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Mount Diablo State Park: Amgen Tour of California, Stage 7 finish

On Saturday May 18, 2013, Mount Diablo State Park will be hosting the finish of Stage 7 of the Amgen Tour of California, an eight-day professional cycling race. Stage 7 begins at 11:35am in Livermore. It's anticipated that the racers will enter the park at approximately 3:00pm. Racers will enter the park on South Gate Road and finish at the Summit.

Mount Diablo State Park will be open to the public for spectators. The park will open at 8:00am. Motor vehicle traffic will be permitted until 2:00pm (the cut-off time may be earlier based on the availability of parking). Parking will not be permitted below Rock City on South Gate Road. Spectator motor vehicles will not be permitted on Summit Road. Parking will be available on North Gate Road. Volunteers will direct incoming motor vehicles to approved parking spots. Do not block the roadway! Regular day use fees apply on the day of the event. To preclude uphill traffic during the exodus, spectator motor vehicles will need to descend/exit the same way they entered the park.

For those entering the park by foot or bike, please keep the roadway clear. No bicycles will be permitted above Devil's Elbow (3,700-foot level of Summit Road). Volunteers will be staffing a "bicycle valet" at this location. This will allow cyclists to leave their bicycles at Devil's Elbow and proceed on foot toward the Summit. Cyclists planning to do this should bring comfortable walking shoes.

Spectators are permitted along the roads provided that they are in a safe location and off the road. Utilize wide shoulders, turnouts, and picnic areas. Be aware of pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle traffic. Cyclists should always travel on the right side of the road. Pass safely and watch your speed, especially when descending. Slow for designated cone zones! Bring water, snacks, and sunscreen.

Viewing at the finish line will be restricted due to space. Recommended viewing locations include Rock City, Curry Point, Junction area, Diablo Valley Overlook, Devil's Elbow, and the Lower Summit Parking Lot.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted within Mount Diablo State Park. Please do not paint messages on the roadway – use chalk! Pack out all trash! A number of portable restrooms will be positioned along park roads – use them!

Mount Diablo State Park is proud to be hosting the finish of Stage 7 of the Amgen Tour of California, but with over ten thousand spectators anticipated for the event, all park visitors need to be cognoscente of the potential impact to the natural and cultural features of the park. Tread lightly! Also critical is public safety: be proactive in ensuring a safe visit to you and those around you!

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