

# Asaayi Bike Race

## Camp Asaayi Jct to Narbona Pass

*Bowl Canyon Recreation Area || Saturday, August 15, 2020*



***Yá'át'ééh, riders!!! Welcome to the Asaayi Bike Race!***

**REGISTRATION** – Online registration is now open. The registration fee includes a t-shirt, post-race food, finisher's medals to all, course support and awards to top finishers. Online registration (\$40 for adults and \$10 for youth 18 and under) can be found at the NavajoYES website: [www.navajoyes.org](http://www.navajoyes.org). Local/native rider fee is \$20 (enter code BIKER20). Race day registration will also take place an hour before the start of the race at Asaayi Jct.

The race begins at 9:00 a.m.

Any proceeds from registration or donations will benefit the work of the Dine' Bike Project on the Navajo Nation.

**FOOD & SUPPORT** – Your registration includes course support, light medical and mechanical support, aid station at mile 11 (Crystal Jct) and fresh fruit and snacks at the Narbona Pass finish line. There will be course marshals and parks staff monitoring the race throughout, and assistance for riders will be available as needed. Riders are encouraged to carry some light mechanical items and pump.

**ROUTES** – The course is a 20.6 mile paved course from the Asaayi Jct to Hwy 12 just north of Navajo, on to Crystal Jct and finally on NM Hwy 134 to Narbona Pass. The first portion of the route is scenic, among the red rock buttes and towers of the area, and the final climb to the top finishes at one of the iconic spots on the Nation! The road will be open to public traffic and a summer Saturday is a busy time in the Asaayi area, so please be aware of your surroundings and vehicles on the roads.

WEATHER – Expect summer conditions. While the race is at 7500-8000 feet elevation, the temperatures are still likely to be in the 70's and 80's. Cloud cover, wind or precipitation (even monsoons, of course) are possible in August. It is advisable to look ahead at the forecast a few days before the race, checking Navajo, NM or Crystal, NM

AWARDS – There are finisher's medals for all finishers. There will be awards for overall, youth, masters and senior age-group winners. **All riders are invited to the post-race party at Camp Asaayi, where they will enjoy a cook-out, live music, door prizes and awards presentation.** The 12 Hours of Asaayi endurance race will be underway at the Camp during this time, and riders are welcome to join the runners for a 2 ¼ mile trail loop.

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*A rider approaching the summit at Narbona Pass; Code Talker John Kinsel, Sr. greeting overall winner Brandon Benally after his victory in the 2019 race*



***The Asaayi Bike Race is hosted by the nonprofit organization NavajoYES, in partnership with Navajo Parks & Recreation***

More details and registration at: [www.navajoyes.org](http://www.navajoyes.org)

