

# 2024 PPIHC SPECTATOR GUIDE

Know before you go!



# 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



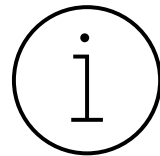
Food vendor (weather permitting)



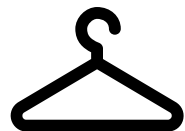
UCHealth First Aid



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](http://ppihc.org))



# RESTRICTIONS



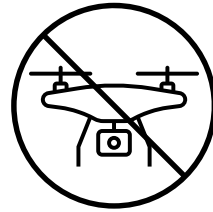
**No pets**



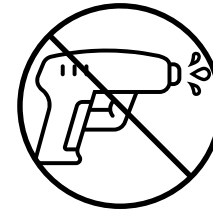
**No off-road vehicles  
(bicycles, dirt bikes, ATV's, etc.)**



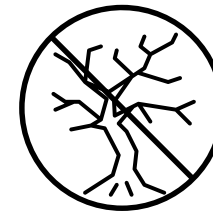
**No open fires**



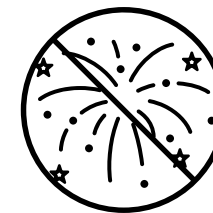
**No drones**



**No firearms**

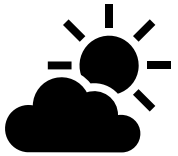


**No tree stands or lean-tos**



**No fireworks**

# REMEMBER...



We race rain or shine.



Make sure your car is full of gas.



Dress in layers.

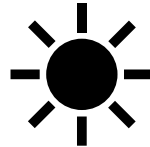


Use a low gear on your descent.

***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)

[Save options](#)

## 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](mailto: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](#)





# PRACTICE / QUALIFYING: How does it work?



Practice / Qualifying takes place Tuesday – Friday before Race Day.

- Run time is from 5:00am – 8:30am

The course is split into 3 sections.

- Start Line to Glen Cove
- Glen Cove to Devils Playground
- Devils Playground to the Summit

The competitors are put into pre-determined groups and rotate through all three sections, each getting one day on each section Tuesday – Thursday.

Friday is an optional practice day for all competitors.

A competitor's qualifying time is their fastest time on the lower section.



# PRACTICE / QUALIFYING: How to Spectate

## Practice Day Tickets:

- Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)
- Tickets will not be sold at the Gateway.
- Tickets are sold by person and by day.
- Practice days are June 18, 19, 20 and 21.

## Gateway Information:

- All spectators must sign a liability waiver before entry.
- Gates are open from 4:00am to 5:00am.
- The Start Line closes to uphill traffic at 4:45 am.
- If viewing from Devils Playground, arrive at the Gateway at 4:00 am.

## Viewing Information

- **NEW** – All spectators must watch the race from one of two designated areas, Pits/Turn 1 or Devils Playground.
- No movement along the course once practice has started.



# CAMPING



## Permit Information:

- Limited camping permits for Saturday night, June 22nd are available for \$300 per space. These do sell out.
- One camping permit required per car or motorcycle.
- **REMEMBER: All campers must also purchase a race ticket.**

## Four camping areas:

- 9 Mile (tent camping only)
- Halfway Picnic Grounds
- Ski Area
- Glen Cove
- Please refer to the [Yokohama Course Map](#) before choosing your location.



# CAMPING: Reminders and Restrictions



These are not traditional campgrounds.

- Be prepared for dry camping.
- NO RV hookups.
- NO permanent facilities.
- You will need to pack in / pack out all needed supplies
- You may be parked close to another camper, space is limited.

There are no provisions to dispose of gray or black water from self-contained trailers and/or motor homes.

- This waste must be disposed of at an approved sanitary disposal (not available on Pikes Peak).

Restrictions:

- Open fires are prohibited.
- Gas and propane stoves with shut-off valves are allowed (pending any local restrictions, laws or bans).

# CAMPING: Check-in and Arrival Instructions



Gate 3

Gateway opens to campers, Saturday, June 22 at 11:00am and closes at 6:00pm.

Campers *will not be allowed to line up at the Gateway before 11:00am* on Saturday. This will be strictly enforced so regular Tourist traffic is not blocked. Early arrivals will be turned around.

Campers will NOT be able to park, stage, or wait in the Santa's Workshop parking lot.

*All campers must enter through Gate 3 (Far Right Lane).*

**LENGTH RESTRICTION:** Maximum length of motorhomes (Class A, B or C) and 5th wheels or trailers is 26 ft. (does not include tow vehicle or tongue/bumper).  
RV/Trailer length will be strictly enforced.

Camping permits are restricted to the camping site designated on the front of the permit and will be checked at each area.



# CAMPING: Area Specific Information

- 9 Mile
  - 9 Mile is tent/car camping only.
  - No motor homes, 5th wheels or trailers allowed.
  - No minibuses and/or any vehicles with more than 6 seats are allowed.
  - 9 Mile is only available to overnight campers. No additional Race Day parking is available
- Ski Area
  - **NEW** – Ski Area is only available to overnight campers. No additional Race Day parking is available.



# 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)

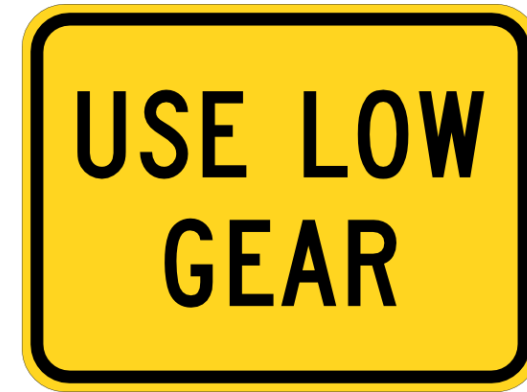
Glen Cove (follows Cove Creek last car)

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!***

# SPECTATOR AREA SPECIFIC GUIDES

We've created spectator guides for each viewing area that includes additional information to help you be even more prepared for optimal race enjoyment!

Pits / Turn 1

9 Mile

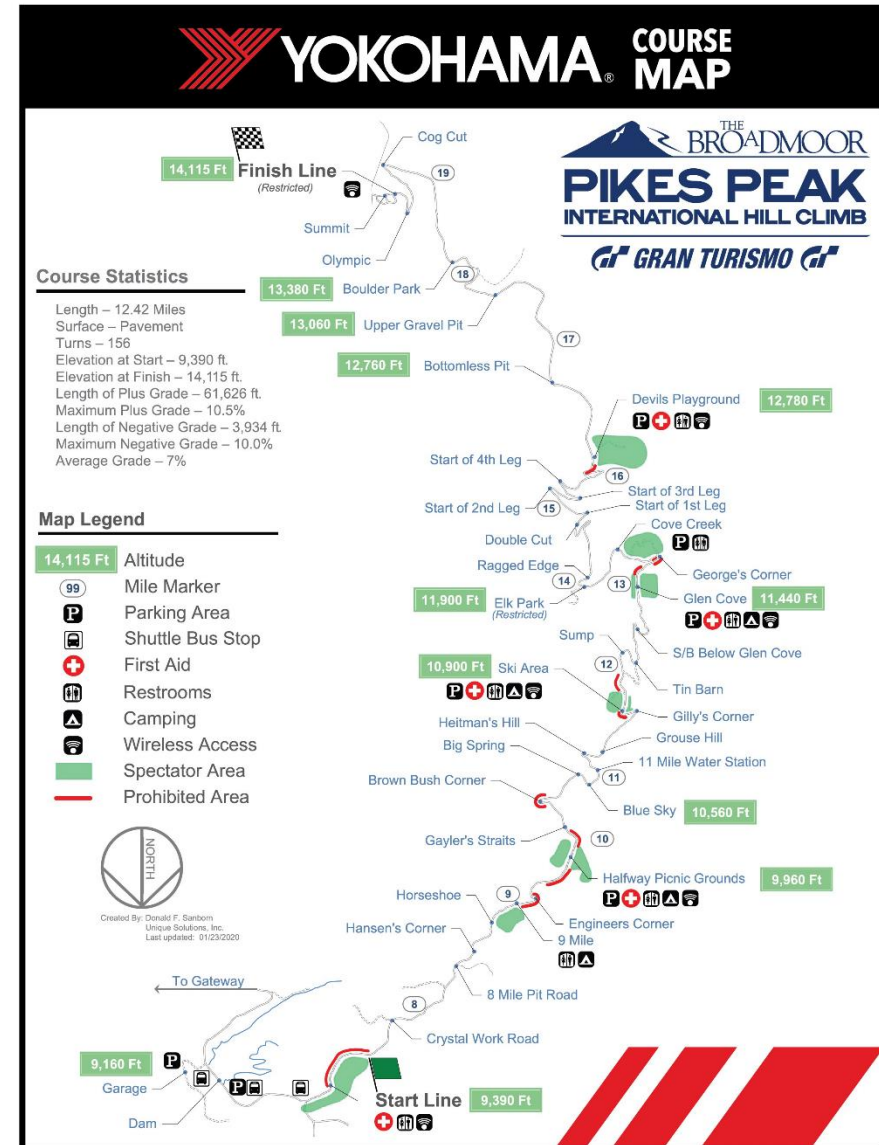
Halfway Picnic Grounds

Ski Area

Glen Cove

Cove Creek

Devils Playground





# PITS/TURN 1 VIEWING



Access to competitor pits and sponsor activations, children must be accompanied by an adult in these areas

Arrive late (but before 10am) and leave anytime

Visit vendor booths

Watch opening ceremonies

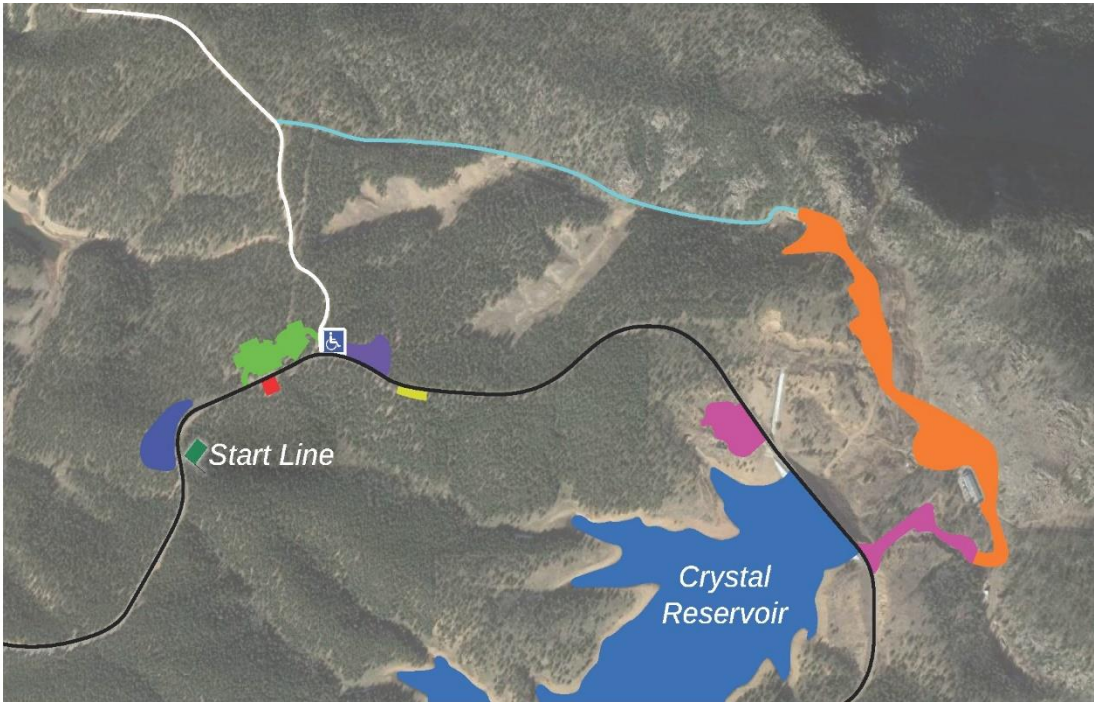
Enjoy livestream/live timing on big screen

View 1<sup>st</sup> mile of race course (accessed by foot, must walk through forest terrain)

Lower elevation: 9,390ft



# PITS/TURN 1 PARKING



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|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Start Line          | Permit A - Timing Woods | Spectator Parking      | Pikes Peak Highway     |
| Handicap Accessible | Permit B - Reserved     | OPTIMA® Batteries Pits | Catamount Road Parking |
| Pirelli Pavilion    | Permit C - Bus Loop     | Comp. Trailer Parking  | Competitor Access Road |

There is no reserved parking at the Turn 1 / Pits viewing area.

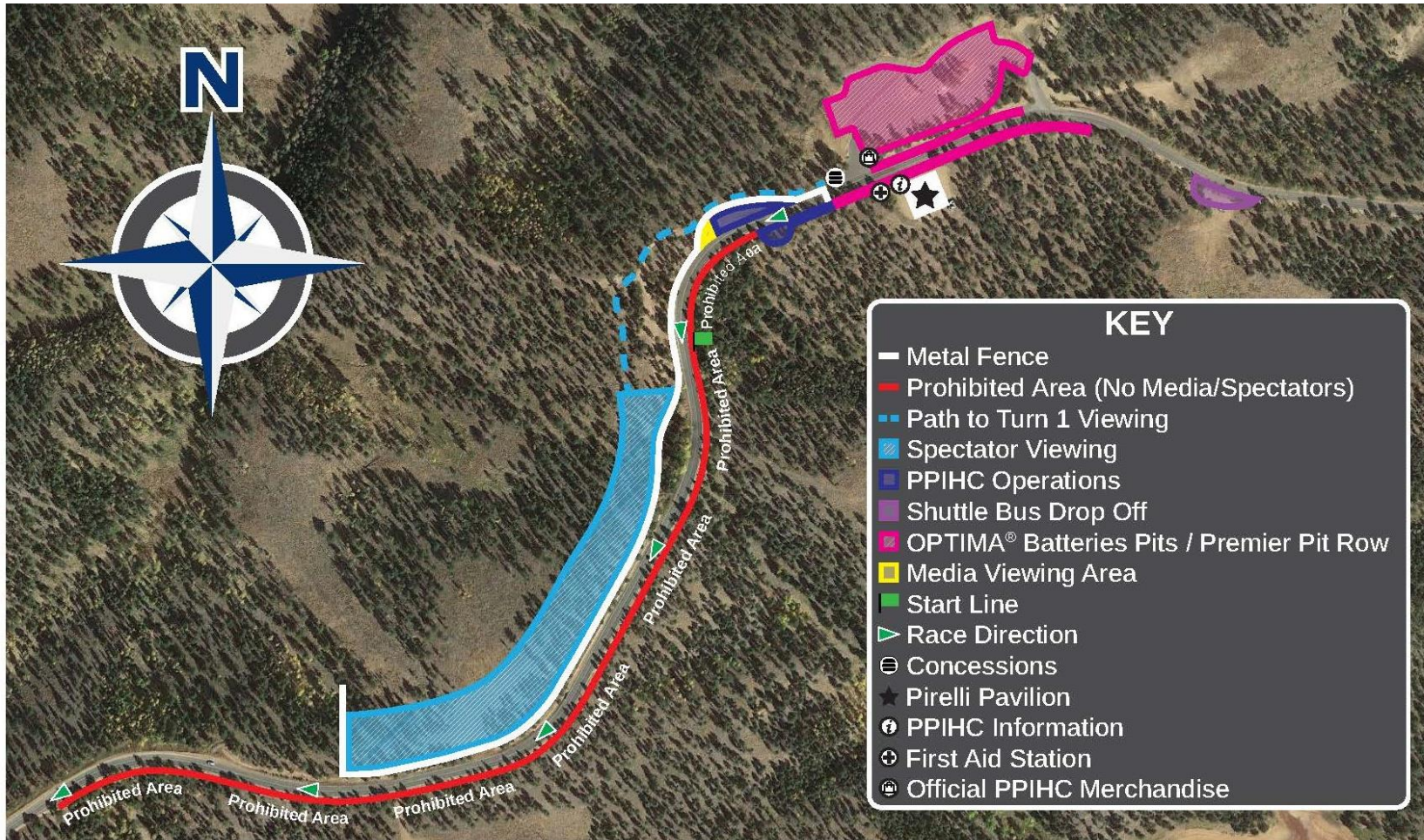
Spectators can park in designated parking areas until full (pink areas on map), then they must be prepared to park along the road and walk uphill to a shuttle stop.

PPIHC and Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain Staff will direct you. Please comply with their instructions.

If you need handicap parking or anticipate any mobility issues, please contact [information@ppihc.org](mailto:information@ppihc.org) in advance.



# PITS/TURN 1 MAP



## SPECTATOR NOTES

Spectators will only be able to view the race from the areas within the metal fencing along driver's right. There is absolutely NO spectating outside the metal fenced area. Spectators are allowed to walk through the Pits. Media can NOT shoot from the red areas along driver's left.

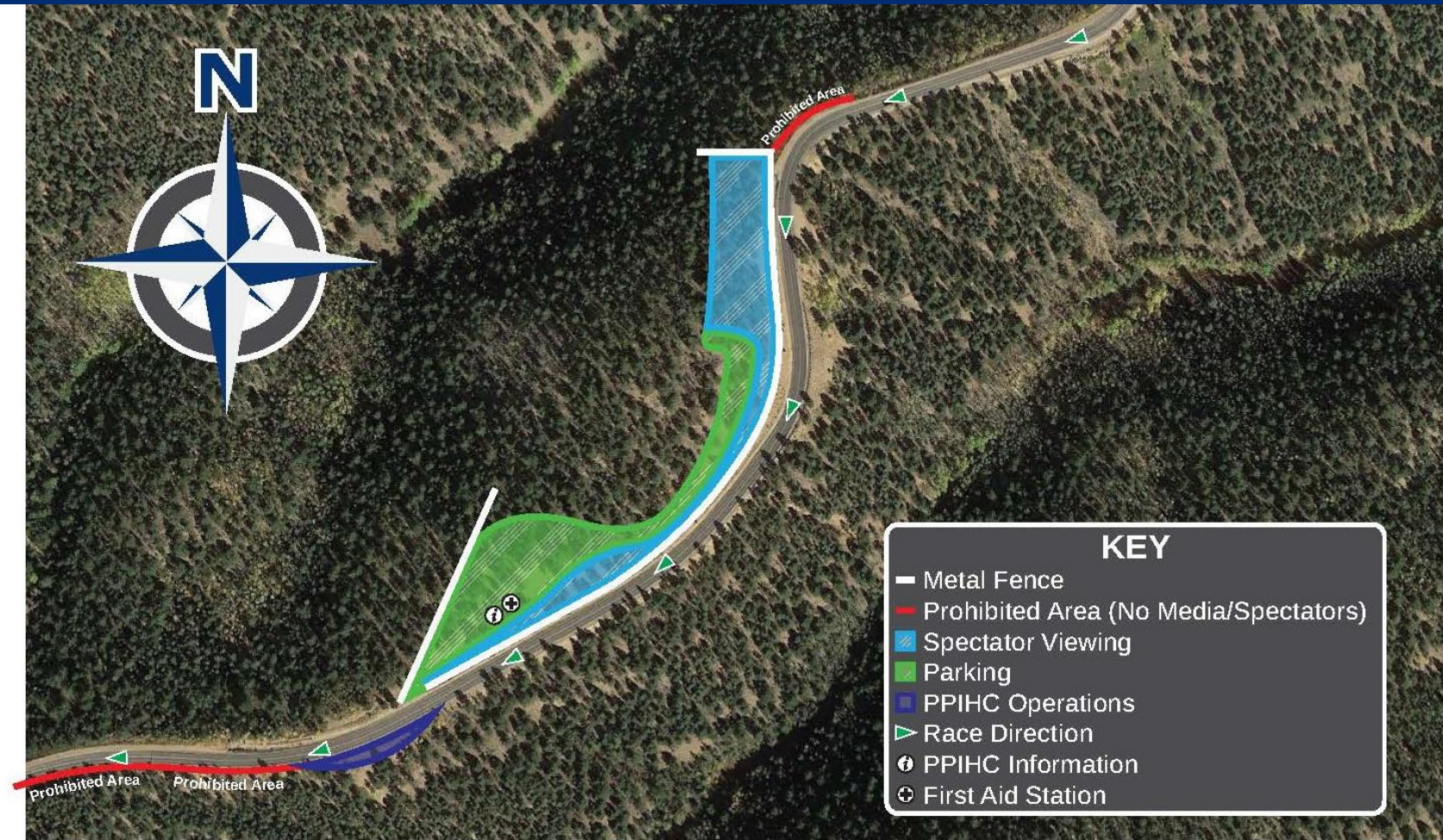


# 9 MILE (CAMPING ONLY)

Exclusive viewing for camping permit holders. Only 50 permits sold here!

High-speed sweeping right hand turn just below the infamous Engineers Corner

Lower elevation: 9,520ft



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# HALFWAY PICNIC GROUNDS

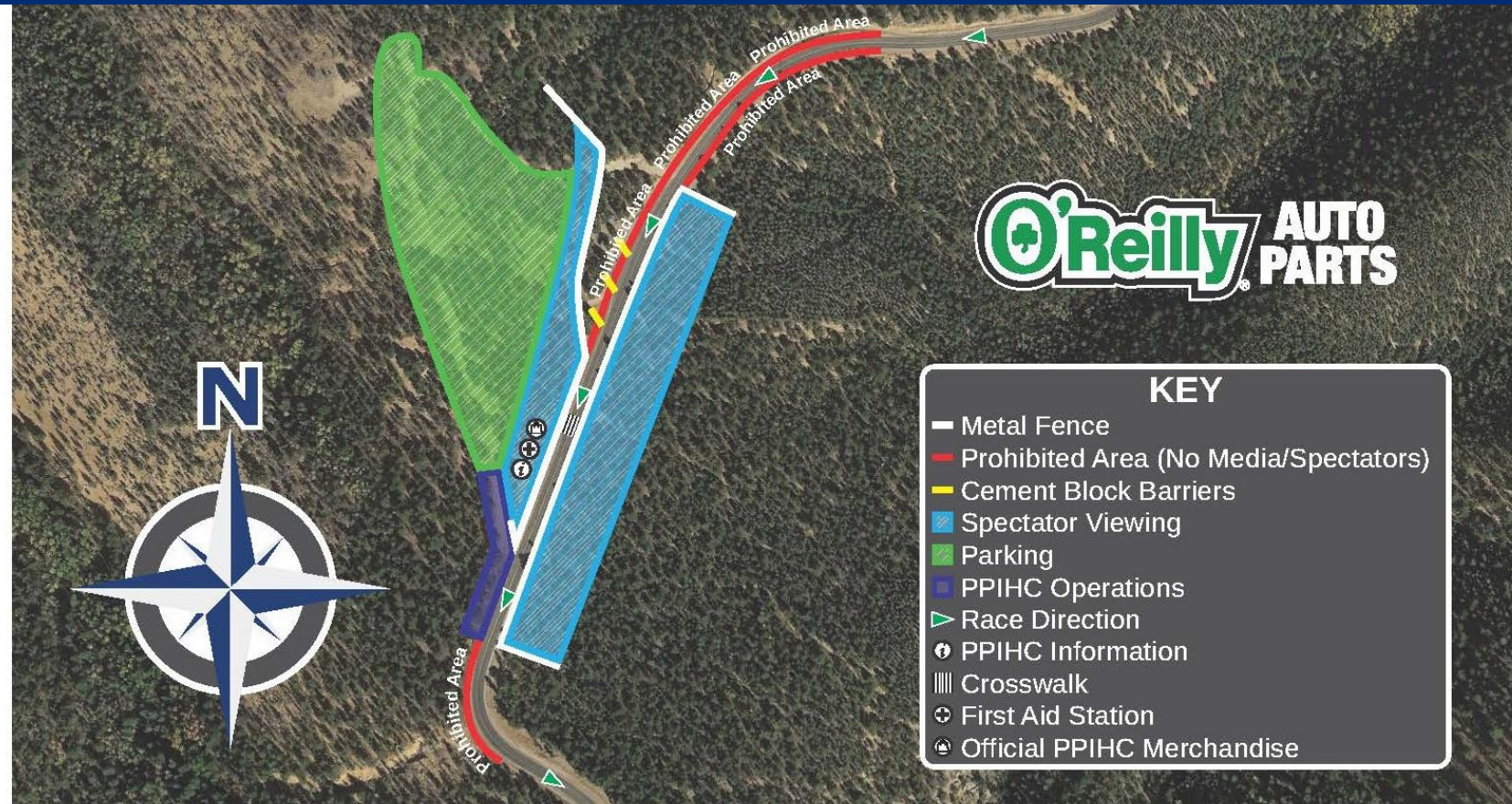
Sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts

Longest straightaway, cars at top speeds

Viewing on both sides of the course

ONLY cross at monitored crosswalks

Elevation: 9,960ft



## SPECTATOR NOTES

Spectators will only be able to view the race from the areas within the metal fencing along driver's right and left. There is absolutely NO spectating outside the metal fenced area. Spectators wanting to view the race from driver's left must cross the crosswalk only when deemed safe by the official monitoring the crosswalk. Media can NOT shoot from the red areas.



# SKI AREA (NEW for 2024 - CAMPING ONLY)



Exclusive viewing for camping permit holders

Sharp right-hand turn into a straightaway

Viewing on both sides of the course

ONLY cross at monitored crosswalks

Be prepared to climb a steep hill for a better vantage point

Elevation: 10,900 ft

Operated as the Pikes Peak Ski Area from 1939-1984



## SPECTATOR NOTES

Spectators will only be able to view the race from the areas within the metal fencing along driver's right and left. There is absolutely NO spectating outside the metal fenced area.

Spectators wanting to view the race from driver's right must cross the crosswalk only when deemed safe by the official monitoring the crosswalk. Media can NOT shoot from the red areas.



# GLEN COVE

Fast straightaway that narrows to a single lane as the drivers begin their climb toward tree line

Listen to sounds of race cars bouncing off the mountain sides

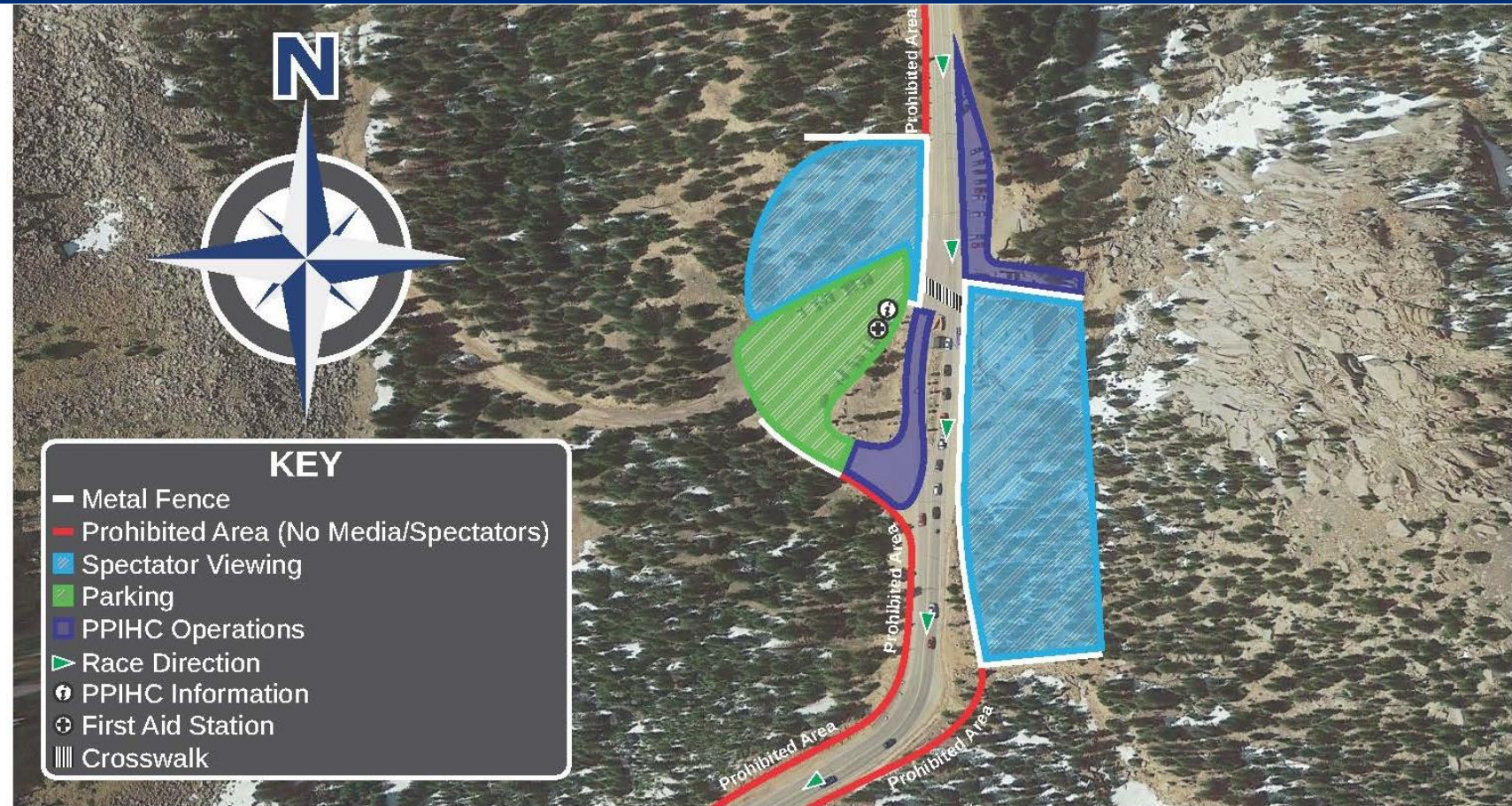
Viewing on both sides of the course

ONLY cross at monitored crosswalks

Be prepared to climb higher for a better vantage point.

Access to the Historic Glen Cove Inn and amenities

Elevation: 11,440ft.



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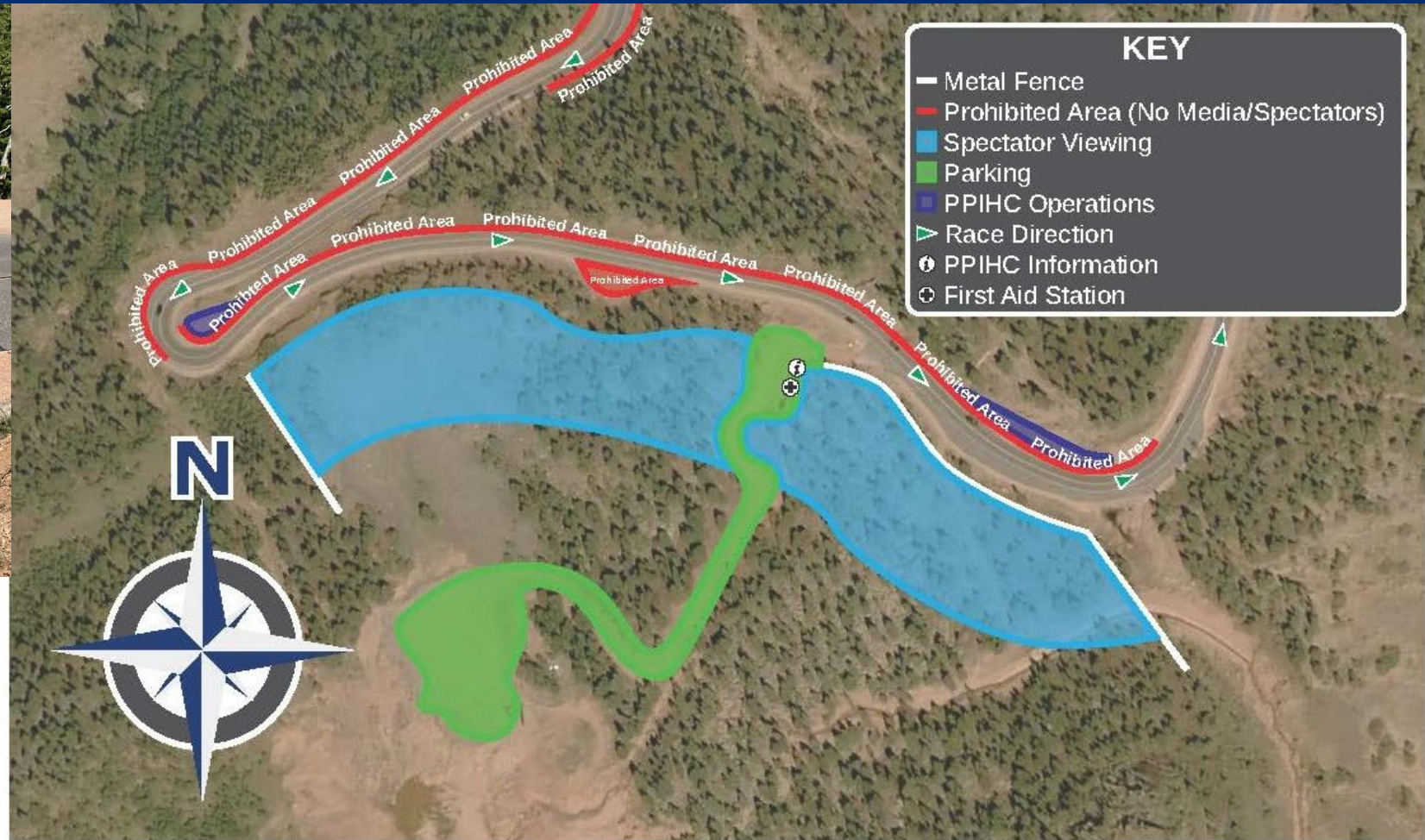
# COVE CREEK



Watch a fast straightaway followed by a sharp left-hand run.

Look up above the trees to watch as competitors traverse the Ws

Elevation: 11,656ft.



## SPECTATOR NOTES

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# 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.

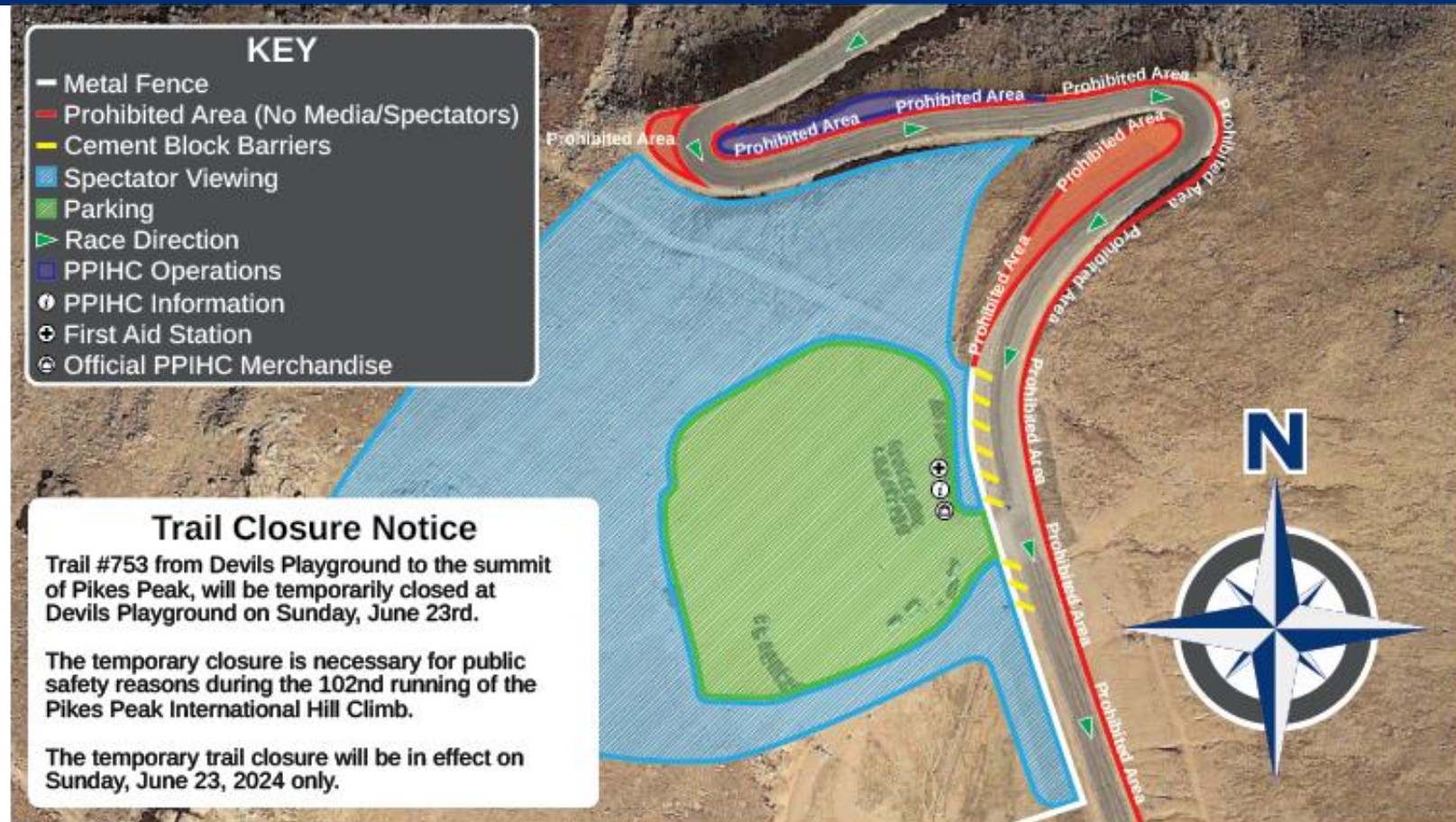
Trail #753 from Devils Playground to the summit of Pikes Peak, will be closed on Race Day, June 23.



# 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.



# 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

Follow PPIHC on social media

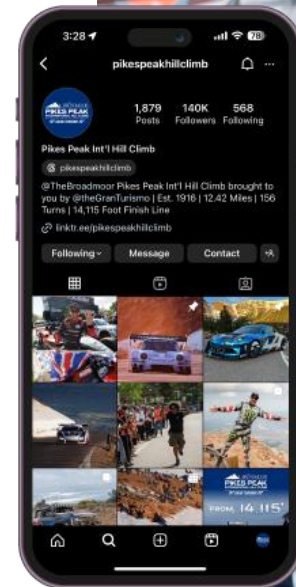


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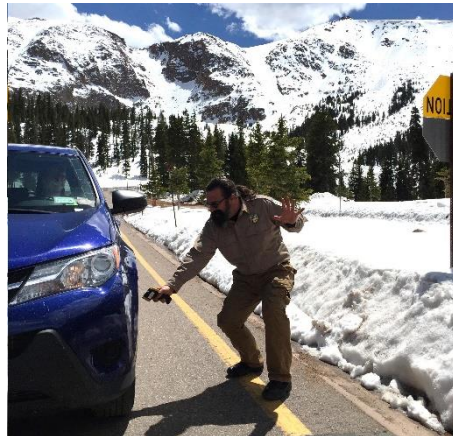
# PPIHC LINGO

**102<sup>nd</sup> Running** – The 102<sup>nd</sup> 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



# PPIHC LINGO

**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