

Tucson, AZ, Friday November 13 to Sunday November 15, 2026

Three Days in the Old Pueblo

We are doing three different fun and exciting bicycle rides in the Tucson, AZ area and attending the Greater Arizona Bicycling Association fall Bicycle SWAP Meet. Each ride is designed to be available as a one-day event for those who might want to come down for only one day. There is a little driving on day one and three to get to start and back to hotel. Good news is Saturday's ride starts from the Comfort Inn so no driving on Saturday.

Here is the general need-to-know information and details of each day's event that will be posted on the Sun City Cycling Clubs event page on the website:
www.suncitycycling.com

Hotel and base: Book before November 6, 2026.

The Comfort Inn & Suites North Tucson Marana, 8425 N Cracker Barrel Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743-8582. Phone number is 1 (520) 579-1099 website link:
www.choicehotels.com

I have a block of rooms reserved in my name at \$139/night plus taxes. You need to call and tell them you want to book one of Warren Smock's rooms and they will change it to your name. Please advise me when you make your reservation so I can track how we who is going. If I have your name and contact information I can email/text you directly with last-minute changes and updates.

Note: You might be able to do better booking directly online as they didn't give me much of a break.

Routes: All are subject to last-minute changes as circumstance require. Watch the event calendar for updates.

Day One: Friday November 13, 2026, Sonoita, AZ. Wine and Cowboy Country Loop.

Weblink: <https://ridewithgps.com/events/505912-tucson-az-day-one-friday-november-13-2026>

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Location: The Steak Out Restaurant & Saloon, 3235 AZ-82, Sonoita, AZ 85637

Parking: Park in the North edge of parking lot.

Route Distance: 38 miles. <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/57372329>

Route Description: We will ride through wine country on rolling roads with low traffic, long site lines and no shoulders. We may see some wildlife and for sure scenic views of the Santa Rita Mountains.

Route Information: There is a convenience store and a small market at the crossroads of Sonoita. There are no water or food options on the route that you can count on so be prepared to ride and support yourself. (Watch for possible updates.)

After the ride: A local ice cream parlor and one restaurant are available if we desire.

Dinner that evening: TBD

Driving Directions: From Sun City take I-10 south through Tucson to exit 281 for AZ 83 south toward Sonoita. Sonoita is approx. 25 miles. (Allow about 3 ½ hours for this trip.)

Day Two: Saturday November 14, 2026. The Oro Valley Loop and View ride.

Weblink: <https://ridewithgps.com/events/505913-tucson-az-day-2-saturday-november-14-2026>

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Location: The Comfort Inn & Suites North Tucson Marana, 8425 N Cracker Barrel Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743-8582. Meet at lobby entrance.

Parking: Hotel parking lot

Route Distance: 43 miles, <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/57435772>

Route Description: We will ride the Tucson Loop up to Oro Valley and the View Restaurant (<https://suncityorovalley.com/restaurant>) in Sun City for lunch. We will return on mostly bike trails and a couple of bike lanes back to hotel.

Route Information: Lunch at the View Restaurant in Sun City. There will be several restrooms and water breaks but few food opportunities.

Dinner that evening: TBD

Driving instructions: From Sun City take I-10 south to exit 246 toward Cortaro Rd onto N Casa Grande Hwy, go for 0.3 mi., turn right onto N Cortaro Farms Rd., Turn right onto N Cracker Barrel Rd., go for 0.1 mi. to hotel. (Allow about 2 ½ hours.)

Day Three: Sunday November 15, 2026. GABA Fall Bicycle Swap Meet and Saguaro National Park Loop

Weblink: <https://ridewithgps.com/events/505914-tucson-az-day-3-sunday-november-15-2026->

Swap Meet Start Time: 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: El Con Center, 3601 E Broadway NE Corner of Lot, (this at the back behind Walmart and Target) Tucson, AZ.

Information: <https://bikegaba.org> (Click on bike swap in left column.)

Driving instructions: From Sun City, AZ take I-10 south to exit 258 on Broadway. Proceed to the GABA Swap Meet. (Allow about 2 ½ hours from Sun City.)

Saguaro National Park Loop.

Start Time: Estimated 10:30 AM meet at the GABA information booth to coordinate getting to start location and time: Estimated ride start time 10:30 AM

Location: Morris K Udall Park and Recreation Center, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson, AZ 85715.

Driving Directions: From the GABA swap meet. East on Broadway Blvd for about 1.3 miles, Left on S Kolb Rd. Right on Sabino Canyon Rd. Right into Udall Park (easy to miss), first right toward ball fields and picnic area. (If you get to Tanque Verde you have gone too far.)

Route Distance: 28 miles. <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/57370064>

Route Description: We will ride the loop, some streets to the Saguaro National Park East. We will ride the 8-mile scenic loop at the park and head back to the start.

Fees: There is a \$15 bicycle entrance fee for the National Park. If you have a National Park Pass, bring it. In the past we have been able to get everyone in on several members' passes. But we are in a new age, so who knows.

Route Information: Not a lot of water and food stops. Water and restrooms are available at the park.

Dinner that evening: On your own, I'm headed home.

Ride with GPS routes will be posted on the club's event calendar soon.

Hope many of you can make this outstanding weekend of bicycling, if not all three days at least for one or two of them.

Warren Smock

