

2008 Tour de Georgia presented by AT&T

Special Instructions & Directions Stage 6, Brasstown Bald Mountain

Due to the overwhelming response and very limited access and parking, the finish of Stage 6 on top of Brasstown Bald Mountain will be a little trying. Depending on the route you anticipate traveling to Brasstown Bald Mountain we need to alert you to a few details to help maximize your day of enjoyment.

It is strongly suggested that you arrive on top of the mountain and taking advantage of the wonderful Health & Wellness Expo and VIP hospitality no later than 12:30 pm. If you arrive later you stand a high probability of getting caught in traffic or not being able to find a place to park.

If traveling up GA 400 from Atlanta, head north to Dahlonega. From Dahlonega take Hwy. 19 towards Blairsville. Following 19 will take you over Neels Gap and to Hwy. 180. Turn right on Hwy. 180 towards Brasstown Bald.

If you are planning to travel up I-75, I-575, and 515 from Atlanta, we suggest that you turn right in Blairsville on route 19/129 South. Take 19/129 to Highway 180 where you will take a left to get to the bottom of Brasstown Bald Mountain. Please note that the section of Hwy. 180 and Hwy. 129 you will be driving on is part of the race course and will be closed to vehicular traffic as the race approaches – please follow the timeline listed above.

The access road from Highway 180 will be closed to the general public for the entire day. Only public shuttles and properly credentialed vehicles will be allowed up the mountain. Please show your VIP hang tag or Brasstown credential to the law enforcement personnel at the bottom. The road will be closed an hour before the first cyclist arrives (approximately 1:15 pm). **Absolutely no vehicles will be allowed up the mountain once the race is approaching.** A shuttle for staff and VIPs will be available from the parking area at the top of the access road for the last half mile to the hospitality. This shuttle will run as late as 1:45 pm depending on the ETA of the race arrival and crowd size.

No vehicles will be allowed to descend the mountain until all teams have reached the top and made their decent. This will mean that once you are on the mountain, you should **not** expect to leave before 3:30 pm. You should also anticipate that a huge number of spectators will need to leave the roads at the base of the mountain, so your transit off will be slow at best.

We strongly recommend that you carpool to this stage and plan to make a day of it. Layered, warm clothing is a must. The altitude is 4,600 feet and it will be cool to cold on the mountain. Also, keep in mind, there are no stores, so bring lots of film and other essential items.

We tell you all of this not to dissuade you from coming, because this is going to be one of the highlight days of the Tour. However, we want to set expectations and provide all the information you need to maximize your enjoyment.

Sincerely,

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Medalist Sports

