

HBC Great Rides, May 2014
Fully Supported Double Divide Ride

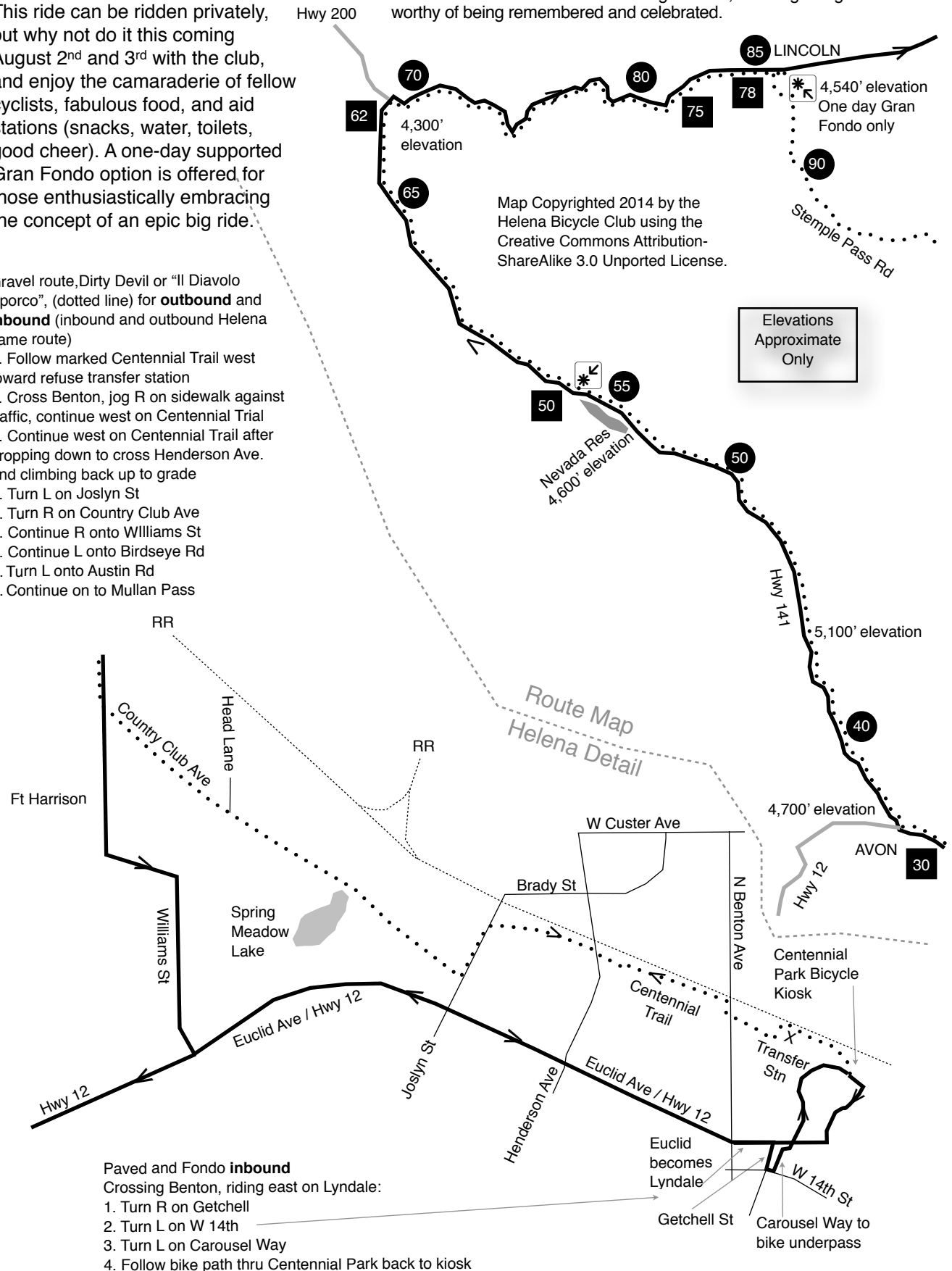
Suggested by: Unknown¹

This ride can be ridden privately, but why not do it this coming August 2nd and 3rd with the club, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow cyclists, fabulous food, and aid stations (snacks, water, toilets, good cheer). A one-day supported Gran Fondo option is offered for those enthusiastically embracing the concept of an epic big ride.

Gravel route, Dirty Devil or "Il Diavolo Sporco", (dotted line) for **outbound** and **inbound** (inbound and outbound Helena same route)

1. Follow marked Centennial Trail west toward refuse transfer station
2. Cross Benton, jog R on sidewalk against traffic, continue west on Centennial Trail
3. Continue west on Centennial Trail after dropping down to cross Henderson Ave. and climbing back up to grade
4. Turn L on Joslyn St
5. Turn R on Country Club Ave
6. Continue R onto Williams St
7. Continue L onto Birdseye Rd
8. Turn L onto Austin Rd
9. Continue on to Mullan Pass

¹I couldn't discover who began the DDR. Len and Concetta Eckel organized many of the early rides. Len suggested Doug and Susan Brown. Early riders such as Ken Martinelli, Chuck Mickelwright, Dawson List, Mike Griffith, or Fred Flanders might have some light to shed on this historical conundrum. If anyone knows, let's get it written down and included in a future newsletter. It's a great ride, with beginnings that are worthy of being remembered and celebrated.



- Paved and Fondo inbound**
 Crossing Benton, riding east on Lyndale:
1. Turn R on Getchell
 2. Turn L on W 14th
 3. Turn L on Carousel Way
 4. Follow bike path thru Centennial Park back to kiosk

Link: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4199264>

Length: 135 miles Gran Fondo or Paved Two-day option, 137 +/- miles Gravel Two-day option

Duration: One day (Gran Fondo) or two days

Elevation gained & lost: 6,400—6,550 +/- feet

Begins & Ends: Centennial Park

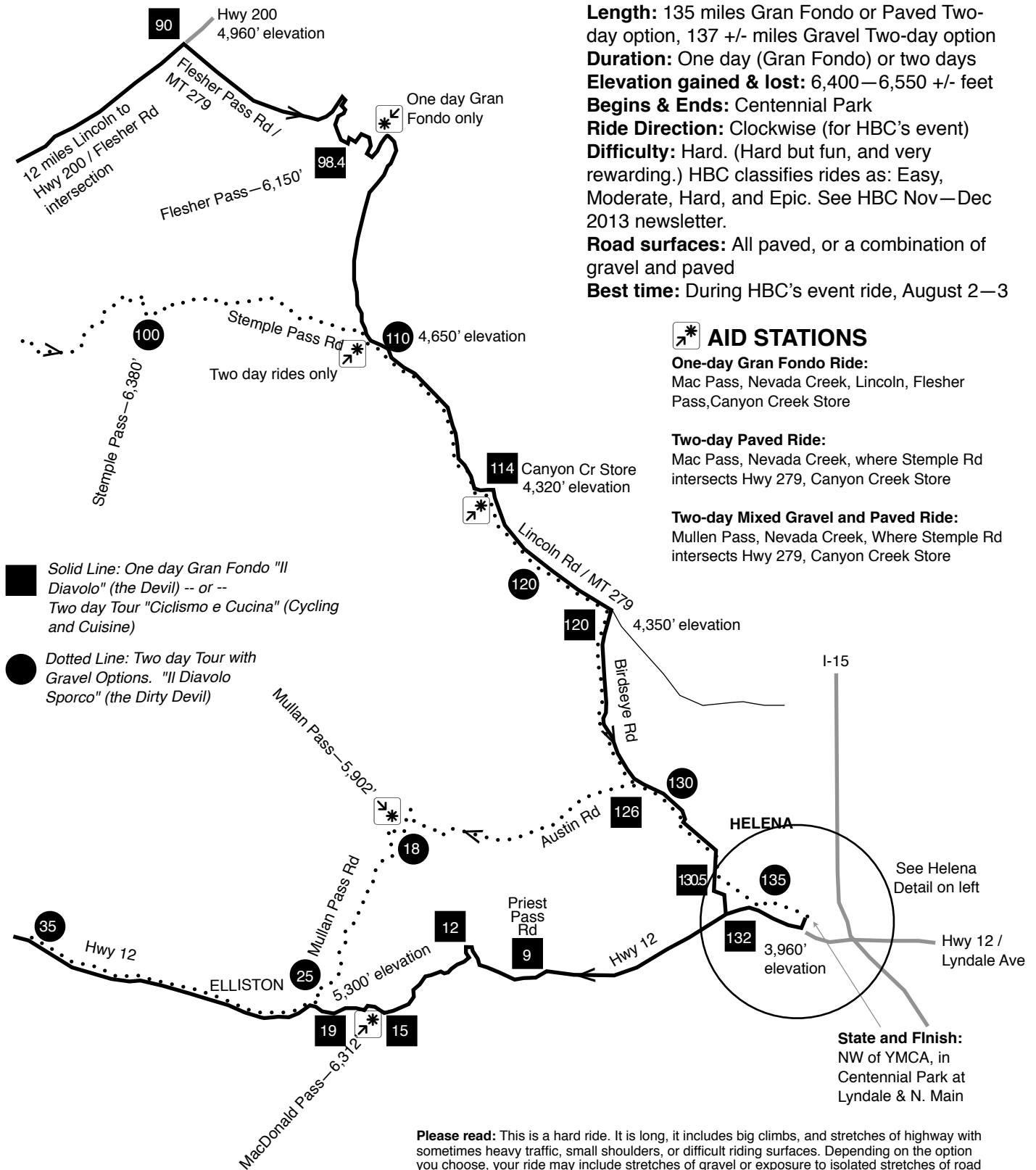
Ride Direction: Clockwise (for HBC's event)

Difficulty: Hard. (Hard but fun, and very rewarding.) HBC classifies rides as: Easy,

Moderate, Hard, and Epic. See HBC Nov—Dec 2013 newsletter.

Road surfaces: All paved, or a combination of gravel and paved

Best time: During HBC's event ride, August 2—3



(See Helena detail, left)

Paved and Fondo Riders (solid line) **outbound** :

1. Leave Centennial Park via parking lot behind Old Armory
2. Turn R pm Lyndale / Hwy 12
3. Continue toward MacDonald Pass

Please read: This is a hard ride. It is long, it includes big climbs, and stretches of highway with sometimes heavy traffic, small shoulders, or difficult riding surfaces. Depending on the option you choose, your ride may include stretches of gravel or exposure to isolated stretches of road where weather or mechanical problems could pose serious problems for the unprepared cyclist.

You are responsible for your own safety, so please ride safely. Wear a helmet, be visible and ride predictably. Control your speed on descents. This ride includes rough road surfaces, and you will be exposed to varying amounts of traffic and potentially dangerous weather. Portions of this ride are remote, where timely help may be unavailable. This is a remote ride often without easy recourse to emergency assistance. Conditions change due to alternations in routes, uncertain weather, changes in traffic, deteriorated road surfaces, construction activities, and other hazards or inconveniences too numerous to foretell or specify. These directions and this map, like all maps and directions, may become outdated and inaccurate without warning. The Helena Bicycle Club (HBC), its officers, volunteers, or contributors of these rides, trip leaders, and others associated with this bicycle ride description and map cannot be held responsible for the conditions of this route, or for any aspect of your ride. HBC is not responsible for any injuries or damages sustained or occurring while riding this route.