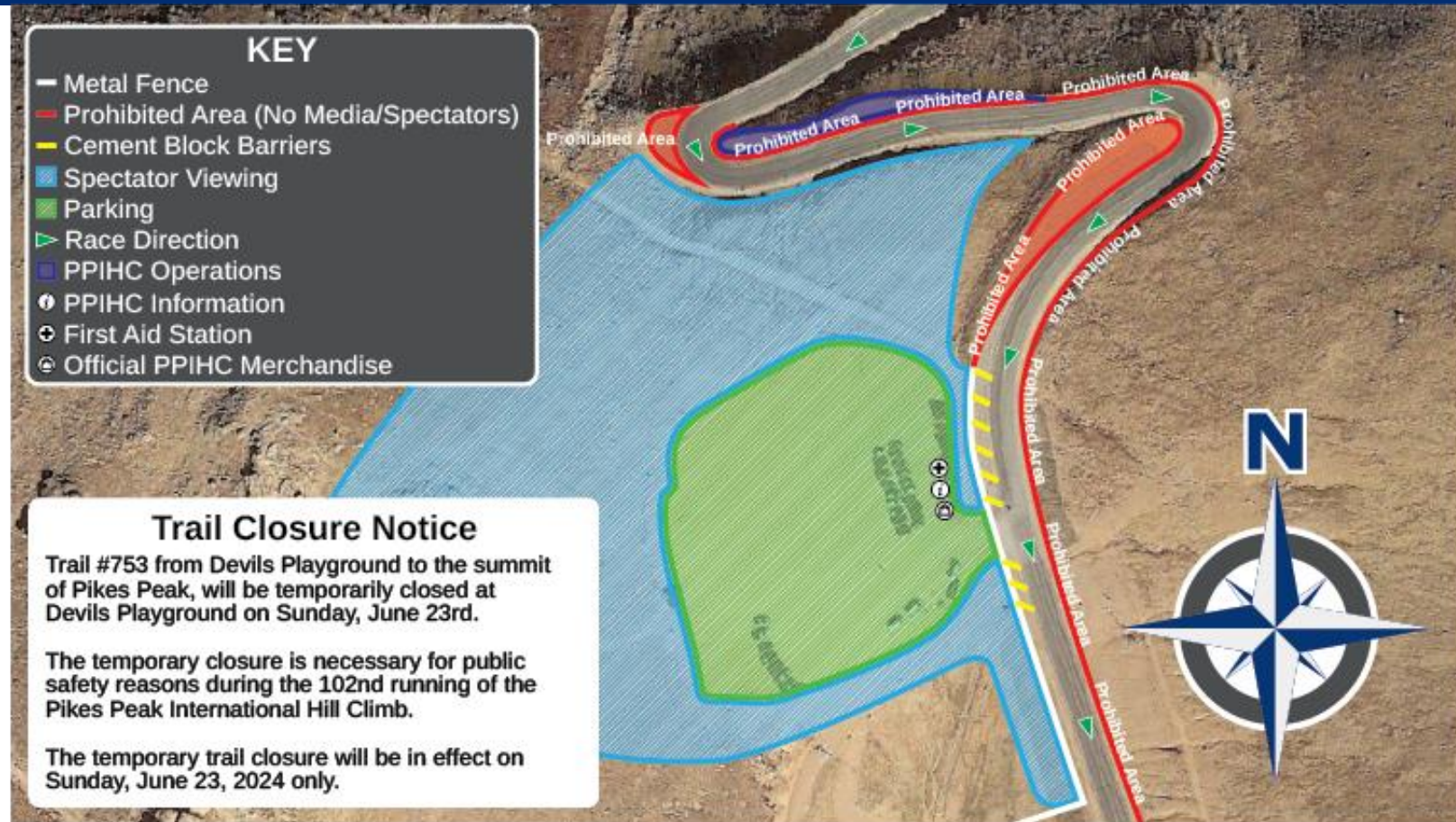
Elevation: 12,780 ft.

Trail #753 from Devils Playground to the summit of Pikes Peak, will be closed on Race Day, June 23.

DEVILS PLAYGROUND

Pay attention to protected areas and tread lightly. USFS is sensitive to PPIHC use of Devils Playground. Please help ensure future use of the area and be great stewards.

We will release a more detailed map closer to the race.



SPECTATOR NOTES

Spectators will be able to watch the race from the hillside above the left-hand hairpin turn and along the straight above the right-hand hairpin. Spectators are only permitted on driver's right, and no spectators will be allowed outside the metal fenced area. Media can NOT shoot from the red areas.

INSIDER TIPS: Packing List

Expect the unexpected on Pikes Peak. A typical June day can start out very sunny and warm, and turn intensely cold with rain, snow, fog or hail.

2024 PPIHC Suggested Essentials:

- Blankets
- Layers (coats, hats, gloves)
- Sturdy shoes
- Sunscreen
- Coolers with food and drink
- Water (lots of water!)
- Cash for food and merch vendors
- Portable AM/FM Radio (KRDO 1240 AM)
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Camp chairs
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella



GETTING TO PIKES PEAK – AMERICA’S MOUNTAIN

From the Colorado Springs Airport (COS) – Official Airport

Official Airport of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb – They’re Colorado’s small *airport*. Small means small lines, small walks to gates, and small waits, but big options on flights and routes to major hubs.

- Exit the Airport on Milton Proby Parkway/Drennan Road
- After approximately 4 miles, turn left on South Academy Blvd
- In approximately 1.8 miles, merge onto I-25 North and continue for approximately 5.7 miles
- Take Exit #141 for US-24/West Cimarron St. and continue West on US 24 for about 9.5 miles
- Turn left onto Fountain Avenue and continue for approximately 0.3 miles
- Take a slight left to continue onto Pikes Peak Highway

From Denver International Airport (DEN)

- Exit the airport on Pena Blvd.
- Take E-470 South (toll road) for about 34 miles
- Exit onto I-25 Southbound to Colorado Springs
- In approximately 55 miles, take Exit #141 for US-24/West Cimarron St
- Continue West on US 24 for about 9.5 miles
- Turn left onto Fountain Avenue and continue for approximately 0.3 miles
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SPECTATOR AREA AMENITIES



Parking



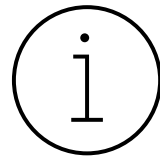
Food vendor (weather permitting)



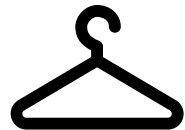
UCHealth First Aid



Portable restrooms and trash cans



Spectator Information tent (race information)

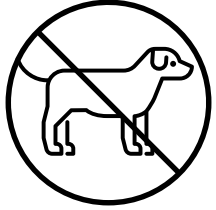


Merchandise (Pits/Turn 1, Halfway Picnic Grounds, Devils Playground)



WiFi available for purchase - all areas except 9 Mile and Cove Creek (live timing and race day X (Twitter) feed, ppihc.org)

RESTRICTIONS



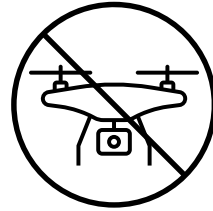
No pets



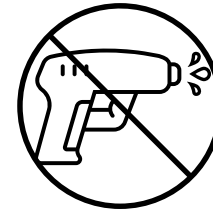
No off-road vehicles
(bicycles, dirt bikes, ATV's, etc.)



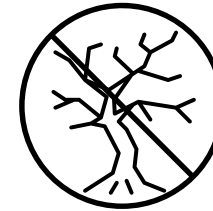
No open fires



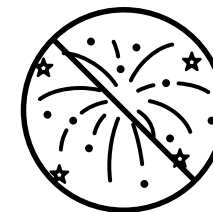
No drones



No firearms



No tree stands or lean-tos



No fireworks

REMEMBER...



We race rain or shine.



Make sure your car is full of gas.



Dress in layers.

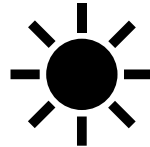


Use a low gear on your descent.

Hot Brakes Fail!



Lightning is common at higher elevations. In the event of lightning or hail, take shelter in your vehicle.



Apply sunscreen frequently.



Drink plenty of water.



Seek help for altitude-related illness

REMINDER: Sign the Spectator Waiver

Once you purchase tickets to the event, you will be sent the spectator waiver to sign.

If you did not receive the waiver, or are not sure if you signed it, do so [HERE](#)

- Every person in the vehicle needs to sign the waiver
- These will be verified at the Gateway

United States Auto Club (USAC)

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Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

United States Auto Club

Valid: March 28 - December 30, 2024





REMINDER: Leave No Trace!

Preservation: The Pikes Peak International Hill Climb is committed to preserving Pikes Peak's beautiful environment, which has provided a thrilling setting for the Race to the Clouds for 100+ years. We have done everything possible to prevent any negative impact on these spectacular surroundings and encourage spectators to do the same by observing these principles of *"Leave No Trace."*

Pack It In / Pack It Out: Please clean up your viewing area before you leave. Take your trash with you until you can dispose of it properly. We encourage recycling.

Tread Lightly: Avoid fragile vegetation. Keep wildlife wild. Stick to trails. Stay off tundra above timberline. No rock climbing. No trench digging to divert water.

*Comply with all Pikes Peak – America's Mountain and
US Forest Service personnel instructions*

REMINDER: Photo Policy



The PPIHC owns all rights for videos/photos that are taken and/or captured by anyone attending the race, including spectators.

Spectators cannot resell any video/photos without permission from the PPIHC. Please direct inquiries to information@ppihc.org.

SAFETY



All spectators must remain behind any fence, or otherwise marked areas that outline the designated viewing areas.

Any area marked as PROHIBITED AREA is a high danger area.

Do NOT stand within prohibited areas under any circumstance.



Everyone in spectator viewing areas is encouraged to have some sort of barrier protection if possible (rocks, trees, and vehicles etc.). Do not stand or sit where a vehicle might strike you. For those who cannot find barrier protection, it is recommended to enjoy the race from higher ground, if possible, to elevate yourself from the race course.

SAFETY

Each spectator is expected to obey requests from PPIHC Race Officials, Staff (including volunteers), Pikes Peak-America's Mountain Park Rangers, US Forest Service, First Responders, and Law Enforcement.

The PPIHC is an exciting event for the whole family, but it can be unpredictable. Bring the kids but keep them under close supervision.

Stay off and away from hay bales.

No movement is allowed between Spectator Viewing Areas.

[View Accident Waiver and Release of Liability](#)



RACE DAY: Ticket Information

Anyone who is 10 years of age and over needs a race ticket.

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)

Tickets will NOT be sold at the Gateway.

Tickets will NOT be sold in-person at any PPIHC event –
ONLINE ONLY.

Tickets prices increase after June 1.

Be prepared to show your digital or printed ticket at the Gateway.

No admittance to the event after 10am on Race Day (even with pre-purchased tickets).

No Trailers / RVs admitted on Race Day.



RACE DAY: Pre-Race Arrival Race Start Time

NEW – You are guaranteed a parking spot in your purchased spectator area. There is no need to arrive before 2:00am.

Spectators can line up starting at 2:00am on Sunday, June 23rd. Spectator traffic will be staged in the Santa's Workshop parking lot until they are released to go uphill at 2:30am.

NEW - Spectators/vehicles are not allowed in line before 2:00am on Sunday. Plan accordingly, no vehicles will be allowed past the Start Line after 5:30am.

Race starts at 7:30am (weather permitting)

Recommended arrival times by spectator area:

- Devils Playground – 2:00am
- Glen Cove – 3:00am
- Cove Creek – 3:00am
- **NEW** - Ski Area – No Race Day Parking
- Halfway Picnic Grounds – 3:30am
- 9 Mile – No Race Day Parking
- Pits / Turn 1 Viewing – 4:30am

Pikes Peak – America's
Mountain Gateway

Santa's Workshop



RACE DAY: Parking Information



All spectators must park in their purchased ticket area. Tickets are verified at each location.

Only uphill traffic is allowed on Race Day morning. It is important to pay attention and pull off at your designated area.

Unless you park below the Pits/Turn 1 Viewing, you will not be able to leave until the race has concluded.

Parking managers will be available at each of the designated parking areas. Please follow their directions and direct questions to them.

No spectator parking will be allowed anywhere along the course. Any vehicles found outside of a designated spectator area without a parking pass will be towed.

No spectators will be permitted above Devils Playground

POST RACE

Parade of Champions



At the completion of the race, spectators will be allowed to stand outside of the fences at their own risk (but behind the white lines of the road) for the Parade of Champions.

Competitors will slowly pull into the area, closely packed up.

DO NOT APPROACH A MOVING CAR! Do not touch cars or drivers.

Vehicles will slowly move through the area as competitors wave to the fans.

LOUD CHEERS FROM THE FANS ARE ENCOURAGED!

Parade will then proceed to the next spectator area.

POST RACE

Law Enforcement will release each spectator area.

Once all competitors have descended from the summit, spectators will be released from the top of the mountain to the bottom.

Downhill traffic - use *BOTH* lanes from Devils Playground to Crowe Gulch, *approximately 3 – 4 miles below Start Line*, where traffic merges into one lane.

Spectator area release order:

Devils Playground (follows Parade of Champions)

Cove Creek (follows Devils Playground last car)

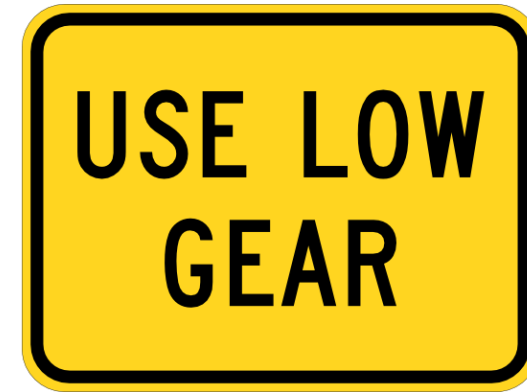
Glen Cove (follows Cove Creek last car)

Ski Area (follows Glen Cove last car)

Halfway Picnic Grounds (follows Ski Area last car)

9 Mile (follows Halfway Picnic Grounds last car)

All traffic will be directed East onto Highway 24. No left turns.



Use a low gear on your descent.
Hot Brakes Fail!

WHO WILL YOU SEE ON THE MOUNTAIN?

It takes 100s of committed people from our Community to make this race happen! Please be respectful and say THANK YOU!

- Competitors and Crew Members
- PPIHC Race Officials, Safety Team and Staff
- Spectator Information Officers (SIO)
- Volunteers – Crosswalks and Parking Areas
- Pikes Peak – America's Mountain Staff
- US Forest Service
- El Paso and Teller County Sheriff
- Search and Rescue
- Local Fire Departments
- First Aid Volunteers
- Media - Photographers and Videographers
- Merchandise/Souvenir Sales Team
- Food Vendors
- Private Security
- Wildlife



GEAR UP FOR RACE DAY: JUNE 23

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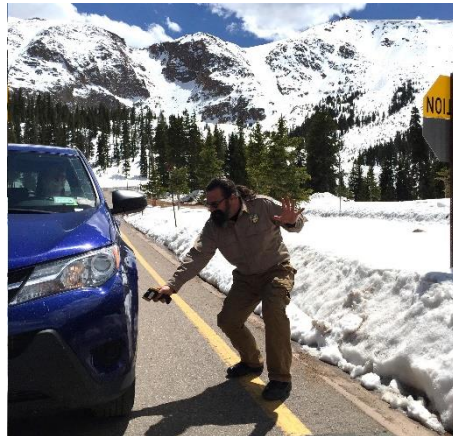
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102nd Running – The 102nd race on Pikes Peak. The race was started in 1916, but no competition was held during WWI and WWII.

Cog Railway – Historic railway to the summit of Pikes Peak. Open to the public on race day

Crystal Reservoir – Shuttle pickup location and visitors center below the Start Line

Fan Fest – Street festival welcoming 35,000 fans on Friday night prior to the race in downtown Colorado Springs



Family Pack – A ticket admitting 2 or more spectators in a single vehicle – family or friends!

Gateway – Entrance to Pikes Peak – America's Mountain. Tickets will be checked here

Gear Down – Using a low gear when driving down the mountain to keep brakes from failing due to overheating.

Green Flag – Signals to the driver they may begin their run

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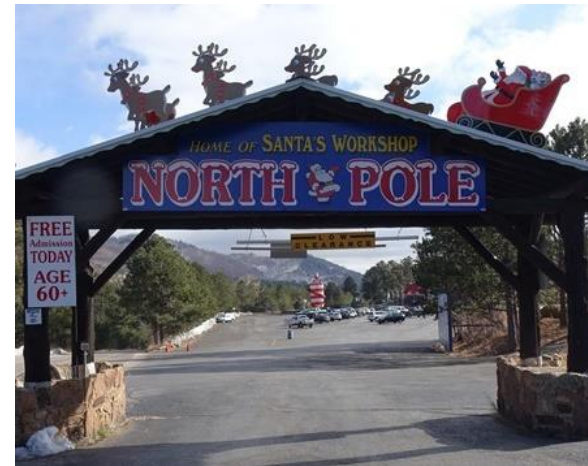
King of the Mountain – Each year's driver with the overall fastest time

Launch Area – Starting grid staging prior to taking the green flag

Opening Ceremonies – Pre-race driver's meeting, National Anthem, and invocation

Open Fires – A flame without an on/off switch – prohibited on Pikes Peak

Parade of Champions – Post-race parade of competitors returning from the Summit to the Pit area



PPIHC – Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

Qualifying – A competitor's fastest time from the Start Line to Glen Cove, this determines race day run order

Race Director – Directs on-course action on race day

Rookie – First time competitor on Pikes Peak / Never taken a green flag

Run Order – The order in which drivers take the green flag on race day

Santa's Workshop – Colorado amusement park just below the Gateway

PPIHC LINGO

Start Line – Timing each competitor's run begins here



Summit / Finish Line – 14,115' top of Pikes Peak, timing ends here



Switchbacks / "Ws" – Tight hairpin turns below Devils Playground



Tech Inspection – Pre-race event on the Monday of Race Week, held at the Broadmoor World Arena to certify safety and legality of vehicles



Tree Line – The elevation in which trees no longer grow, around 11,500 ft. in Colorado

Waiver – Insurance mandated release of liability