

Camping & Parking: Salida Ranger District, San Isabel NF

To view the USA Pro Cycle Challenge, Wednesday August 22, 2012

Stage 3: Gunnison to Aspen

Cottonwood Pass Access:

- Cottonwood Pass will be open from the Pass east to the Forest Boundary, before and after the racers compete. [Chaffee County will coordinate the closing and opening of this road.](#)

Parking:

- Parking is allowed in most places along the race course from Cottonwood Pass (only 30 parking places) east to the Forest boundary, with the exception of areas that have been closed off for resource protection. Please leave space for access thru Forest Service Gates and closed off areas.
- Please use existing pull-outs, other hardened areas, and don't create new impacts.
- Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) direction, "**Where designated parking areas are not available, and where not specifically prohibited, unsafe, or causing resource damage, parking on National Forest System lands within one vehicle length off of designated routes is authorized.**"

Trailheads along Race Course:

- Three main trailheads-Avalanche, Denny Creek and Ptarmigan Lake (All have limited parking with Avalanche being the largest).

Developed Campgrounds on the race course (Cottonwood Pass Rd. / CR 306):

- Collegiate Peaks: 55 sites, camping fee \$17/site, reservations available at www.recreation.gov

Developed Campgrounds adjacent to the race course:

- Cottonwood Lake: 24 sites, camping fee \$17/site, first come first serve, located approximately 4 miles on CR 344.

Allowable Dispersed camping:

- Middle Cottonwood CR 306
- South Cottonwood CR 344/Rd. 344
- North Cottonwood CR 365/Rd. 365
- Bald Mountain Rd. 345
- FS Roads-340.A, 306.A, 306.AC, 306.AB, 306.AA, 306.D, 306.H, 346

Keep in mind-You must be at least 300 feet from all water sources to camp (rivers, creeks, ponds, & wetlands). Help us keep the water clean and protect the environment. Pack out your trash and use a toilet for your solid human waste.

Prohibited areas for Dispersed Camping:

- No dispersed camping at trail heads or areas that have been closed to prevent resource damage.

Wildlife Issues:

- Both middle and South Cottonwood drainages have the most important boreal toad population in the State of Colorado. The race will occur in or very near known breeding and upland habitats.
- It is critical that all race associated activities and uses not occur within or near ponds, lakes, beaver ponds, streams, and adjacent riparian and upland habitats along Cottonwood Creek. Uses along roads and paved/hardened areas such as parking lots and paved roads are not a concern. Direct impacts (mortality-crushing and trampling of adult toads, toadlets, tadpoles, egg masses) could occur if they take place off road or off paved areas. Indirect impacts from habitat degradation and introduction of diseases (Bd) could also occur if they take place outside of paved areas from Cottonwood Pass east to the Forest Boundary. This also includes places where spectators are allowed to view the race.

For More Information about recreating on the Salida Ranger District call 719 539-3951 located at 325 W. Rainbow Blvd. Salida, CO. Visit your National Forests online at www.fs.fed.us navigate to the San Isabel National Forest from the pull down menu.

