



2011 USA Pro Cycling Challenge
Stage 4 – Avon to Steamboat Springs – August 26, 2011
Spectator Advisory

After three days of doing a lot of vertical, the sprinters will have their first day to shine. The climbing is pretty limited on Stage 4. In fact, there are no KOMs. Even though the average speed should be the highest of any day of the 2011 USA Pro Cycling Challenge, you will have just enough time to see the race start and make it to the finish in Steamboat Springs.

Basic Information

- The race starts at 12:30pm in Avon and finishes in Steamboat Springs at 4:00pm
- Teams will arrive at 11:00am. Rider sign-in begins at 11:30am
- There are three key places to watch Stage 4
 - Avon – race start
 - Oak Creek – (Sprint)
 - Steamboat Springs – race finish
- Here is what you can do:
 - Watch the start in Avon and take Stage 5 in reverse (take I-70 to Silverthorne and then take Hwy 9 to Hwy 40 to Steamboat. The trip should take 2.5 hours. The race will take 3.5 hours to make it to Steamboat. **Check for road construction on Hwy 9 with CDOT.**
 - Leave well before the race start and make it to any point on the course
- Here is what you can't do (based on time or lack of alternate routes or both):
 - There is only one alternate route to Steamboat Springs. With possible road construction on Hwy 9, you will have very little time to stop for gas or food and make it to Steamboat Springs in time to find parking and see the finish.
 - Get to the finish from the KOM
- **Race recommendation:** *Leave the start before the race leaves and make it to Steamboat Springs just in time to see the race finish. Spend the night and see the start of Stage 5.*
- Be a good spectator and don't leave any trash for others to clean up along the race route
- Please respect this route and **DO NOT PAINT** on the roads (even chalk paint). If you want to place a slogan on the route, please use chalk.

The Colorado State Patrol, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the US Forest Service, is committed to making the USA Pro Cycling Challenge a world class event for the race participants, citizens of Colorado, and spectators. Therefore, in keeping with the bicycle racing tradition of spectator access, here are the guidelines for camping and roadside parking along Colorado State Highways:

- Parking and camping will be allowed along Colorado highway right of ways as long as it meets the following conditions:
 - Roadside parking/camping can be in place no more than 24 hours in advance of the time the race is expected to pass that location.
 - All vehicles, including trailers, must be parked off the traveled portion of the highway, this includes all shoulders, gore points, divided highway areas and access to private property.
 - All vehicles, including trailers, may not pose a safety risk to the motoring public regardless of parking or camping area.
 - All spectators will ensure their areas are clean of debris and trash after they leave.

If the area becomes overwhelmed with vehicles, including trailers, or the number of vehicles in an area is deemed excessive, CDOT and CSP may clear the area and require vehicles to move to another location.

Regarding road closures, this is a “Full road closure event”. Traffic can follow the race, but cannot pass. Traffic will be allowed to cross the race route, up until about 10 minutes before the race reaches the intersection. Traffic will be able to make a turn and follow the same direction of the race, up until 15 minutes before the race reaches the intersection. Traffic coming into the race will be handled by CSP in a variety of ways. On lightly travel roads, CSP will pull cars over to the side of the road as the race is approaching. On mountain passes, the roads will be closed up to two hours before the race reaches the base of the climb and/or the summit and begins the descent.

Plan ahead and allow ample time to make it to your destination and to find legal parking.

Bicycles will be allowed on the race route at all times, but you will be asked to dismount, as the race approaches.

For information on road closures go to
www.usaprocyclingchallenge.com or www.cotrip.org