



Tour of Utah Reveals Seven Days of Race Route through Utah and Idaho for Professional Cycling Event

Close to 52,000 Feet of Elevation Gain Across 712 Miles Stamps Men's Stage Race as "America's Toughest Stage Race™" in August

SALT LAKE CITY (April 23, 2015) – Organizers of the 2015 Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah today published maps and route details on its website for all seven days of the men's professional cycling stage race on Aug. 3-9. A field of 16 of the best men's cycling teams in the world will compete over 712 miles and 51,442 feet of elevation gain, solidifying "America's Toughest Stage Race" as the most challenging 2.HC race in North America, sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI).

With the overall start in Logan, the Tour of Utah will not only cover new territory in northern Utah, it will also roll through Idaho for the first time. This is the second time in the 11-year history of the Tour that a second state has been accessed for the race route (Wyoming visited in 2014). Across Utah, the race will visit four new counties, three new state parks and one new ski resort. Overall, the race route will pass by a record 10 ski resorts this summer. The first four days of racing will feature completely new mountain terrain along the Wasatch Range of the Rocky Mountains. New routes will also be offered in Salt Lake City for the returning Friday circuit race and the start of Saturday's "Queen Stage."

Start times for the first five stages have been modified to accommodate live national television broadcasts on FOX Sports Network (FSN). Stage 1 to Stage 4 will be covered live from 1-3 p.m. MT. The majority of Stage 5 will be featured in a 5-7 p.m. MT time slot for live coverage. FSN will broadcast the final two hours of Stage 6 and Stage 7 in the traditional 2-4 p.m. MT time slot across the U.S. FSN will also broadcast evening highlight shows, and TourTracker will provide live race coverage via web cast and mobile applications all week.

Courses and start times for the Tour of Utah Women's Edition: Criterium Classic have also been announced. On Monday, Aug. 3, the Criterium Classic will take place from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on a 1.5-mile circuit in downtown Logan. On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the second day of racing will take place from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on a 1.45-mile circuit in downtown Ogden.

2015 Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah Route Highlights

- 712 miles/1145.85 kilometers -- second longest course in 11 years
- 51,442 feet/15,679.5 meters of elevation gain -- most climbing of any race in North America
- 7 stages -- second year for full week
- 10 ski resorts -- highest number of ski resorts passed
- 2nd time race extended outside Utah -- Bear Lake region of Idaho
- 3 new state parks along route -- Bear Lake State Park, Antelope Island State Park and Wasatch Mountain State Park
- 2 courses unveiled for Tour of Utah Women's Edition: Criterium Classic in Logan and Ogden



"With the route for the Tour of Utah changing each year, we are proud to design courses that continue to challenge the best cyclists on the planet with the toughest mountain terrain," said Jenn Andrs, executive director of the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, a division of Miller Sports Properties. "The race route gives us an opportunity to showcase the diverse beauty of northern Utah, and a portion of Idaho for the first time, making it a win-win scenario for new communities and cycling fans."

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah gained international status in 2011 when it was sanctioned by the UCI, the global governing body of the sport of cycling. In 2015 the race has been elevated to a 2.HC rating, one of



only four such events in North America. This year's Tour of Utah will continue as the first internationally-sanctioned cycling competition in North America for men following the Tour de France.

Stages	Start – Finish Locations	Times*	Mileage and Elevation Gain
Monday, Aug. 3 Stage 1	Logan to Logan	9:15 am to 2:45 pm	132 miles/215.5 km 6,553 feet/1,997.3 meters
Tuesday, Aug. 4 Stage 2 presented by Workers Compensation Fund	Tremonton to Ogden	10:45 am to 2:45 pm	100.3 miles/162.9 km 4,630 feet/1,411.2 meters
Wednesday, Aug. 5 Stage 3 presented by Zions Bank	Antelope Island State Park to Bountiful	10:05 am to 2:45 pm	107.9 miles/178 km 6,400 feet/1,950.7 meters
Thursday, Aug. 6 Stage 4 presented by Subaru	Soldier Hollow in Heber Valley to Soldier Hollow	9:30 am to 2:45 pm	128.7 miles/207.1 km 8,173 feet/2,491.1 meters
Friday, Aug. 7 Stage 5 presented by Utah Sports Commission	Salt Lake City downtown circuit	4:40 pm to 6:45 pm	55 miles/89 km 4,921 feet/1,499.9 meters
Saturday, Aug. 8 Stage 6 presented by University of Utah Health Care	Salt Lake City to Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort	10:50 am to 3:45 pm	110.4 miles/181.5 km 12,959 feet/3,949.9 meters
Sunday, Aug. 9 Stage 7 presented by VLCM/ Barracuda	Park City to Park City	12:20 pm to 3:45 pm	78 miles/133.5 km 7,806 feet/2,379.2 meters

Tour of Utah Stage Highlights

Stage 1 is the longest opening day in Tour of Utah history at 132 miles. The route will take riders from downtown Logan through Logan Canyon and Garden City, then navigate 48 miles around Bear Lake, known as the “Caribbean of the Rockies” for its turquoise-colored water. The race will roll through Idaho for the first time around the north side of Bear Lake. Returning through Garden City and Logan Canyon, racers will also pass the Beaver Mountain Ski Area a second time on the stage. There will be two circuits in downtown Logan, with the finish along North 100 East and Federal Avenue. Spectators in downtown Logan will be treated to the Women’s Edition: Criterium Classic the same day, which uses the same start/finish area as the men.

Stage 2 presented by Workers Compensation Fund will see the Tour start for the first time in Tremonton. Racers will enjoy the wide, rural roads of Box Elder County, including the famous Fruit Highway (Hwy 89). Rolling along the Wasatch Front through Honeyville, Brigham City, Perry and Willard, the race will then enter Weber County and the city of Ogden. The route heads west through Ogden Canyon and around Pineview Reservoir before returning to Ogden via the North Ogden Divide. Once the race re-enters downtown, spectators will be treated to three laps of a 2.28-mile circuit that will finish on Historic 25th Street across from Ogden Municipal Gardens. It is the first time the Tour of Utah has returned to Ogden for a stage finish since 2012. It is the first time the Tour of Utah has returned to Ogden for a stage finish since 2012. A similar downtown circuit will be used for the Women’s Edition: Criterium Classic.

Stage 3 presented by Zions Bank visits Davis County for the first time, including a start at Antelope Island State Park. The largest island in the Great Salt Lake, riders will enjoy four miles on the island and cross the seven-mile causeway to the mainland, leaving behind a large wildlife population of antelope, bighorn sheep



and more than 600 free-roaming American bison. Racers will encounter familiar roads up the North Ogden Divide and the Eden Valley from the day before, but this time in a clockwise direction. After racing around Pineview Reservoir, the race will head up Trapper's Loop in the shadow of Snowbasin Resort, a previous venue for the Tour of Utah (2013) and Olympic Winter Games (2002). The race will re-enter Davis County and have two nine-mile circuits in Bountiful, which include a difficult climb on 400 North along the Bountiful Bench. The first-time finish in downtown Bountiful will be on Main Street at Center Street, with the peloton rolling in a northbound direction.

Stage 4 presented by Subaru has a new start/finish at Soldier Hollow in the Heber Valley, site of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games biathlon and Nordic events. The race will head up Daniels Canyon past Strawberry Reservoir and along the undulating terrain in Duchesne County for the first time. Heading through the Uinta National Forest, racers will make an inaugural climb up Wolf Creek Pass this year, descending into Woodland on the way through Midway to Soldier Hollow, which sits in Wasatch Mountain State Park. A long, uphill finish line at Soldier Hollow will give spectators a great location for the exciting finish across from the Day Lodge at Soldier Hollow.

Stage 5 presented by Utah Sports Commission revives the popular Salt Lake City circuit, which returns from 2013 with a twist. Starting on the north side of the Utah State Capitol on 500 North, the race will follow the traditional route, passing City Creek Canyon, the Avenues neighborhood and the University of Utah. The race will descend down South Temple and turn right on the steep climb up State Street, then make a new turn on North Temple to 200 West, passing through the Marmalade and Capitol Hill neighborhoods. Things get interesting as the race turns right on 600 North and ascends 20 percent grades up Wall Street and Zane Avenue to the hilltop finish at the Utah Capitol. The race will complete seven laps to make this the hardest 55 miles of the week. Huge crowds are expected to congregate at Reservoir Park, which will host the Lifestyle Expo and will see the race pass on three sides of the park.

Stage 6 presented by University of Utah Health Care continues as the "Queen Stage," with 12,959 feet of climbing from Salt Lake City to Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort. The 110-mile journey begins at a new start location in front of the historic Rio Grande Depot in downtown Salt Lake City. Riders will roll out passing Pioneer Park, which hosts the Downtown Farmers Market each Saturday from June to October, and take 800 North to Emigration Canyon. The race continues through Morgan and Summit counties on the way to Park City and the brutal climb to Guardsman Pass, followed by the fast descent of Big Cottonwood Canyon to Wasatch Boulevard. For a ninth year, and the second consecutive year starting in Salt Lake City, the Queen Stage will finish with the legendary six-mile climb of Little Cottonwood Canyon to the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort. This same route will be used earlier in the day for The Ultimate Challenge, an amateur cycling event hosted by the Tour of Utah, University of Utah Health Care and Harmons Grocery.

Stage 7 presented by VLCM/ Barracuda uses the same course that has been used since 2013. The 78-mile race will once again start and finish on Historic Main Street in Park City and include one of the toughest climbs in the world at Empire Pass. This six-mile climb has a gradient that averages 10 percent, with pitches greater than 20 percent. Last year, the race saw former world champion and Tour de France champion Cadel Evans (Australia) of BMC Racing Team use his superior descending skills to catch and pass the lead group on the Mine Road, with speeds exceeding 60 miles per hour, to take his second stage win of the week in Park City. American Tom Danielson of Cannondale-Garmin took the overall title for a second consecutive year on Stage 7.

Tour of Utah Women's Edition: Criterium Classic Route Highlights

Logan will host the first day for the Omnium event, with an 11 a.m. start. Top women's professional and elite cycling teams will race for 75 minutes on a technical 1.5-mile course with six corners in downtown Logan, a similar loop that will be used by the men for the Stage 1 finish. Starting on 100 East and Federal Avenue, the course will turn left on Center Street and start a long, gradual climb through Boulevard to 400 East. The course levels out before the riders turn left on 300 North and encounter a fast downhill to the last corner to the finish line.



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Ogden will host the second and final day for the women, racing 75 minutes from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The start/finish will be located on Historic 25th Street and Kiesel Avenue, across from the Ogden Municipal Gardens. This fast, flat 1.5 mile circuit has six corners, using some of the same roads the men will race for the Stage 2 finish. The course turns right on Washington Avenue to 28th Street, followed by a right turn on Grant Avenue, a left turn on 26th Street, a right turn on Lincoln Avenue, then a final right turn on Historic 25th to the finish. The winner of the Criterium Classic will be determined by total points from the two days of racing.

To date, 13 men's professional teams have been confirmed as part of the final field of 16 teams. Four of those teams have also received invitations to race at the Tour de France. A two-day USA Cycling-sanctioned competition (NCC) will be held this year for top women's professional and domestic elite cycling teams on Aug. 3-4. Eleven women's teams have been confirmed for the Tour of Utah Women's Edition: Criterium Classic.

Read details about all the professional teams and the race routes at the official web site -- www.tourofutah.com. More information about the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah can be found on social channels [Facebook](#) (tourofutah), [Twitter](#) (@thetourofutah #TOU15, #TOUWE15), [Instagram](#) (thetourofutah) and [YouTube](#) (2014 Tour of Utah).

About the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, referred to as "America's Toughest Stage Race™," is a week-long, professional stage race for the best cycling teams in the world. The 2015 event, Aug. 3-9, has been elevated to a 2.HC-rated UCI stage race, making it one of the premier events in North America. For women's professional and elite teams, a two-day Tour of Utah Women's Edition: Criterium Classic, Aug. 3-4, is sanctioned by USA Cycling on the National Criterium Calendar. Host venues for 2015 are Logan, Tremonton, Ogden, Antelope Island State Park, Bountiful, Soldier Hollow in Heber Valley, Salt Lake City, Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, and Park City. The 2014 Tour of Utah covered 753 miles of racing and 57,863 feet of climbing. A total of 16 men's professional teams, including six from the Tour de France, competed in 2014, bringing 122 athletes from 24 countries. American Tom Danielson of Team Garmin-Sharp claimed the overall men's title for the Tour of Utah for a second year in a row. The inaugural Tour of Utah Women's Edition was won by American Coryn Rivera of UnitedHealthcare. For more information visit www.tourofutah.com.

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