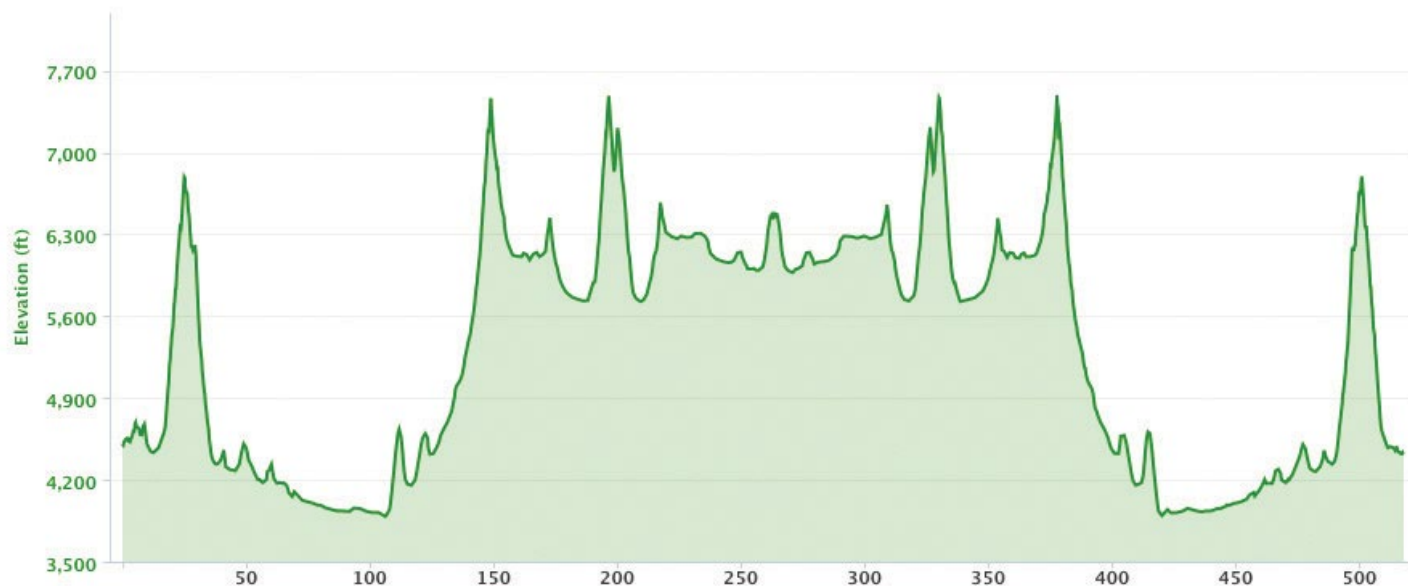


## SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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Stage	Distance	Elev. Gain	Elev. Loss	Min. Elev.	Max Elev.
1	47.65	2723	2959	4257	6710
2	31.39	266	489	4084	4462
3	106.41	5049	2661	3940	7245
4	70.1	2799	2792	5816	7470
5	70.09	2753	2733	5848	7456
6	112.53	2730	5036	4180	7446
7	25.47	499	292	4221	4560
8	46.72	2844	2654	4392	6779
<b>Total</b>	<b>510.36</b>	<b>19663</b>	<b>19616</b>		
<b>2x Team Data A</b>					
1	47.65	2723	2959	4257	6710
3	106.41	5049	2661	3940	7245
5	70.09	2753	2733	5848	7456
7	25.47	499	292	4221	4560
<b>Total</b>	<b>249.62</b>	<b>11024</b>	<b>8645</b>		
<b>2x Team Data B</b>					
2	31.39	266	489	4084	4462
4	70.1	2799	2792	5816	7470
6	112.53	2730	5036	4180	7446
8	46.72	2844	2654	4392	6779
<b>Total</b>	<b>260.74</b>	<b>8639</b>	<b>10971</b>		

Stage	Distance	Elev. Gain	Elev. Loss	Min. Elev.	Max Elev.
<b>4x Team Data A</b>					
1	47.65	2723	2959	4257	6710
5	70.09	2753	2733	5848	7456
<b>Total</b>	<b>117.74</b>	<b>5476</b>	<b>5692</b>		
<b>4x Team Data B</b>					
2	31.39	266	489	4084	4462
6	112.53	2730	5036	4180	7446
<b>Total</b>	<b>143.92</b>	<b>2996</b>	<b>5525</b>		
<b>4x Team Data C</b>					
3	106.41	5049	2661	3940	7245
7	25.47	499	292	4221	4560
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.88</b>	<b>5548</b>	<b>2953</b>		
<b>4X Team Data D</b>					
4	70.1	2799	2792	5816	7470
8	46.72	2844	2654	4392	6779
<b>Total</b>	<b>116.82</b>	<b>5643</b>	<b>5446</b>		

## SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE ONE

### STAGE 1: RENO TO SILVER SPRINGS

#### Elevation Profile



#### Description

The first leg of the race is 47.65 miles long and has 2723 feet of elevation gain. The race begins at Reno's Atlantic Casino and heads south to state route 341, or Geiger Grade, which, beginning at mile 8.60, then ascends into the red hills of Virginia City. The climb is a winding two-lane highway with a constant 5-8% grade, a favorite of Reno area cyclists. This historic road began as a toll facility which connected the wealth of the Comstock Lode to Reno. Riders will reach Geiger Summit, which sits at 6,889 feet elevation, after 8.75 miles of climbing with 2100 feet of elevation gain, before a winding descent into Virginia City. Originally founded for gold, Virginia City forged its name in silver mines, a town nestled into the shaded alcove of tall, barren hills. The town itself rests at 6,200 feet elevation and so the air nearly always carries a chill.

After a short cruise through the western storefront downtown, riders will begin the descent down Six-Mile Canyon, a canyon of steep walls, mine relics and cottonwoods. The site where many of Nevada's first mineral claims were made, this is arguably where Nevada became a state. When riders exit the canyon, they will have descended 2000 feet as the canyon road gives way to Highway 50. This is a fast, flat stretch of state highway with wide shoulders, leading to the first time station in Silver Springs.

#### Route

Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
0.00	Start on north side of Atlantis Casino 3800 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502 <b>Notes:</b> Reno	4580'
0.05	Exit Atlantis Casino parking lot left onto Peckham Ln. (east) <b>NOTE: Crews take alternate route to meet riders at their Mile 29.7!</b>	
0.45	X under I 580 freeway	
1.20	Right on Airway Drive (TL)	
1.50	X McCarran Blvd. (TL)	
2.25	X Longley Rd. (TL) Airway becomes Double R Blvd. <b>END GROUP RIDE</b>	
3.60	X Prototype Dr. / Double Diamond Blvd. (TL)	

#### Route Cont.

Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
4.50	X South Meadows Pkwy (TL)	
5.70	Left on Damonte Ranch Pkwy (TL, T-Int)	
6.15	Left on Steamboat Pkwy (TL)	
6.35	X Marketplace (TL) Starbucks on left	
6.60	Right on Veterans Pkwy (TL)	
7.95	Left on Curti Ranch Rd. (TL) (Barcello Rd. on right)	
8.30	Right on Equestrian Rd (SS, T-int)	
8.60	Left on SR 341 (TL) becomes Geiger Grade Road	
12.50	Scenic Overlook on right	5600'
14.20	Storey County Line	6000'
15.70	X Cartwright Rd. False Summit "Virginia Highlands"	6380'
17.20	Geiger Summit	6789'
20.80	Virginia City Limits	6200'
21.00	<b>Public Bathrooms on Left SLOW</b>	
21.40	Fire Department on left <b>SLOW</b>	
21.50	Left on Taylor Street (Flashing Yellow light) <b>SLOW</b>	
21.55	Immediate Left on D Street <b>SLOW / NO SIGN!</b>	
21.80	Right on Mill Street (SS) <b>SLOW</b>	6150'
22.30	X R Street; becomes Six Mile Canyon Rd. <b>WATCH SPEED</b>	
27.80	Leave Storey County; Enter Lyon County; <b>Speed Limit 25MPH!</b>	4640'
28.70	Stay straight / left to stay on Six Mile Canyon Rd. <b>Notes:</b> Dayton	
29.30	X Ring Road (SS)	
29.40	Fire Department on left / New Life Foursquare on right at 202 Six Mile Canyon Rd. 89403	
29.50	CREWS WAIT HERE BEFORE HWY 50: use gravel road on south side of paved road.	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO NOT STOP BETWEEN HERE AND Time Station One.	
	(Give your rider a 20-minute head start.)	
29.70	Left on Hwy 50 (SS) <b>FAST-MOVING CROSS TRAFFIC! 60MPH ZONE</b>	
46.80	Silver Springs City Limit <b>Notes:</b> Silver Spring	4209'
47.60	X Alt 95 (SS, Flashing Red)	
47.65	Shell Gas / Silver Saver Mart on Right at Truckee St. <b>TIME STATION 1</b> 1000 U.S. 50, Silver Springs, NV (775) 577-2180 Market is open 500am-900pm Weekdays, 600am-900pm Weekends.	

2723' elevation gain / 2959' elevation loss / 4257' min altitude / 6710' max altitude.

## STAGE 1: RENO TO SILVER SPRINGS (CREW DRIVING ROUTE)

Stage Odo	Do
	<b>NOTE: Crews take this alternate route to meet riders at their Mile 29.7!</b>
0.00	Start on north side of Atlantis Casino 3800 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502
0.05	Exit Atlantis Casino parking lot left onto Peckham Ln. (east)
0.20	Right on Kietzke Ln. (TL)
1.30	At the traffic circle, take the <b>3rd</b> exit onto <b>Neil Rd</b>
1.40	Enter onto I-580 / US-395 South
6.20	Take exit <b>57B</b> for <b>Old U.S. 395 S</b> toward <b>Virginia City/Carson City/So Lake Tahoe</b>
6.70	Slight right onto S Virginia St
7.20	Left onto <b>NV-341 E</b>
7.40	At the traffic circle, continue straight onto NV-341
	<b>You are now on the same route as the cyclists. Do not stop except in emergency!</b>
20.40	Turn left onto <b>State Rte 79 in Virginia City</b>
27.50	Stay straight / left to stay on Six Mile Canyon Rd. in Dayton, NV
28.10	X Ring Road (SS)
28.20	Fire Department on left / New Life Foursquare on right at 202 Six Mile Canyon Rd. 89403  CREWS WAIT HERE JUST BEFORE HWY 50: use gravel road on south side of paved road.  <b>Now follow Stage 1 directions for cyclists, starting at their mile 29.70.</b>  HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO NOT STOP BETWEEN HERE AND Time Station One. (Give your rider a 20-minute head start.)

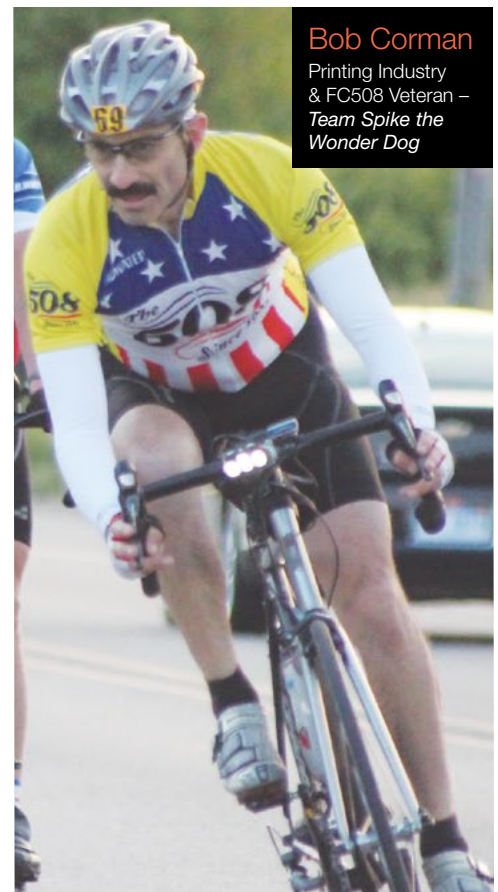
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## SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE TWO

### STAGE 2: Silver Springs to Fallon

#### Elevation Profile



#### Description

Heading north and then east, Highway 50 leads riders of the 508 in the basin of what was once an ancient alkaline lake, Lake Lahontan, underscoring the stark nature of contrasts. This prehistoric ocean is only visible in the cliff faces high above the road where the ancient shoreline weathered the constant lapping of waves. What was once a completely aqueous environment is now its opposite, dry rock and sand, covered in brush. During this second stage of the race, riders will cover 31.35 miles, gaining a mere 266' in elevation while descending 489'. Fallon is the largest city on the race route with myriad services available, while the time station, located about five miles east of town, has gas and the usual mini-mart fare.

#### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
49.05	1.40	RR Tracks <b>CAUTION</b>	4320'
50.25	2.60	Wildlife Viewing Area pullout on right	
53.55	5.90	Leave Lyon County; enter Churchill County	4360'
55.15	7.50	Lake Lahontan on right	
64.65	17.00	Veer Right onto 50/95 (Leetevile Jct.) east towards Fallon	4180'
72.40	24.75	X Casey Rd. (TL) Walmart on right <b>Notes: Fallon</b>	4120'
		Fallon has all services: Gas, Ace Hardware, Starbucks, auto parts, Walmart, fast food, McDonald's, Round Table, Subway, CVS, Pizza Hut, hotels	
74.10	26.45	Fire Station at Maine St. in downtown Fallon (TL)	
79.00	31.35	NV 116 Jct. Harmon Junction Gas & Mini Mart <b>TIME STATION 2 at Harmon Junction Gas</b> 25 South Harmon Road Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 423-3888 Open 400am to 10pm, 7 days a week. NO PAY AT THE PUMP!	4100'

266' elevation gain / 489' elevation loss / 4084' min altitude / 4462' max altitude.

NOTE: On the return the Time Station is NOT located here; it will be further west in Fallon.

## STAGE 3: Fallon to Austin

### Elevation Profile



### Description

Shortly after leaving Fallon, riders will see Grimes Point, an archeological point of interest which reveals the lifestyle of early human inhabitants in the area by the petroglyphs they left behind. This stage begins to gain elevation at approximately the 25-mile mark when riders will ascend Sand Springs Pass, followed by a quick descent.

After passing the “shoe tree” and Middlegate Station, the riders next veer off highway 50 onto highway 722, a road that is, amazingly enough, even quieter than Hwy 50. Here the riders pass Eastgate Ranch as they begin their ascent to Carroll Summit, a favorite with cyclists who know the Great Basin. A 14-mile climb, Carroll Summit is known for its physical challenge (a 2000 foot ascent to an elevation of 7,214 feet) as well as for its desolation: you’re lucky if you see a single car out there. The majority of the climbing in this stage ends by mile 100 when riders leave the Desatoya Range, pass by the Yomba Shoshone Indian Reservation and climb into the Shoshone Mountains, home of Berlin, originally a mining town. Miners here used “round rocks” for dinner tables which turned out to be the fossilized vertebrae of an Ichthyosaur, a dolphin-like creature which inhabited prehistoric Lake Lahotan. Today Berlin is home to Ichthyosaur State Park, and the Ichthyosaur is Nevada’s State Fossil.

Riders descend the Shoshone Mountains into the Reese River Valley, pulling into Austin, Nevada, ending the third stage of the race for a total distance of 106.41 miles and 5049 feet of elevation gain. If riders or crew want some good food, the International Café, just up the street on the left from the time station, is highly recommended.

### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
79.00	0.00	NOTE: You are in the "Top Gun" zone; expect loud, low-flying aircraft!	
81.80	2.80	"Eureka 174 Miles" sign <b>WARNING: Soft shoulders next 20 miles. Use proper pullouts only to stop!</b>	4000'
92.15	13.15	Pullout on Right	
94.00	15.00	Pullout on Right	
96.00	17.00	Hulk Salt Road on Right; pullout	
100.00	21.00	Sand Mountain Recreation Area on left	4000'
103.80	24.80	Sand Springs Pass	4644'
		Bombing Zone on right: Watch for Aircraft	
114.00	35.00	Jct. 121 Dixie Valley Rd.	4600'
114.90	35.90	Drumm Summit (It's really not a climb.)	4600'
119.90	40.90	Pony Express well and windmill on left	4520'
121.20	42.20	Jct. 361: Old Middlegate Station motel & restaurant just to the right	4600'
123.50	44.50	Shoe Tree on left	4700'
124.40	45.40	Right on 722 towards "Eastgate lone" DO NOT MISS	4730'
129.30	50.30	Pass Eastgate Ranch (not signed) Begin Ascent <b>Watch for wild horses through here!</b>	5030'
137.00	58.00	Picnic Table; start ascent CELL SERVICE ENDS	6100'
140.40	61.40	Awesome view; photo opp after 1st hairpin turn	
141.15	62.15	Carroll Summit; campground; Lander County <b>FAST DOWNHILL; ROUGH ROAD</b> <b>Watch for Animals on Road!</b>	7214'
146.90	67.90	Smith Creek Ranch on left	6190'
151.50	72.50	Flatland area; Cell service resumes. Watch for Animals on Road!	
165.00	86.00	Railroad Summit, Shoshone Mountains (cattle guard, no sign) <b>Watch for animals near and possibly ON road!</b>	6300'
176.15	97.15	Yomba Shoshone Indian Reservation	5700'
182.30	103.30	Road Veers Sharply Left <b>SLOW</b>	
182.50	103.50	Right on Hwy 50 (SS, T-int) <b>NOTE: 70MPH ZONE</b>	
184.70	105.70	Jct. 305 <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	6150'
185.30	106.30	Austin City Limits <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	6575'
185.40	106.40	Chevron Food Mart on right next to Pony Canyon Motel in Austin <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	6365'
		<b>TIME STATION 3 at Chevron</b> <b>QUIET ZONE</b> 16 Main Street, Austin, NV 89310 (775) 964-2579 Open 600am to 1000pm, 7 days a week International Café across the street is open 600am to 800pm, 7 days a week	

5049' elevation gain / 2661' elevation loss / 3940' min altitude / 7245' max altitude.



## SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE FOUR

### STAGE 4: Austin to Eureka

#### Elevation Profile



#### Description

Originally founded for gold, Austin never quite panned out and is known, instead, for its abundance of turquoise. Mines riddle the Toiyabe Mountain range around Austin, reaching elevations over 10,000 feet. The town itself is two rows of “charming businesses” and a hotel originally built in Virginia City but moved here, board by board, in 1863.

Austin is left behind with a sharp 3-mile climb out of Austin and into the Big Smoky Valley: a 100-mile expanse which fills with dust and pollen of bloom flora, creating the illusion that the valley is filled with smoke. Riders will descend into this valley’s lowest point at about 15.5 miles into the stage. Then, they will gain a bit over 700 feet in 10 miles where the ride more or less settles into a consistent elevation through Antelope Valley for the remaining miles to the mining town of Eureka. This 70.10 mile stage will gain 2,822 feet—mostly in the first 35 miles.



#### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
185.50	0.10	Pass International Café on left; open 600am-800pm NOTE: Austin	6550'
185.65	0.25	Fire Station + Sheriff's Office on right NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
185.75	0.35	Toyabe Café on right NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
187.40	2.00	Toyabe National Forest sign NOTE: QUIET ZONE	7080'
188.60	3.20	Austin Summit: begin FAST 6% downhill	7484'
191.00	5.60	X Grass Valley Rd. (low point; begin ascent)	6800'
192.40	7.00	Bob Scott Summit (no sign)	7210'
197.50	12.10	Jct. 376 / Round Mountain; end of descent	6100'
209.70	24.30	Hickson Summit	6546'
218.40	33.00	Leave Lander County; enter Eureka County	6330'
		This is truly "The Loneliest Highway"!	
223.10	37.70	Rest Area on north side of road with two entrances	6340'
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240.50	55.10	Roberts Creek	6200'
252.10	66.70	Jct. 278	6200'
254.80	69.40	Enter Eureka NOTE: QUIET ZONE	6481'
255.20	69.80	County Sheriff on left NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
255.30	69.90	HUGE Fire Station on right NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
255.40	70.00	E-Z Stop Gas, then Eureka Gold Country Inn on left NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
		Other services in town: True Value Hardware, auto supply, café, market, steak house	
255.55	70.15	Chevron Gas & Mini Mart at Bateman St. TIME STATION 4 40 South Main Street, Eureka, NV 89316 Open 600am to 830pm, 7 days a week; 24/7 Pay at Pump Immediately east: Opera House + Jackson House Hotel across the street Owl Club Restaurant across street open 630am - 800pm Sunday; 630am - 900pm Monday	6505'

2799' elevation gain / 2729' elevation loss / 5816' min altitude / 7470' max altitude.

U-Turn here and head back to Reno!

NOTE: Begin direct follow now, if after dark.

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## STAGE 5: Eureka to Austin

### Elevation Profile



### Description

Founded in 1864, Eureka was once Nevada's second richest mineral producer in the state. It features a remarkable county courthouse, an opera house, and other historic buildings along its main street. For now, however, it serves as the 508's turn around: riders reverse their trip and race back across the Great Basin which reveals itself to those who ride these miles in a race against time.

Here, riders may see Nevada's unique species of fauna: riders have reported riding alongside wild stallions or seeing herds of antelope gazing in the distance.

Riders of this stage will cover 70.10 miles through the Antelope Valley and the big Smokey Valley, a stretch of road that is at a slight incline as the ride progresses. At about mile 46, riders will experience a slight descent from Hickson Summit before ending the stage with 14 miles of climbing into the Toyaibe Mountain Range. The first climb is to Bob Scott Summit (no sign) at 7210', followed by a quick descent, then the continuing climb to Austin Summit (7474') at mile 67. From here, watch speed carefully as it's a very fast, twisty descent into Austin with a speed limit of 25 MPH. Besides not speeding, be sure to keep it quiet, too, as you pass through town. Watch for the time station at the far end of town at the gas station on the left.

### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
255.55	0.00	Head west from Eureka; watch for soft shoulders <b>NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b>	6481'
258.85	3.30	Stay left at Jct. 278 to continue west on Hwy 50	
287.65	32.10	Rest area on Right with two entrances	6340'
292.65	37.10	Leave Eureka County; enter Lander County	6330'
299.35	43.80	Chain Installation Area	6400'
301.25	45.70	Hickson Summit	6546'
313.55	58.00	Jct. 376 / Round Mountain; Begin Ascent	6100'
314.25	58.70	Toyabe National Forest	
318.55	63.00	Bob Scott Summit (no sign)	7210'
322.35	66.80	Austin Summit: WATCH SPEED: 7% GRADE DOWNHILL <b>NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b>	7484'
		<b>SPEED LIMIT THROUGH AUSTIN is 25MPH! No Speeding! NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b>	
324.75	69.20	Austin <b>NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b>	6575'
325.65	70.10	Chevron Food Mart on left next to Pony Canyon Motel <b>NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b> <b>TIME STATION 5 at Chevron on left</b> 16 Main Street, Austin, NV 89310 (775) 964-2579 Open 600am to 1000pm, 7 days a week International Café across the street is open 600am to 800pm, 7 days a week	

2753' elevation gain / 2733' elevation loss / 5848' min altitude / 7556' max altitude.

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## SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE SIX

### STAGE 6: Austin to Fallon

#### Elevation Profile



#### Description

Leaving Austin, riders will continue briefly on Hwy 50, then make a left onto the even quieter state route 722. As on the outbound ride, it's important to keep an eye out here for wild, and domesticated, animals near, or even on, the roadway.

In stage 6 of the race, there are traces of past and present: a windmill on the north side of the highway which is an old Pony Express station. (In fact, riders will parallel the Pony Express Trail during most of the Silver State 508.) The windmill is not the original, but the well beneath is still used today. Then, riders will encounter an old Cottonwood tree filled with shoes. This is not the original shoe tree - that one was cut down a few years ago - but this neighbor tree has taken the burden of holding shoes of highway 50 travelers.

Nearly halfway through this stage, riders will continue over Carroll Summit, after which they will see the Dixie Valley Bombing Range which is still used by the Fallon Naval Air Station with targets that line both sides of Highway 50. On the right is Fairview Peak where the US Government built a small mock city. On October 26, 1963 "Project Shoal" happened: a 12.5 kiloton nuclear bomb was detonated beneath the mock city. There are still foundations that mark the location.

At mile 82, riders will begin their descent from Sand Springs Pass. 25 miles from Fallon. Thereafter, riders and crews will enjoy a view off to the right of Sand Mountain, a large dune of sand which is trapped by wind eddies in a valley. There is a rumor that in the 19th century, a Wells Fargo wagon loaded with gold stopped along its route through the state next to Sand Mountain. It remained too long, however, and the mountain moved, covering it. The wagon hasn't been seen since.

The route passes the outbound time station at Harmon Junction at mile 106.5, but it's another six miles now into town to the inbound time station in Fallon. Be sure to get all supplies you might need for the rest of the race as you pass through town; it's a quiet, remote shot back to Reno after this. By the end of this stage, riders will have covered 112.50 miles, gained 2,730 feet, and descended over 5000 feet. There are two stages, but only 72 miles, to go!

#### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
325.65	0.00	Continue west on Hwy 50 from Austin <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	6576'
327.20	1.55	Big Creek Campground <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	6150'
<b>DO NOT MISS NEXT TURN! QUIET ZONE</b>			
328.50	2.85	Left on 722 towards Airport / State Park / Ione	5980'
<b>Watch for animals on road!</b>			
346.15	20.50	Railroad Summit, Shoshone Mountains (no sign; cattle guard) <b>NOTE: No Cell Service</b>	6465'
364.05	38.40	Smith Creek Ranch on right	6360'
<b>Watch for animals on road!</b>			
370.05	44.40	Carroll Summit; enter Churchill County	7214'
381.65	56.00	Eastgate Ranch on right (no sign) Verizon cell service resumes	5300'
384.65	59.00	AT&T cell service resumes	
386.65	61.00	Left on Hwy 50 (SS, T-int) west	4950'
387.65	62.00	Shoe Tree on right	
389.85	64.20	Jct. 361: Old Middlegate Station motel & restaurant just to the left	
391.25	65.60	Pony Express well and windmill on right	4520'
396.25	70.60	Drumm Summit (It's really not a climb.)	4600'
<b>WARNING: Soft shoulders next 20 miles. Use proper pullouts only to stop!</b>			
397.15	71.50	Dixie Valley Rd. / Jct. 121	
401.65	76.00	Dry lakebed; low point before ascent	4000'
407.35	81.70	Sand Springs Pass	4644'
1177.65	852.00	Sand Mountain Recreation Area on right	
422.65	97.00	Historic Salt Wells Bordello location	
425.65	100.00	<b>NOTE: You are in the "Top Gun" zone; expect loud, low-flying aircraft!</b>	
432.15	106.50	Pass Harmon Junction mini-mart on left at Jct 116 <b>NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b>	4100'
<b>Time Station WAS here on outbound, but not now! Keep riding!</b>			
436.25	110.60	Fallon City Limits <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	3960'
436.45	110.80	Banner Churchill Hospital on right <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
436.55	110.90	Fox Peak Sinclair Gas on right <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
437.05	111.40	X Maine St. (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
437.55	111.90	Maverick Gas & Market on right at Venturacci Ln. <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
437.90	112.25	Hyatt Express on right <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
438.15	112.50	Texaco and O'Reilly Auto Parts on right at N. Allen Rd. (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	4223'
<b>TIME STATION 6 at O'Reilly's / Texaco</b> 1960 W Williams Ave, Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 423-3231 Open 24 hours, 7 days a week			

2730' elevation gain / 5036' elevation loss / 4180' min altitude / 7446' max altitude.



## STAGE 7: Fallon to Silver Springs

### Elevation Profile



### Description

This 25.50 mile stage begins in Fallon, home to a “Top Gun” Naval Air Station and the largest town in the region. However, Fallon’s other renown is unexpected: Fallon is known for its uniquely sweet cantaloupe and is one of the largest producers in the US of sweet potatoes as well as alfalfa which is shipped to horses worldwide.

Watch for fast-moving traffic along the first eight miles on Hwy 50 to Leeteville Junction, and be extra vigilant as you merge left across two lanes to make the left to stay on Hwy 50. (Most traffic will continue straight onto Alternate 50 towards Fernley and Reno.) Riders will gain barely 500 feet in elevation from Fallon’s “lush” valley to the next time station in Silver Springs. The time station will not be in its outbound location at the gas and mini-mart (your last for any kind of fuel before the finish line), but just beyond that intersection on the right at the Silver Strike Casino. The restaurant is closed from 900pm to 700am, but the casino is open 24/7!

### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
438.15	0.00	Continue west through on Hwy 50 in Fallon <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	4223'
438.25	0.10	Walgreens <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
445.65	7.50	Leeteville Jct. 1/2 mile ahead: <b>PREPARE TO CAREFULLY MERGE LEFT</b>	
446.35	8.20	Left towards Carson <b>DO NOT MISS; HIGH-SPEED TRAFFIC! 70 MPH Zone</b>	4275'
457.55	19.40	Enter Lyon County	
462.05	23.90	RR Tracks <b>CAUTION!</b>	
462.85	24.70	Silver Springs <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	4209'
463.45	25.30	Shell / Silver Saver Mart on left at Jct. 95 Alt (Flashing Red) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
		<b>LAST CHANCE FOR GAS! ( AND PIZZA!)</b> <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
463.65	25.50	Silver Strike Casino & Restaurant on right <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
		<b>TIME STATION 7 at Silver Strike Casino</b> 1190 U.S. 50, Silver Springs, NV 89429 (775) 577-1400 Restaurant open 700am to 900pm, Sunday - Thursday (until 1000pm on Fri, Sat). Casino open 24/7!	

499' elevation gain / 292' elevation loss / 4221' min altitude / 4560' max altitude.

## SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE EIGHT

### STAGE 8: Silver Springs to Reno

#### Elevation Profile



#### Description

The final leg of the 508 is 46.75 miles that starts with a fast 17.7-mile time trial section, followed by technical ascents and descents to Reno. Riders will leave Silver Springs and follow highway 50 for about 20 miles before turning up the narrow two-lane Six-Mile Canyon. This climb increases its pitch exponentially over the six miles to Virginia City where riders are offered a brief respite from climbing when they reach town - a town where writer Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) got his start working for the local paper. He fabricated stories (fiction so close to fact many believed his tall tales) in a stone basement beneath the street where riders ride, high above Reno where the race will end.

This stage continues climbing from Virginia City up a windy two-lane highway to Geiger Summit (6,789 feet before beginning the final descent to Reno. This will be a technical descent of 8.75 miles with many turns as riders see the Truckee Meadows spread out before them in stunning panoramic vistas. Ride carefully and keep in mind that nobody wins a race like this on the final downhill.

The remaining miles of the 508 take riders through Reno's south meadow: wetlands laced with quiet neighborhoods and business districts to the Atlantis Casino on Virginia Street where the race began. Congratulations! You've put 508 miles beneath your wheels and ascended over 20,000 feet!

**LEAPFROG SUPPORT  
ONLY, EVEN AT NIGHT,  
FROM Mile 483 to 493.3!**

#### Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
463.65	0.00	Continue south / west on Hwy 50	4209'
471.05	7.40	Stagecoach City Limits	4319'
472.65	9.00	Stagecoach Market & Gas on right	
479.25	15.60	X Bryce Street	
480.35	16.70	X Rainbow Drive; Carson Plains Market on right	
481.35	17.70	Right on Six Mile Canyon Rd. <b>DO NOT MISS! QUIET ZONE</b>	
483.00	19.35	Stay left towards Virginia City <b>DO NOT MISS! QUIET ZONE</b>	
489.25	25.60	X D Street: Big Parking Lot <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
489.30	25.65	Right on 341 (SS, T-int.) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	6170'
493.30	29.65	Geiger Summit <b>BE PREPARED FOR 8-Mile CURVY DESCENT QUIET ZONE</b>	6789'
<b>SUPPORT VEHICLES: Downshift to save your brakes!</b>			
494.65	31.00	X Cartwright Rd. "Virginia Highlands"	
496.25	32.60	Enter Washoe County	
501.15	37.50	7-11 on right; <b>(LANDMARK SO YOU DON'T MISS NEXT TURN)</b>	
501.85	38.20	Right on Equestrian Rd. (TL) <b>DO NOT MISS NOTE: QUIET ZONE</b>	
502.20	38.55	Left on Curti Ranch Rd. <b>DO NOT MISS (First Possible Left) QUIET ZONE</b>	
502.55	38.90	Right on Veterans Pkwy (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	4600'
503.85	40.20	Left on Steamboat Pkwy (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
504.35	40.70	Right on Damonte Ranch Pkwy (TL, T-Int) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
504.75	41.10	Right on Double R Blvd. (TL) before freeway <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
508.15	44.50	X Longley Ln. (TL) becomes Airway Dr. <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
508.95	45.30	X S. McCarran Blvd (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
509.25	45.60	Left on E. Peckham Ln. (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
509.95	46.30	X under I-580 <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
510.20	46.55	X Ketzke Ln. (TL) <b>RELAY TEAMS MAY PUT ALL RIDERS OUT HERE QUIET ZONE</b>	
510.30	46.65	X Coliseum Way (TL) <b>QUIET ZONE</b>	
510.40	46.75	Finish on right just before Atlantis Casino Resort entrance drive Riders: Pass carefully through poles into parking lot; vehicles: overshoot this and turn right into lot. 3800 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502 CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed Silver State 508!	4580'

2844' elevation gain / 2654' elevation loss / 4392' min altitude / 6779' max altitude.