



## 2023 Spectator Guide

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Assaults welcomes friends and family to cheer on their riders along the course! In order to make your experience more enjoyable, please note the following information.

### **How to Follow Your Rider**

Per state and local laws, you will not be able to directly follow your rider. In order to maintain the safety of all riders, we suggest you follow this “spectators course” in order to cheer on riders.

Leave the Auditorium and get on I-85 South

Take I-26 West

Get off at Exit #5 for Hwy 11

Take a right on Hwy 11

Take a Left on Hwy 9 – **you will intersect with the course at mile 24.5**

Stay straight on Hwy 9 after seeing your athlete

Cross over Hwy 108 and head towards Lake Lure

When you see the lake follow Hwy 64/74 – veer/turn right

**You will intersect with your athlete at mile 46.2**

Stay straight on Hwy 64/74 and turn then right on the 64/74 Bypass

Look for signs for 221 North

Go LEFT on 221 Bypass

Take a LEFT on Hwy 70

Take a Left onto Resistoflex Rd. and then another Left into Tom Johnson’s Campground

**This will be mile 74.2**

At the campground, you can get on the spectator bus and go all the way to the top of Mt. Mitchell to meet your athlete. PLEASE NOTE: You must have purchased a spectator bus ticket to be able to board the bus to Mt. Mitchell.

### **Spectator Bus to the top of Mt. Mitchell**

Due to safety concerns, family/friends/personal SAGS cannot drive to Mt. Mitchell. This is a policy set forth by the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mt. Mitchell State Park that we must adhere to. If you would like to see your rider finish at the top of Mt. Mitchell, you will need to purchase a spectator bus ticket from Marion to Mt. Mitchell for \$25. Tickets can be purchased through BikeReg.com through May 15<sup>th</sup>. After May 15<sup>th</sup>, tickets can be purchased at the

ticket/information table at packet pickup or at Tom Johnson Campground in Marion on the day of the ride **(CASH ONLY)** ... The bus ride is approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes. You will be allowed to return to Marion on the same bus as your rider.

PLEASE NOTE: The first spectator bus leaves at 9:00am. The last bus departs Tom Johnson at 1:00pm. Buses will depart every hour, on the hour after 9:00am.

## **Meal Tickets**

You can enjoy lunch at Tom Johnson Campground with your rider by purchasing a meal ticket at the ticket/information table during Packet Pickup **(CASH ONLY)** or at Tom Johnson Campground in Marion on Monday **(CASH ONLY)**. Tickets can be pre-purchased by the riders through their event registration. Meal tickets are \$15/per person for spectators.

## **Parking/Personal Vehicles**

There will be no personal SAGS, TECHS or any cars allowed to park along the route except for spaces listed under "Follow Your Rider." Those parked along the route will be moved by police, ride staff and parkway patrol. Any riders with a vehicle servicing them along the route will automatically be disqualified and will not be listed on final ride results.

ABSOLUTELY NO PERSONAL VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED AT THE SUMMIT OF MT MITCHELL. Anyone who is found to have a personal vehicle or personal SAG at the Summit, will be disqualified and not allowed in any future Assault rides and their results will not be listed on the final ride results.