

2024 Pirates Life SS-1000



Ride materials provided to you include this Instructions Document, a set of waypoints files, and a Verification form for you to record info about you and details for each Stop (odo & time). Please print the Verification form, then fill in Stop details, either along the way, or when you return to the hotel. A filled-in form will expedite the Verification process.

The remainder of this document identifies and describes all of the ride's required Stops. Included for each Stop is the following information: Stop #, name or title, street address or intersection, coordinates, description, *requirements in italics*, and an example photo.

To become a certified finisher of this ride, you must:

- start at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel
- visit all Stops in numerical order (ascending or descending)
- meet the requirements of the Souvenir Bonus
- meet the requirements of all Stops (photo, receipt, item, as specified)
- finish at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel
- complete the final Stop's requirements before 24 hours since your ride start
- ride at least 1,000 miles start to finish, based on your odometer

Unless otherwise noted, all Stops are available anytime, and all times are in local time zone.

While planning routes in BaseCamp or Google Maps, we occasionally find that it is difficult to determine the absolute “shortest” or “quickest” route to visit all the Stops. However, on this ride, you will find that the shortest and quickest routes yield nearly identical mileage and time. You may choose any route for your ride.

The shortest route is about 1009 miles, and this is what your certificate will state. Choosing “quickest” or “shortest” in your routing preferences should come close to the example route depicted above. About 3.2 % of this example route, or 33 miles, is on non-Interstate highways, and about 16.4 % of this example route (165 miles) is on toll roads. The “shortest” or “quickest” route will follow Florida’s wonderful toll road system for at least part of the ride, so we recommend using a Sun Pass or compatible device.

We recommend riding in the counter-clockwise direction. You may choose to ride clockwise.

Do not start the ride until you have verified that this document includes all pages. Each page is numbered. This is your responsibility.

In an emergency, or for landmark assistance during the ride, or to notify us that you will not be returning for dinner, please call: **Michael Kneebone 773-909-9219**

Have a safe ride!

Acceptable gas stations in Jacksonville near the host hotel, for start & end receipts:

- (1) Speedway at 30.1933, -81.6239, 10141 San Jose Blvd, (0.8 road miles north)
- (2) Shell at 30.2044, -81.6168, 9551 San Jose Blvd, (1.7 road miles north)
- (3) GATE at 30.2051, -81.6176, 9540 San Jose Blvd, (1.7 road miles north)

Starting information:

Near host hotel, Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida
30.1824, -81.6273

Stop 1: Official ride start

You must start your ride at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel, at a date & time of your choice. Your ride officially starts at a receipt’s date & time, and at the odometer reading recorded here.



Obtain a receipt from one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel. Take a photo of your starting receipt and odometer before you begin riding. Receipt info & odometer must be legible in the photo.

Souvenir Bonus: Captain Morgan Rum

Anywhere, anytime during the ride.

At some point during your ride, you need to find and purchase a bottle of Captain Morgan Rum. Any type of Captain Morgan Rum is acceptable and any size container. You must present the container of rum and photo of the receipt which is date/time stamped between your ride start time and your ride finish time. Once verification has been completed, you will get to retain the container of Captain Morgan Rum as a souvenir of your ride.

Alternative: If you are underage or prefer to not purchase an adult beverage, you may purchase a refrigerator magnet as the souvenir for this ride. If you can find one that has a pirate theme it would be nice. All the other requirements must be met to earn this Bonus, just replace container of Captain Morgan with refrigerator magnet.

Purchase a bottle of Captain Morgan Rum (or magnet) and take a photo of the receipt and your odometer at the store. Receipt info and odometer must be legible in the photo.

If your ride is being verified during the 2024 JAX Party Verification Hours, bring the purchased item to Verification.

Otherwise, you must take an additional photo of the purchased item and also include that photo with your application for ride certification.



Stop 2: “Old Oak Tree” Poem marker

Blue Creek Veterans Memorial Park
Near Pirate Cove Rd & Ponce De Leon Springs Rd
Ponce de Leon, Florida
30.7259, -85.9325 *at the intersection*
30.7265, -85.9350 *at the marker*



Special Instructions:

From the intersection, a parking area is about 300 feet west along Pirate Cove Rd, on the right; then from the parking lot, it's a walk of about 300 feet west to the marker near the large oak tree.

There are also other entrances to the Park along Ponce De Leon Springs Rd to the north of the intersection.



A personal poem from a veteran, with double meanings, using an Old Oak Tree at a local all wars Veterans Park in Ponce de Leon, Florida. It is inscribed on a piece of granite and placed at the base of an 'old oak tree'.

“OLD OAK TREE”

I stand here by a creek so blue.
I stood here while you carved initials,
and I love you.
Although those words you can not see,
I hold them, and cherish them with glee.
I hold them tightly in my heart,
Though covered over with timely bark.

I've listened to the children run and play,
not wanting to see the end of the day.
As you were snuggled in your bed,
I knew the squirrels were to be fed.
As the years go slowly by,
Some have forgotten but not I

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*Take a photo of the stone marker containing the poem near the large oak tree.
Take a second photo of your odometer at your parking location.*

Stop 3: Long John Silver restaurant

1828 Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida
29.1867, -82.1127

With Pirates Life as a theme for this ride you really did not think we would not make you stop at a fast food location with this name. They are open till 8:00 pm for dine-in service. Very friendly staff, a nice place to take a rest stop. If you arrive after the dining room has closed, there is drive-through service till 9:00 pm.

Take a break and purchase something. Take a photo of your receipt & odometer at the restaurant.



If you're there when the restaurant is closed . . .

*Take a photo of the Long John Silver sign with your motorcycle in the photo.
Take a second photo of a time/dated receipt from any Ocala, Florida, business, with your odometer, to document when you were here.*



Stop 4: Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf

8501 International Dr, Orlando, Florida
28.4413, -81.4702

The ad for this place may make you want to come back and play a round when you have a little more time to relax . . .

Come aboard mates! Make us part of your Orlando vacation. Voted "Best in Florida" by Orlando Magazine, our adventure golf courses are renowned for their innovative hole designs, lush landscaping, and entertaining pirate theming.



The adventures and legends of infamous pirates come to life as you enter our world of 18th century buccaneers-- sunken ships, cascading waterfalls, dreaded pirate dungeons and lush, tropical vegetation. Watch out for stray cannon shots from the wily skeleton lofting cannon fire from his old raft!

*Take a photo of the sign for Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf.
Take a second photo of your odometer here.*

Stop 5: Pirate Statue at Shell Bazaar

10106 S Federal Highway (US-1), Port St Lucie, Florida
27.2803, -80.2933

Take a photo of the Pirate statue located in a sheltered doorway.

Take a second photo of your odometer here.



Stop 6: Ending odometer

Complete your ride by obtaining a receipt from one of the acceptable gas stations (listed on page 2) near the host hotel. We recommend using the same station as for the starting receipt, for time stamp consistency. Check the receipt to ensure that it includes a Jacksonville location and the CORRECT time.

Take a photo of your ending receipt & odometer at the end of your ride. Receipt info and odometer must be legible in the photo.



Finish Check-In: Ride Verification

Host hotel: Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida
30.1824, -81.6273

We will verify your ride. Bring your photos (camera or phone) and any other related items required to document your ride. You do not need to print the photos; we will view them on the camera or phone display. Also bring your **filled-in** Verification form, which was included in the ride materials provided to you.

At the JAX event, two options are available for Verification:

- (1) Friday, March 8, 2024, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
By IBA event Staff
In the Verification room, to the right of the front desk, through the double doors.
- (2) Thursday, March 7, 2024, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
and Friday, March 8, 2024, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
By Ride-In Verification Staff
In the Board Room

Otherwise, an application for ride certification must be submitted to IBA in the usual manner.