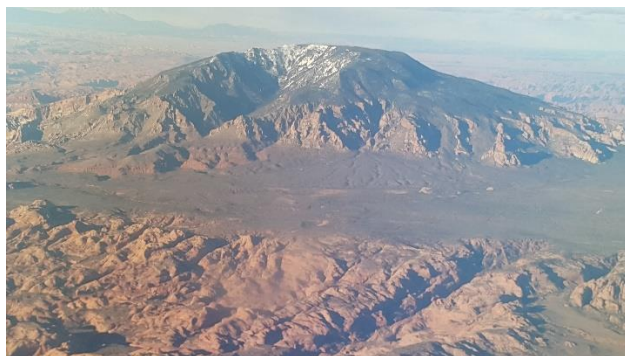


# Hashkèniinii Mountain Bike Race

*Navajo Mountain, Utah to Shonto, Arizona*



Yaateeh riders! Welcome to the **Hashkèniinii Bike Race!**

REGISTRATION – Online registration for the race is now open through 10:00 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, May 30 at the NavajoYES website: [www.navajoyes.org](http://www.navajoyes.org) Registration includes Friday night's meal, a light Saturday morning breakfast, performance t-shirt, course support (food/hydration, medical and limited mechanical), post-race meal, camping, shuttle for you and your bike to Navajo Mountain and race awards.

FOOD & SUPPORT – Your registration includes dinner on Friday night, a light pre-race breakfast on the Saturday morning shuttle, on-course support and a post-race meal.

We will have aid station support on the south rim of Piute Canyon (M12), Piute Mesa (M22), Sage Valley (M30) and Betatakin jct (M41). Stations will be well-stocked with water, Tailwind, Honey Stinger gels, fresh fruit, and sweet and salty snacks. Each station will have limited medical and mechanical support.

FRIDAY EVENING, DINNER & CAMPING – Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at the Shonto Prep High School cafeteria. Camping will be available at the high school or at the nearby football field on Friday night. There will be access to indoor restrooms

PACKET PICK-UP will be available on Friday at the high school and Saturday morning between 5:00-5:15 a.m. **The caravan leaves Shonto at 5:15 a.m. Saturday morning and the race begins at 7:00 a.m. at Navajo Mountain High School.**

ROUTES – The 52-mile route from Navajo Mountain to Shonto traverses some of the most stunning, rugged and remote country in the lower 48. Beginning at the base of Natsisaan, the mountain fades quickly as you descend toward and then into the 2000-foot deep Piute Canyon on a precarious route. After climbing six miles out of the gorge, you begin the ride across Piute Mesa through some beautiful country among isolated family camps. Eventually, you will confront the very cool but challenging dunes of Sage Valley. After the climb out of Sage Valley, it's then past Tall Mountain and on, for the next 15 miles, toward Shonto. It is recommended that you ride with some of the basics to meet your own needs – hydration, minor medical and mechanical kits, appropriate gear and helmet.

AWARDS – There will be awards for the top finishers.

The YOUTH RACE is a 12-mile bike ride beginning and ending at the high school, heading out of Shonto on road 6310 and looping back on 6321 for a cool but challenging ride. There is no fee for this event and first 50 participants earn a t-shirt. Participants also receive on-course and light finish line snacks. There are trophy awards for top three male and top three female finishers in two divisions: TEEN (age 13-18) and 12 & UNDER.

ROCK THE CANYON music and art festival is taking place in Shonto Canyon this weekend, so stop by there for more good food, music and art.

*The Hashkeniinii Mountain Bike Race is co-sponsored by the Navajo Nation-based nonprofit organization Y.E.S. for Dine' Bikeyah (NavajoYES) and Shonto Prep School.*

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Registration: On the NavajoYES website under "Dine' Bike Project" – [www.navajoyes.org](http://www.navajoyes.org)



DIRECTONS – Our campsite is nestled among the red rocks of Shonto at an elevation of just over 6600 feet. Below are the directions from a variety of locations.

**From east (if travelling from Shiprock, T'iis Nazbas, Farmington, Cortez, Kayenta, etc.)**

Head west on highway 160 to Kayenta and continue 33 miles to junction with hwy. 98. Turn right and head north on 98 just over five miles to the junction with the Shonto road. Travel five miles east to the end of the pavement and turn left in to the Shonto Prep School campus. Follow the signs to high school.

**From south (Window Rock, Ganado, Gallup, etc.)**

Travel north and west on 191 to Many Farms. Continue about 45 miles north on route 59 to US hwy 160. Turn left on 160 and travel eight miles west to Kayenta. From Kayenta, continue 33 miles to junction with hwy. 98. Turn right and head north on 98 just over five miles to the junction with the Shonto road. Travel five miles east to the end of the pavement and turn left in to the Shonto Prep School campus. Follow the signs to the high school.

**From north (Kaibeto, Page, LeChee, etc.)**

Travel south on hwy 98 past Crossroads (Inscription House/route 16 jct) and continue another five miles south on 98 to the Shonto road. Turn left onto the Shonto road and travel five miles east to the end of the pavement and turn left in to Shonto Prep.



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