

2024

Pony Express Rides



The Cognoscente Group

ToH Stampede – Pony Express Ride

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For your Tour of Honor Stampede enjoyment, we provide as much Pony Express as you can handle. You can start your Stampede weekend by riding to Ely along a Pony Express route or you can create a Pony Express day ride that starts and ends in Ely. Start with our Google Map of all the waypoints: <https://tinyurl.com/TOHPE>

The Utah Pony Express Adventure route is memorable for its location in the middle of absolutely nowhere. If you want to experience the joy of the wide open and lonely West with a side order of history, this is your ride. The full Adventure goes from Salt Lake City to Ely. Follow the waypoints in order. The alternate Adventure is a loop from Ely to *UT10 Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge*, then follows our Pony Express Adventure trail back to Ely.

Be sure to prepare for no cell service, and very little fuel or water opportunities along the Utah Pony Express Adventure trail. This route requires maximum self-sufficiency. Much of the road surface is infrequently-maintained pavement or graded gravel. This route was personally ridden by TOH Stampede volunteers in 2019. Things may have changed since then.

If you choose to visit California and Nevada locations instead of the Adventure trail, they are 100% on paved roads. The source of these waypoints is the Pony Express thread from the 2013 Iron Butt Rally. Build your own route, starting at a western point and riding to Ely, or create your own loop or out-and-back day ride from Ely.

Ely-based alternate Adventure loop map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PzVdCgUBor8peffx6> Note: the Google Maps directions from Hinckley, UT to Fish Springs have not been pre-ridden. It's probably OK but we make no promises. Be sure to fuel up in Hinckley or Delta.

For your deep reading, here is the Utah Pony Express Auto Route Interpretive Guide by the NPS: https://www.nps.gov/cali/planyourvisit/upload/ut_atrig_final2-web.pdf

2013 Iron Butt Rally Leg 2 bonus listing with the Pony Express thread. <https://tinyurl.com/13IBRLeg2>

Pony Express Trail Adventure Route – Salt Lake City to Ely



Ely Adventure Loop

