

Welcome to “Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas 2015”



gpsKevin at the Grand Canyon view point near the Bar 10 Ranch North Rim

Enclosed you will find a daily description of the ride and associated plans.

You will also find an SD card for your gps unit. This card contains all the custom ride maps which have been created for the ride. You should install this sd card into your gps prior to the ride and check to see that it is working properly.

If you have trouble with your gps I will be happy to help you at the ride.

You will also find paper daily ride maps. These are to be carried with you as a quick reference to aid you in understanding your gps and the day's route options.

We will meet in the parking area at 8:00am Sunday morning at the

South Point Hotel and Casino

9777 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89183 (702) 796-7111

Note: Riders should make arrangements with the hotel to leave their trucks here for the week.

About the ride

This is a 7 day ride designed for larger adventure bikes. The ride is designed for the intermediate rider. This is not a good ride for beginners or street bikes. The main route does contain a mix of dirt roads and pavement. The ride has route options. The main route is colored **BLUE**. Each day riders can choose easier paved back road **GREEN** options, or riders can choose to explore rougher dirt sections as **RED** options. Riders should study their choices ahead of time. The main **BLUE** route was designed with a mix for the intermediate riders on larger bikes like the BMW 1200.



This ride is about exploring the Grand Canyon and the amazing surrounding Red Rock area.

Riders need to pack and carry their own gear on their bike for the week. Riders should be prepared for rain and cold weather. I chose this time of year because most often the weather is nice, but anything can happen, so come prepared.

Consider coming prepared to help your fellow rider: *"It is not just about you riding your scooter across America, it is about all of us riding across America, it is about helping your fellow rider and laughing along the way. Everyone needs help at some time, but would your friends say that you are more likely to need help on a ride or are you more likely to offer help on a ride? When everyone comes prepared to be more helpful then rides turn out awesome. Come with this attitude! And you will find lots of helpful people on this ride. And lots of Fun!"*

Saturday Travel to Las Vegas on you own

Riders are on their own to make accommodations to stay in Las Vegas for this evening before the ride. Many riders will plan to stay at the South Point Hotel and Casino. For riders arriving early and wanting to meet up before the ride we will meet in the Hotel Bar TBD at 7:00pm

Sunday Ride Day1, Las Vegas to Bar 10 Ranch Grand Canyon

7:30am Riders Meeting: Meeting in the parking lot with your bikes gassed and ready to go. We will discuss the ride plans and form riding groups for the day.

Lodging: Bar 10 Ranch, Remote North Rim Grand Canyon. Riders will sleep in the main bunkhouse lodge. Note: Riders should bring their own flashlight as there is no power in the Lodge after 10pm.

Ride length: 200 Miles

Gas Plan: Get gas in Mesquite NV at 113 miles

Description: The ride starts by leaving Las Vegas on the main boulevards, then the ride follows the two lane highway around Lake Mead and cuts up to Interstate 15 taking you over to Mesquite. Riders should fill up with gas here and get extra snacks for the next 2 days. The main blue route now turns to dirt roads for the last 86 miles. Riders have a choice here of following the Green route along I-15 to Saint George UT and then taking a nicer graded dirt road to the Bar 10. Riders taking the Blue route should plan to have their lunch at the Butch Cassidy Hideout stop. Riders wanting more challenge should take the last 16 mile Red section. It's not too tough the last time I went through it. Highlight Recommendation: Riders should arrive at the Bar 10 early and then take the 10 mile out and back to view the Grand Canyon. (Black line). It is spectacular.

Breakfast: You're own your own, get your breakfast before the rider's meeting starts

Lunch Plan: None. Riders should come prepared with snacks to have lunch on the trail. Suggestion: have lunch at the Donut "Butch Cassidy Hideout"

Dinner Plan: Cowboy Dinner provided by the Bar 10 Ranch

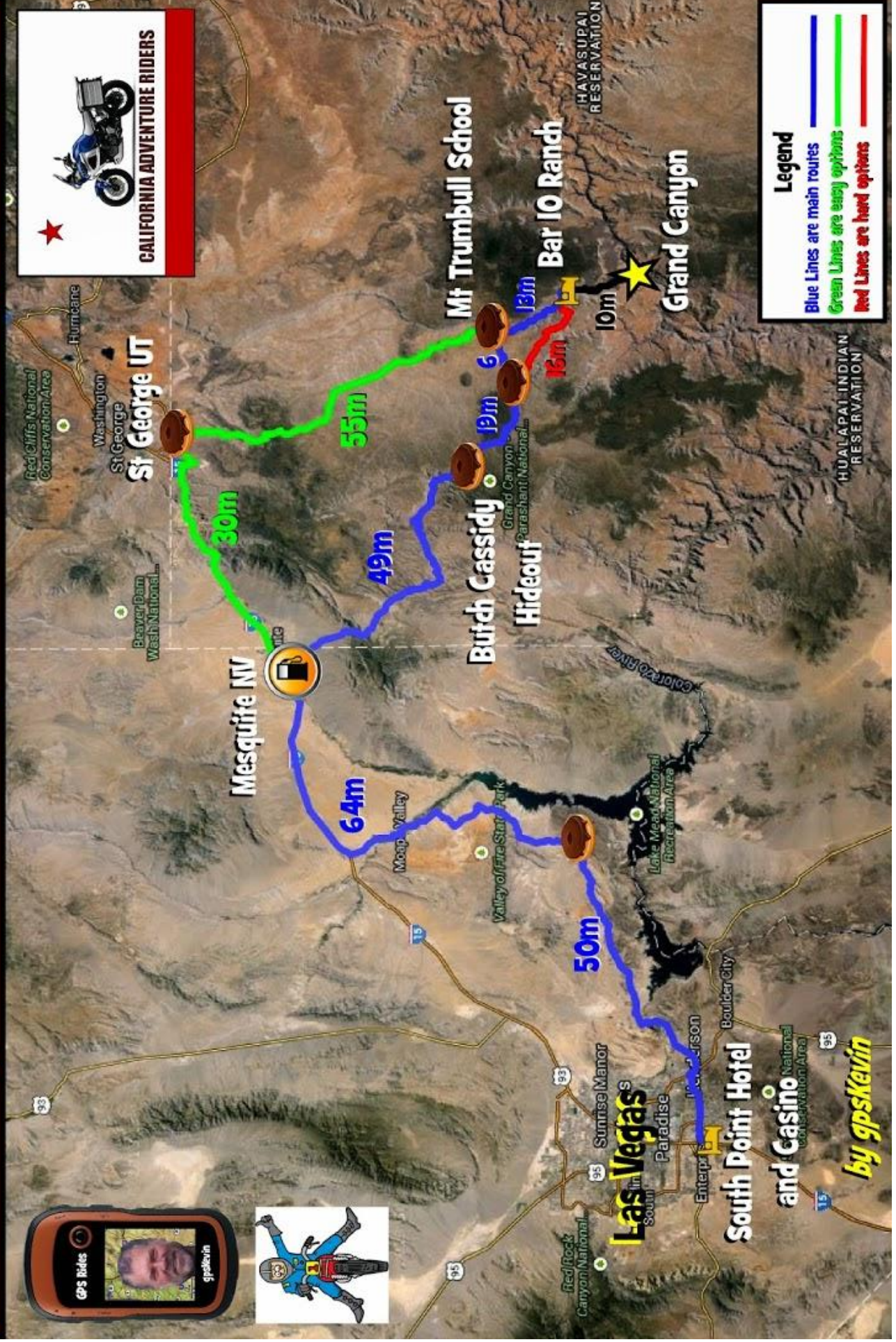


Optional covered wagons at the Bar 10 Ranch

Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride I

Vegas to Grand Canyon Bar 10

Ride Length is 200 miles



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Monday Ride Day2, Bar 10 Ranch Grand Canyon to Kanab UT

Lodging: Royal Inn Kanab

Ride length: 111 miles

Gas Plan: Note: Get gas at the Bar 10 before starting, No gas on the trail

Description: The Red route may be a great choice and not too tough, but we should inquire at the Ranch before starting in the morning. The route is marked Red because at times it can have snow or mud. But if conditions are good it can be one of the best choices. The Red route offers the out and back option to Toroweap Point which is one of the best Grand Canyon Views. The main Blue route is dirt roads for 75 miles. Then it's paved into Kanab. The Blue is not so high elevation as the Red and should be mostly graded and open. The Green Route is the easiest option and goes through Saint George and Hurricane. The route is graded dirt to Saint George then all pavement to Kanab. Riders taking the Green route have the option for lunch in town. The other route riders have no lunch options. Note this is a shorter day at 111 miles, so you have the time to explore some of the options.

Breakfast: Cowboy Breakfast provided by the Bar 10

Lunch Plan: .None: You must have snacks on the trail

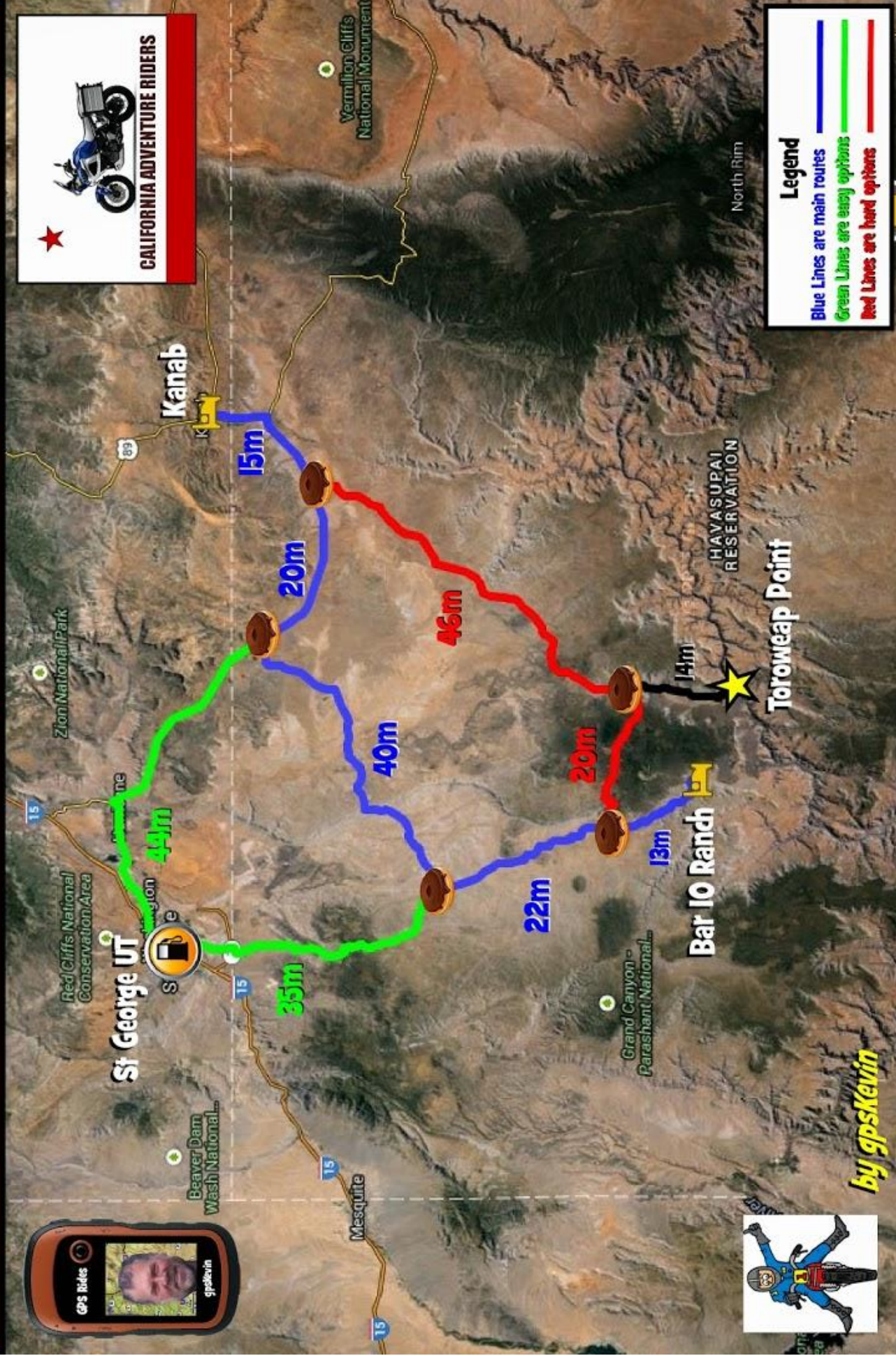
Dinner Plan: You're on your own. Suggestion: Escobars Mexican Restaurant (across the street from our hotel)



View from Toroweap Overlook

Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride 2

Bar 10 to Kanab UT
Ride Length is 111 miles



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Legend

- Blue Lines are main routes
- Green Lines are easy options
- Red Lines are hard options



Tuesday Ride Day3, Kanab UT to Hanksville UT

Lodging: Whispering Sands Motel

Ride length: 215 Miles

Gas Plan: Get gas in Escalante at 95 miles

Description: The morning Blue route starts with pavement and then a bit of graded dirt road into Tropic. The morning Green Route option is all paved 2 lane highway and takes you up beautiful "Reds Canyon". The Blue route continues paved into Escalante for gas. Next the route continues along the Famous Scenic Byway Hwy12 into Boulder. We will meet and have lunch at Boulder Mesa Cafe. This place should have great homemade pie. After lunch there is an all paved Green option taking you over the mountains into Torry and back to the Blue route. The Blue Route is the famous "Burr Trail." This route is part paved and part dirt through the spectacular "Capitol Reef National Park". This includes the famous Burr Trail Switchbacks. There is an optional Red route that is a little tougher, best for the lighter KTMs.

Breakfast: Continental Breakfast is included with the Royal Inn room.

Lunch Plan: .Lunch in Boulder at 122 miles, Boulder Mesa Cafe, they have great pie here.

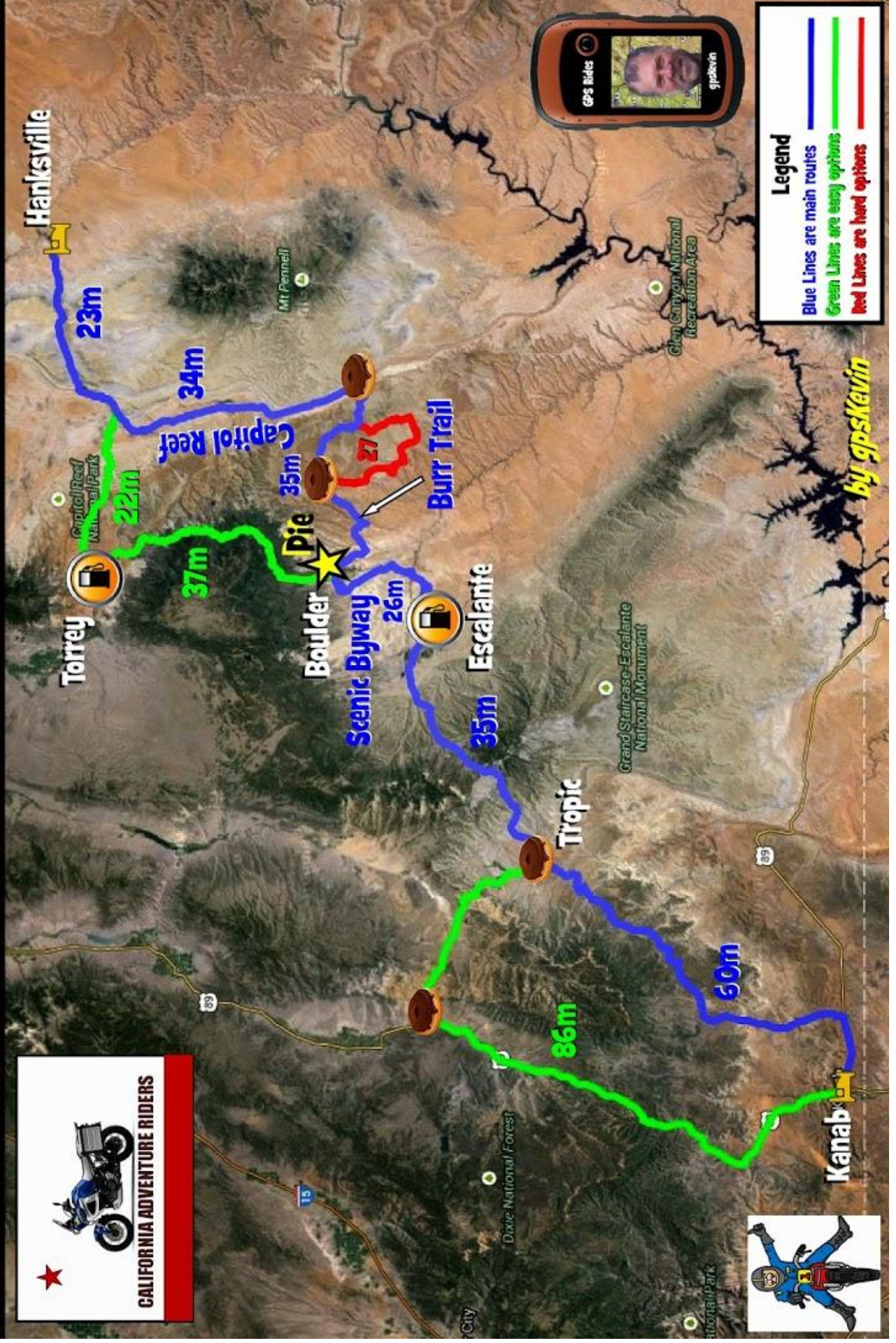
Dinner Plan: You're on your own. Suggestion: Blondie's Eatery " World Famous Burgers and Milkshakes" (Walk across the street from our motel)



Burr Trail Switchbacks

Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride 3

Kanab UT to Hanksville UT
Ride Length is 215 miles



Wednesday Ride Day4, Hanksville UT to Mexican Hat UT

Lodging: San Juan Inn

Ride length: 144 miles

Gas Plan: Optional Gas at Lake Powell Hite Marina, at 65 miles, Credit card self serve only, there is likely no staff there.

Description: The Morning Blue route is along dirt roads on the Scenic Byway up along the Henry Mountains. The Green route is a highway bypass. There is an option to stop and get gas at Lake Powell Hite marina. This is a black route out and back. Note the gas station may appear closed, but the Pump should be open for credit cards only. After gas there is a Red option. This takes you along the Woodenshoe Trail. This is best for advanced riders. Next comes the option to take an out and back (Black Line) through Natural Bridges State Park. Should be a great side trip. Then riders continue to the Moki Dugway Switchbacks. Hard to believe this is a main route through this area. Last the riders have the option to visit the Goosenecks of the San Juan River. This is just a short out and back Black route that should not be missed.

Breakfast: You're On your Own: Try Blondies again????

Lunch Plan: .None, Pack you own snacks

Dinner Plan: You're on your own. Suggestion: The Old Bridge Grille, near the motel



Moki Dugway Highway 261 switchbacks



Goosenecks State Park

Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride 4



Ride Length is 144 miles

Hanksville to Mexican Hat

Thursday Ride Day5, Mexican Hat UT To Grand Canyon, Tusayan AZ

Lodging: Red Feather Lodge

Ride length: 199 miles

Gas Plan: Get gas in Tube City at 116 miles

Description: Monument Valley and Grand Canyon Day. Short Blue line ride 20 miles south to Monument Valley. Take the Black Line out and back to Monument Valley. The loop around the place will be about 20 miles. Take some time and enjoy. Then continue on the Blue route through the Navajo Indian Reservation another 94 miles to Tube City. This is our Lunch and Gas stop. Lunch is at the Navajo Sonic Drive Inn. What has the reservation come to? Then the afternoon continues with a small bit of dirt on the Blue route and into the North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park. You will have to pay an entrance fee as you enter the park. There is a Red harder dirt option that is unknown to me but looks quite nice. Once inside the park it is up to you as to what side trip views you choose to take. I have included a couple of Black Routes to some of the best views. You might want to take the second black route into the Village and park and take a walk along the Canyon Rim. Last for the Day is an Red option to take a back dirt road out of the park.

Breakfast: You're on your own

Lunch Plan: .Sonic Drive Inn in Tube City

Dinner Plan: You're on your own. Suggestion: Big E Steakhouse (5 minute walk north)



Monument Valley



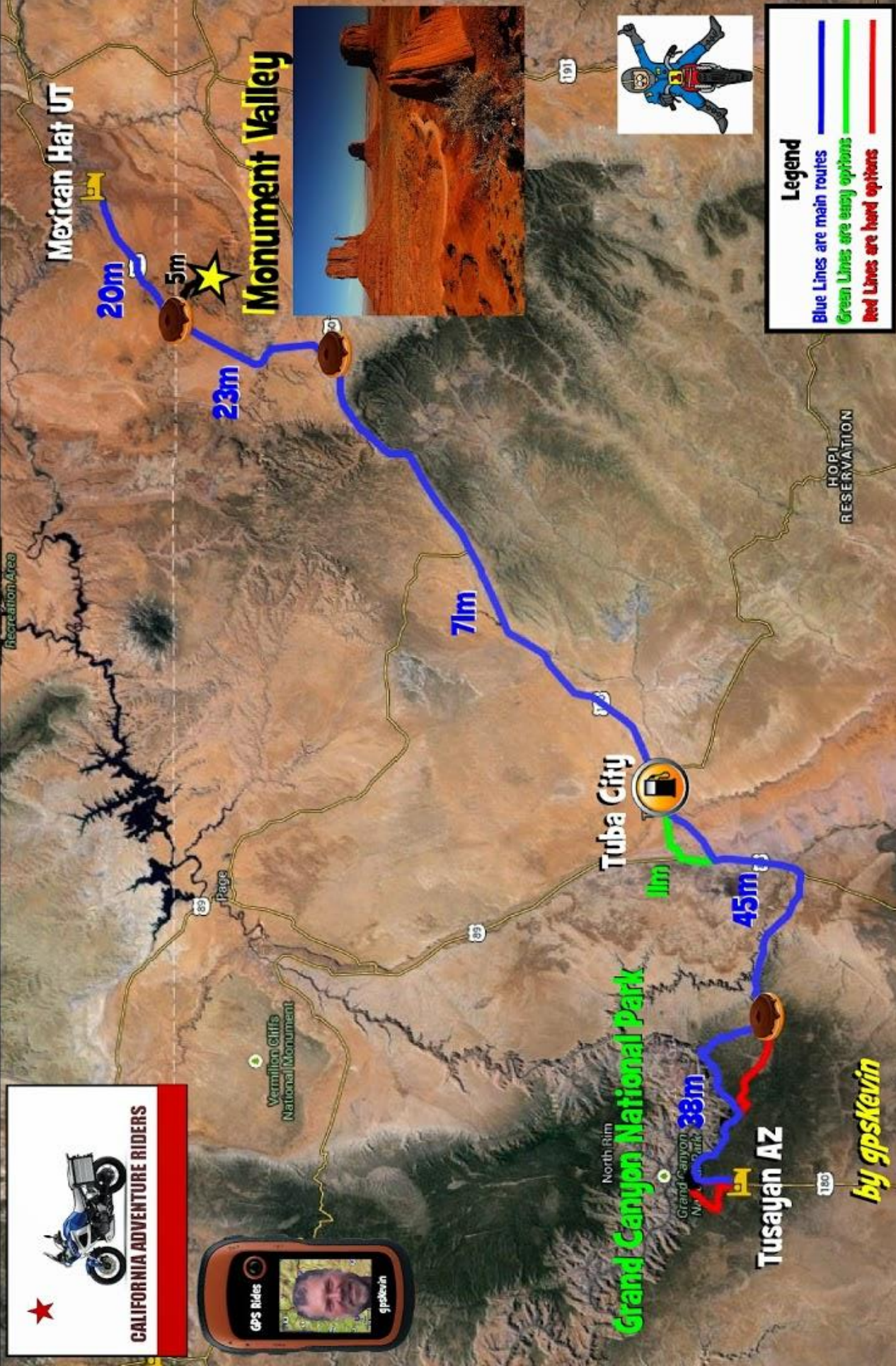
Grand Canyon National Park

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You can't really capture the Canyon in a picture

Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride 5

Mexican Hat to Grand Canyon
Ride Length is 199 miles



Friday Ride Day6 to Peach Springs AZ

Lodging: Hualapai Lodge

Ride length: 118 miles

Gas Plan: None on the Blue route

Description: This is a shorter day so if riders would like to spend more time in the Grand Canyon, there is time in the morning for a victory lap back to the Canyon. Today's ride starts with an optional Red route choice for 22 miles. Most of this looks like good graded dirt roads, but the route is untested. The Blue route is paved until the Green starts, then it is marked, maintained county graded roads. The Blue should be fast dirt. If riders want to skip the dirt they will be treated to the old highway Route 66. This is the longest still intact section of the great Route 66. The Green route also allows for coffee and lunch in Williams. It is a short day so riders can relax. Continuing on the Blue route, riders get the Black out and back option to view the Canyon from the Supai Parking Viewpoint. Riders may get a chance to see the US mail mule team start from this area to deliver mail to the Indian village.



Breakfast: None, you're on your own

Lunch Plan: .None, Pack you own snacks

Dinner Plan: You're on your own

Suggestion: Diamond Creek Restaurant in the Lodge

USPS mail Mules for Havasupai Reservation

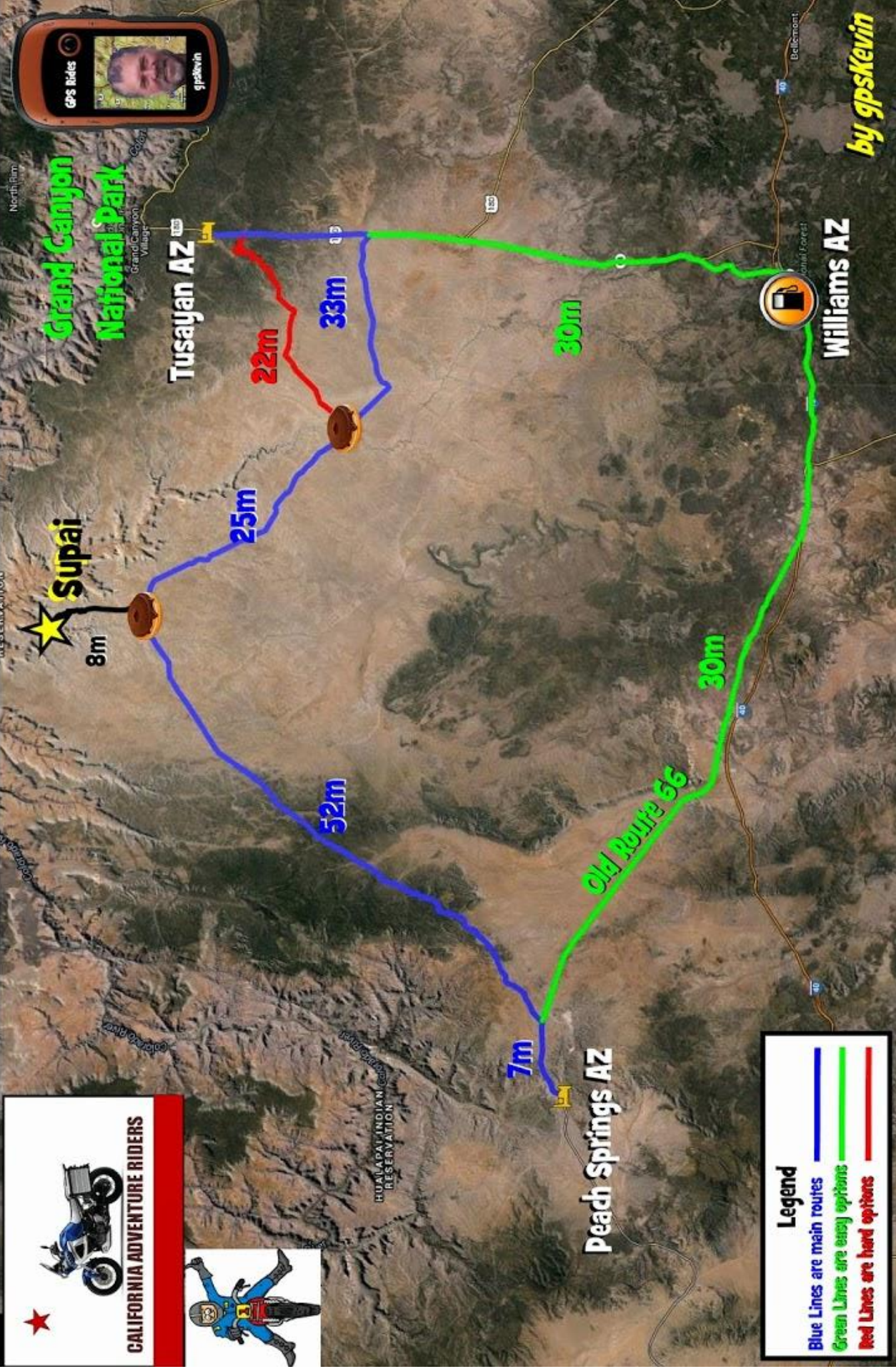


Welcome crew at Peach Springs "Maynard" is our support truck if we need help

Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride 6

Grand Canyon to Peach Springs

Ride Length is 118 miles



Saturday Ride Day7 Ride to Las Vegas

Lodging: None, Ride over, Riders depart for home or choose to stay with other riders at : South Point Hotel and Casino

Ride length: 171 miles

Gas Plan: None on Route

Description: Right off in the morning riders have the choice of a harder Red dirt route through the mountains. This route looks like good graded roads with lots of turns and ups and downs. This may be a great way to end the ride. Riders choosing the Blue route will start out on Route 66 and then move to fast graded dirt roads. Riders wishing for paved roads can remain on the Green routes. Later the Blue route will wind you around Lake Mead for a glimpse of the lake again. The second Red route is a big shortcut but it contains some narrow 2 track dirt roads. As riders get near Vegas, there is a Black route option as an out and back to visit and drive over Hoover Dam.

Note on the last day some riders just like to take the highway back to Vegas, this route will get you back in 2.5 hours

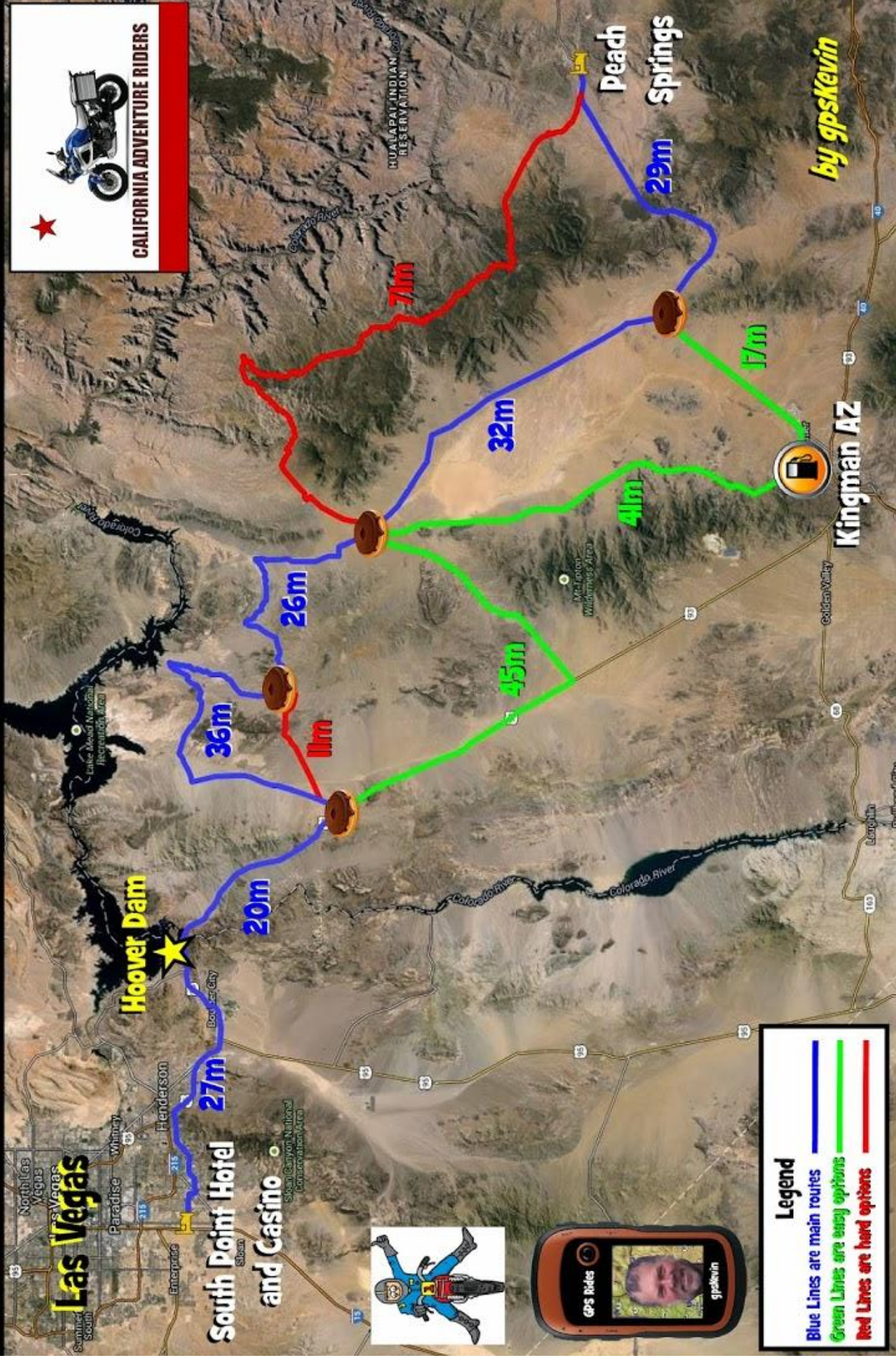
Breakfast: Continental Breakfast is included with the Hualapai Lodge room.

Lunch Plan: .None, Pack you own snacks

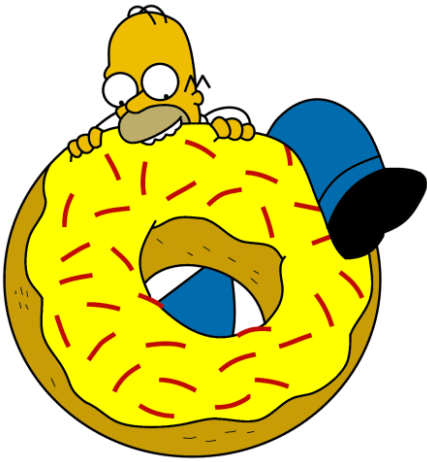


Grand Canyon Red Rock Vegas Ride 7

Peach Springs to Vegas
Ride Length is 171 miles



Donut Holes: Are we doing Donut Holes?



This ride includes Donut Holes. Donut Holes are suggested as meetup spots for riders riding in groups. It is recommended that you join a group of riders and not ride alone. Ride groups should be 6 people or less. Using gps to navigate while riding in a group presents lot of new challenges and opportunities. First riders tend to ride at their own pace and often ride out of sight of the others in the group. Some riders may like to stop and take pictures and others simply like to stay out of the dust. When using GPS riders often unknowingly pass or change their position within the group. While the rider, say Jeff thinks Brian is in front of him, Brian is now behind. Jeff and both riders don't know that this change has occurred. What happens next is Brian slows to allow Jeff to catch up and Jeff speed up to try to catch Brian. The gap between them get ever bigger and the riders may never see each other again. These situations can escalate into big

confusion and issues.

To mitigate the group confusion this ride includes Meetup Points called Donut Holes. Donut Holes are big circles embedded into your GPS. These circles mark the spot that riders take a quick stop to check in with the other riders and verify that everyone is accounted for without issue.

When a rider turns up missing at the Donut Hole it is up to the group to decide to ride back to the last known sighting of the missing rider. Riders should not skip a Donut as the rest of the group may turn back looking for the missing person. This allows ride groups to catch issues early before they become big problems

As your riding group forms the riders should ask each other, are we doing Donuts? If your group agrees to do Donuts, then that means everyone is responsible ensuring everyone in the group is present at the Donut Holes. Stay on the Trail: Much of this ride borders Wilderness areas, in some places the ride cuts right through Wilderness area on road easements. So it is very important to stay on the route at all times

Reminders:

Check your GPS, do you need extra backup batteries?

Do you have gear to repair flat tires?

Other:

Riding in groups of more than 6 people is not permitted, so do not tell any officials that you are riding in a large group. And limit your group size to 6

Stay the Trail: In many places the route borders Wilderness areas, in some places it is Wilderness on both sides of the road. So please stay on the road or trail and leave little impact that you were there.