

Key takeaways: Water and resupply was comparatively easy/plentiful, so glad I was on a hardtail, lots more singletrack/HAB than I was anticipating (my bad for not digging more into recon), almost no bugs, it was typically warmer up high and colder down low, tons of good camping options but lots in burned areas w/widowmakers, gorgeous scenery, incredible community, really special race. **Good job and thank you Norb** even though I wanted to throat punch you a couple times lol. Will write up some other thoughts soon and post to our blog <https://wheelyadventurous.com>.

Mile	To Next	Svcs	Details	Notes
35.6	10.6	W	Spring (look for gravel parking area on the right)	Aside from a couple of miles of riverbed-style rocky road on the way up the Bonneville climb (I think?) all 128 miles of day 1 was really nice smooth rolling champagne gravel. Had some headwinds but otherwise really nice.
46.2	27.8	FW	Y-Stop Store - off-route on Long Gulch Rd. 11-6 Wed. Prairie Store closed Wed.	
74	11	All	Pine. Nitz Pine Store 2 blocks off-route 8a-8p. Pine Cafe 8a-8p.	
85	2.2	All	Featherville. Trinity Mt Cafe (took over Cyndie's) closed Wed; 8a-8p Th. General Store: W-Th 8a-8p. Maybe Featherville saloon.	
87.2	7.9	C	Abbott Campground. FCFS. Vault toilet. No water	Several other campgrounds between here and Baumgartner but none with water.
95.1	14.4	CW	Baumgartner Campground. Recreation.gov. Hot springs in the campground.	
109.5	5.5	FW	Smoky Bar Store 10-5. Convenience store, cabins.	Can filter at the creek here if they are closed. They stayed open past 6pm in 2023. Had hot dogs, water refill jugs, good beverage and snack options for purchase.
115	13.5	C	Five Points Campground off-route 0.2 mi Couch Smt Rd. Vault toilet, no water, no fee.	
128.5	23.9		Top of Dollarhide climb	Nice camping spots at the top. Very cold descent the next morning. Wore all my layers except rain pants and regretted that but evidently not enough to stop and put them on.
152.4	11.3	All	Ketchum. Bigwood bakery/cafe 8-2:30. Grumpy's 11a-9p. Atkinson's Market 7a-8p. Base Camp gas station 6am-midnight. KB's Burritos 10a-9p.	The singletrack out of Ketchum was much slower moving than I expected. Bunch of HAB on the way up then skinny loose rock rollers, some steep. Last 4 miles were fun and rideable though.
163.7	0.4		Harriman Trail starts	Harriman Trail is nice easy rolling but had headwind so slower than expected. Didn't make it in time to get lunch at Galena Lodge before they closed.
164.1	1.9	CW	North Fork Campground. Vault toilet.	
166	4	CW	Wood River Campground.	
170	12.3	CW	Easley Campground	
182.3	4.3	FW	Galena Lodge. Lunch 11-3:30. Pastries/Coffee 9-5. 0.1 mi off-route. R on Titus Creek, L on 75, R on Gladiator.	Last reliable water until the Salmon River but they close at 5pm. HAB and water crossings here to summit. Can bivvy at lodge apparently(?) Exterior outlet. The climb up Titus was tough. The first 2.5 miles was rideable in chunks but then patches of technical/steep so on and off the bike a lot. Lots of little creeks in here but it had rained so not sure if they'd be perennial. The last 1.5 miles of the climb up Galena was brutal HAB. Crazy steep, unrelenting, no place to rest. Very slow moving. Nice views.
186.6	8.9	W	Galena summit - can filter in Titus Creek	Filtered in Titus Lake - nice water. The first 2 miles of the descent down off Galena is technical singletrack (rocks, drops, big roots, very steep). I HAB'ed most of it. At the end of it, you have a partial highway mile then sweet, scenic gravel downhill into a valley. There's a sheepherder in this valley. No camping in this valley until after you cross the highway (sheep dogs will bark/chase).
195.5	20.5	FW	Smiley Creek Lodge 2 mi off-route. Restaurant F-Su 9a-5p. Deli 9a-5p all. Bathroom open after 5 for water.	
216	10.6	W?	Fisher Creek area - possible filter options	Very wet and cold in the early miles of this loop. Not great for camping until you get up higher. Nice climb until higher up and then it's some HAB. Nice descent then have a second climb. Super fun singletrack descents. Some skinny hillside cut exposure. Lots of creek crossings in the first part of the first climb and in the valley after the first descent but then I think was mostly dry after that.
226.6	9.6	W	Cross the Salmon River. Redfish Ridge starts here - could be slow. Babyheads, HAB.	Redfish Ridge was indeed slow. Lots and lots of babyheads.

236.2	1.5	CW	Redfish Outlet Campground, Sockeye Campground	
237.7	7.4	FCW	Redfish Lake Lodge: Dining options are open 7a-9p. General Store open 9a-9p. Public bathroom with water in the recreation complex.	More slow going and HAB in the first half of this section between here and Stanley. Then it opens up onto a beautiful gravel path with epic mountain views.
245.1	11	All	Stanley. Stanley Baking Company & Cafe YUM-looking breakfast/lunch 7a-2p Airport Rd. Mountain Village Mercantile & Sinclair Eva Falls Rd 7a-10p both.	Stock up with extra food in Stanley if the new 16 mile section from 2023 is kept for 2024. The climb out of Stanley is nice rolling and gorgeous.
256.1	16.9	CW	Stanley Lake Campground	Lots of camping between here and next but no potable water sources so need to filter. There was some babyhead action in here. Some really nice camping options but cold.
273	15.6		New for 2023 next 16.5 mi	Cape Reflection HAB was a severely eroded, intensely steep gully - lots of stopping to assess where best to hoist the front wheel next and where to place feet. Descent on the other side is somewhat rideable but some steep/loose parts and water crossings (mostly rideable). Then the Cape Horn up and over was almost all HAB - 7 miles I believe. Steep, hot, sandy, loose climb up then rocky over the top and rocky/steep down the other side. Once you get off the singletrack and onto gravel, it's a glorious descent down into Bear Valley but then some washboard and headwinds slowed me down.
288.6	7.9	W	Cape Horn Spring approx 1.3 mi after turning left after Cape Horn summit	I never spotted this.
296.5	22.2	W	Bear Valley Creek (filter)	I tried to filter here but it was very silty so gave up and decided to wait until one of the campgrounds. Awesome trail angels Mike and Ashley had a popup tent here with watermelon, gatorade, oranges, and more and also big hugs even though I was filthy.
318.7	1.7	CW	Riverside Campground (Lowman)	
320.4	4.4	CW	Hower's Campground (on Deadwood Reservoir)	Refilled on water here. Easier to access it from the road than Riverside Lowman was. After this point, there were some little climbs that were momentum-slowers before the climb up Scott officially started. I was annoyed by them haha. But nice rolling gravel. No water at all from halfway up Scott (filter at creek crossings) until somewhere after Ail Trail.
324.8	18.7	CW	Cozy Cove Campground	
343.5	0		Scott Mountain summit	Really nice camping options up here in the two miles prior to the summit.
343.5	16.5		New for 2023 next 23 mi	Ail Trail singletrack. Mostly unrideable for me. Lots of aggressive woody overgrowth, some rock outcroppings, loose rock in trail bed, steep. Tough to even HAB due to vegetation and skinny tread. Lots of pedal bites. The only time on the race that I lost my shit and rage-screamed profanity (twice). Was so glad I didn't try to do this in the dark. Pretty views. No water. Eventually, it opens up into more of a two-track with some ephemeral-seeming creeks. Then get onto awesome champagne gravel long fast descent through canyon along Anderson Creek. Very cold in there. Creek is below grade so could be tough to filter.
360	26.9	FW	Garden Valley. Chevron M-Sa 6a-10p, Sun 7a-9p. Subway in the Chevron 7a-9p daily (dude on the phone "thinks").	From here to Placerville (i.e. Mordor) was slower than I thought it would be (following the trend of this whole race haha) so in retrospect, I'd fill up with more food and fluids in case I miss Placerville services. The 10-mile climb up into Mordor was hot and dry but rideable. Then there are several climbs across the top that have steep and eroded sections so I was on and off the bike a bit. More hot and dry along this whole top. For whatever reason, I cannot remember the descent into Placerville.

386.9	17.4	FW	Placerville. My Place Market 8a-6p. 1 block off-route on Granite (stay straight instead of turning right onto Main). Water in fridge by fire station next to market? Spring half mile up the road if desperate (see POI).	Water in Placerville is not potable (even the municipal supply) due to mining contamination. So buying a gallon at the store is the only option. I didn't notice the fridge folks had said would be at the fire station. Previous riders left behind the remains of the gallons they'd purchased (as did I) but it was very hot outside so the water was warm and this wouldn't be a reliable source of course. The shop was good though with typical decent convenience store fare. The climb up Shafer butte was a wide washboard road with moderate traffic for the first couple of miles. No shade and hot. Then you turn off to a smaller road for the rest of the climb. Riding along the ridge at the top was super fun. There were many small creeks flowing in the Bogus Basin area. Shingle Creek (I think?) had some exposure and vegetation overgrowth. I was not stoked to be doing it at night. Also some HAB (I think mostly on Corrals) so it's definitely not "all downhill to Boise" from Bogus.
404.3	13.1	W	Spring 0.6 mi after left turn at Shafer Butte campground	I didn't notice this spring.
417.4	11.5	W	Good water to filter from confluence of creeks	I missed this.
428.9			FINISH	