

Rocky Mountain HOG Chapter “High Riders Challenge”

Colorado has some of the most scenic roadways in America. These roadways include 28 mountain passes that are on paved roads and are at least 10,000 feet in elevation. Rocky Mountain HOG Chapter is introducing a new program to encourage members to visit all 28 10,000 foot passes in a 10 month period. This challenge begins on January 1, ends around November 1. You must be an active Rocky Mountain HOG member to participate in this challenge.

A patch and rocker will be awarded to everyone who completes at least 10 of these 28 passes. You will also qualify for another rocker if you complete 15, another if you complete 20 and another if you master all 28 passes. The costs for this patch and rockers are: \$5.00 for the patch and \$1.00 for each rocker. You do not need to purchase all rockers. Example: if you complete 20 passes you can opt for just the 20 pass rocker or you can purchase the 10 and 15 pass rockers as well. Hopefully, this will be an annual RM HOG challenge so you need to purchase the patch once and then add the appropriate level rockers each year.

To qualify, you must take a photograph of yourself with your bike while holding your current year AWOL book or a current year HOG magazine in front of the pass sign. If you are by yourself and have no one to take the picture, you can photograph your bike, the pass sign and your AWOL/HOG book placed somewhere on your bike. If you have a passenger who is also participating in this challenge, taking one picture with both of you in it is acceptable. Not all passes have elevation signs and others have only elevation signs with no name so it is important for you to get the correct sign for each pass. Some passes are more difficult to find than others. (For example, Fall River Pass does not have a sign so you need to take a picture in front of the Alpine Visitor Center entrance sign or the gift shop sign on Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park. Iceberg Pass only has an elevation sign on a restroom building in a pull-off just east of the visitors center). Listed below and attached are lists of all 28 passes, their locations, and the type of marker for each pass (although these signs may change). You will need to complete the attached application form indicating the date you were at each pass along with your name and your Rocky Mountain HOG number. This form, along with all of your photos, must be handed in no later than the November Chapter meeting. Patches and rockers will be awarded at the December Chapter meeting.

Please keep in mind that there are weather considerations to think about due to the altitudes of these passes. It is not unusual to have hail and/or freezing rain in July at some of these passes. So be prepared for anything to happen. Also, you may find signs missing for some reason. You will need to be creative with your photo in order to show that you were at the pass.

We've attached pictures of each of the pass signs which should help with finding them. As mentioned, some are easy to find and others you can blow by and not even know it. Hey, that's part of the challenge!

Have fun!

Eligible Passes and the type of marker

Berthoud Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
Cameron Pass	Green/white highway sign
Coal Bank Pass	Green/white highway sign
Cottonwood Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
Cumbres Pass	Green/white highway sign
Fall River Pass	Alpine visitor center entrance or gift shop sign
Fremont Pass	Green/white highway sign
Guanella Pass	Brown/yellow sign
Grand Mesa Summit	Green/white highway sign "Elevation 10,839"
Hoosier Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
Iceberg Pass	Small green/white elevation sign on restroom bldg
Independence Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
Juniper Pass	Brown/yellow Arapaho NF picnic ground sign
Kenosha Pass	Green/white highway sign
La Manga Pass	Green/white highway sign
Lizard Head Pass	Pavilion at the Pass
Loveland Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
Milner Pass	Brown/white continental divide sign
Molas Pass	Green/white highway sign
Monarch Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
North Pass	Green/white highway sign.
Red Mountain Pass	Brown/yellow National Forest sign
Slumgullion Pass	Green/white highway sign
Spring Creek Pass	Green/white highway sign
Tenderfoot Pass	Green/white highway sign
Tennessee Pass	Brown/yellow continental divide sign
Vail Pass	Green/white highway sign
Victor Pass	Victor welcome sign on CR 81. No altitude given.
Wolf Creek Pass	Pavilion at the Pass

Helpful Pass Descriptions and Locations

Camerson Pass: On Highway 14 about 40 minutes east of Walden. Signs on both sides of the road.

Milner Pass: In a pull-off on Trail Ridge Road west of the visitors center. Sign on one side of the road.

Fall River Pass: You can take a picture with either the visitor entrance sign or the gift shop sign. Neither says Fall River. It's a little safer taking the picture of the gift shop sign.

Iceberg Pass: A small elevation sign that is on a restroom building in a pull-off about 2-3 miles east of the visitor center. Sign reads: "Elevation 12090". A little hard to find. Nothing says "Iceberg Pass".

Berthoud Pass: Easy to find on the right as you head toward Granby on US 40. Restroom available.

Juniper Pass: In a pull-off between mile markers "15" and "16" on CO 103. Soft gravel. Careful!

Loveland Pass: Sign is only on the North side of US 6 but easy to see.

Guanella Pass: Pass not open until sometime in May. From I-70, take exit 228 for Georgetown. You will be on 15th St. Take 1st right onto Argentine St. Take 1st left onto 11th St. Take 1st right onto Rose St. Turn left onto 2nd St/Co 381. At the pass, use sign on right as you approach summit or sign in parking area on right for photos.

Vail Pass: Signs on both east and west bound I-70. East bound side has soft dirt when you pull off. Careful! For West bound sign, take truck pull-off about 3/4 mile west of exit 190.

Kenosha Pass: On the right side of US 285 as you head toward Fairplay.

Fremont Pass: Sign is only on one side of the road.

Hoosier Pass: Sign is on the right side of the road as you head toward Fairplay from Breckenridge.

Tennessee Pass: Only on one side of the road.

Independence Pass: At the summit pull-off between Aspen and Twin Lakes. Big paved parking area. Restrooms.

Grand Mesa : Sign on one side of the road. Small sign that has elevation only. Nothing says "Grand Mesa" anywhere.

Cottonwood Pass: Sign on one side of the road. Big paved parking area. Easy to find.

Victor Pass: Stone sign that says "Victor-city of mines". No elevation given.

Monarch Pass: At the gift shop on the south side of US-50.

North Pass: Between mile markers "31" and "32". Large pull-off. Sign says "North Cochetopa" pass.

Slumgullion Pass: Between mile markers "61" and "62". Small gravel pull-off.

Spring Creek Pass: Mile marker "55". Signs on both sides of road. Restroom available.

Red Mountain Pass: On the west side of US 550. Paved pull-off. Between mile markers "80" and "81".

Lizard Head Pass: West side of CO 145. Around mile marker "58". Restroom about 1/10th mile past sign.

Molas Pass: Mile marker "64". Sign is across from the parking area. Very scenic views in parking area. Restroom.

Coal Bank Pass: East side of US 550. Restroom. Big but soft gravel parking area. A few miles south of Molas Pass.

Wolf Creek Pass: No sign saying "Wolf Creek" or elevation. It's a big pull-off with sign saying "The Great Divide". Has an overhang.

La Manga Pass: Around mile marker "12". Easy to find.

Cumbres Pass: Mile marker "4". Easy to find.