

2019 TOUR DE PICAYUNE RACE RULES AND PROCEDURES

RULES

1. Each participant/rider is responsible for understanding and following course. Navigation marks and the maps are just an aid but not necessarily reliable.
2. Roads on the forest are not closed, so riders need to watch-out for traffic and be aware of other vehicles, animals, and obstacles at all times.
3. For all emergencies dial 911.
4. Rider in the front has the right of way, and the rider from behind must yield at all times.
5. All riders should take tools to repair bikes as flats are common along with other mechanical related breakdowns such as: broken chains; twisted chain rings; and, broken spokes. All riders should take all necessary emergency equipment and a cell phone along with anything else a responsible and independent woods rider would have along.
6. The Tour De Picayune (TdP) is offered by The Picayune Nature Club (PNC), a Not-for Profit Florida Corporation, and any inquiries as to the specifics and mission of the organization are encouraged. The name of the organization speaks for itself as does the race. Feedback and questions ensure the event will be successful. After out of pocket expenses, all money collected to be used for the benefit of Picayune Strand State Forest.
7. Aid stations, snacks, and drinks along with post-race activities are provided as a courtesy of the PNC. All participants in forest recreational activities should always come to the woods stand alone. But all participants and supporters are welcome for everyone to stay and partake in any of our food and drinks as provided. There is free camping available for anyone at Snake Pit Camp or the Edge campsite. The Florida Forest Service also has excellent camp sites available for at 2121 52nd Ave. SE at the Equestrian Campground near the state forest office for \$10 per night.
8. **Final note:** first and foremost, this is a Florida State forest and it is our privilege to use under a special use permit. Respect all other visitors and remember that, all plants and animals are protected, and we must yield to their benefits at all times.

START

Event begins at 7:45am and registration is at two locations:

-East side, at Everglades Blvd. Southand 48th Ave. SE just south of the I-75 overpass;

-West side at the Sabal Palm Trailhead 3 miles east of County Road 951 on Sabal Palm Road.

Sabal Palm Trailhead has toilets available on-site, and East side has toilets nearby at the Forestry office ½ mile west at 2121 52nd. Ave. SE.

At registration, names of riders will be added to the official race roster. Race rules and procedure hand-outs will be on available for everyone. Each participating rider is required to sign an assumption of risk form to participate.

Each rider will receive an overall course map and several larger scale maps providing an overview of each of the 3 Checkpoint group loop courses. No GPS course routes for electronic devices are available this year. GPS coordinates of the starting line and finish line, 10 check points (CP), and the 3 aid stations will be listed on the overall course map. Pay attention to which course each rider is following.

A rider number, to be attached to each bike, and all contact cell phone numbers for TdP staff on the course will be made available. For any and all medical emergencies: Call 911.

There will be race/tour personnel on available at each start location for at least 45 minutes after race begins. Snake Pit is the finish location with people there available to help always.

AID STATIONS

There are 3 aid stations. Each station will have water coolers with ice, fruit, energy bars and extra water in bottles along with volunteers manning the station. Shaded tents will also be on-hand. The aid stations are a good opportunity to ask folks about Picayune Strand and take a break.

COURSES

1. **Levy/Pump Station Tour ride** - easy to moderately easy. A mountain bike, gravel bike, or fat bike is not necessary for this loop on the racecourse. A basic bike with about 1-3/4" to 2" wide tires will suffice. Beginning from Start line #1, visit each of the 3 check points out and back to Snake Pit Camp is about 16-17 miles total. This loop is to be considered a tour loop that is appropriate for most everyone.
2. **Gravel Grinder's Dream** - moderately difficult. Lots of sun and the surface is consistently kind of soft and gravelly. Yes, a dream for those that like a consistent crank. It's around 30 miles and goes out into remote locations of the forest.
3. **Sandman's Slam** - hard ride but shortest of all the courses. It can be very tough depending on current conditions and is about 10-12 miles total. It has rough terrain, major sandy areas, many sharp turns, and lots of natural obstacles with lots of backwoods single track. A fat tire bike or Fat bike is needed.
4. **Champion's Course** - very difficult. This course combines all the loops, plus it includes the very remote check point #4, which is a very tough and wild spot that is not easy to combine with the rest of the trails efficiently. Some of this riding can be through some wet spots and there's a lot of high grass free riding. The Champion's Course represents the total package of all that's fantastic about riding in Picayune. The overall winner will be declared by riders on this course that collect a chip from each of the 10 checkpoint locations and cross the finish line.

WINNING

The first person to get back to Snake Pit camp with all 10 CP chips, having completed the Champions Course, will be the 2019, 8th annual Tour De Picayune Grand Champion and Durrwalker Cup winner. The overall winner will be awarded the Durrwalker Cup for 1 year and is declared the TdP champion for 2019. The winner's name and hometown will be memorialized permanently and will be honorably displayed forever along with the names of other great riders who have won in the past. In addition, they will be provided with a grand prize along with adulations from other riders for the rest of the day.

Bonus Competitions

Each loop course, (Sandman's Slam, Gravel Grinder's Dream, and Levy/Pump) will also have smaller and separate championship titles to be won, corresponding arriving at course's group of 3 check points listed each section and on the course map.

Each check point (CP) consists of a chip filled bucket that has a unique color and will also include an additional 5 white chips that designate which CP location it's from and, on the flip side, show the arrival order of the that rider. It is up to each rider to collect the lowest number available. Each 1st place chip = 5 points, 2nd place chip = 4 pts., 3rd = 3 pts., 4th = 2 pts and 5th place = 1 pt. If no white chips are left, riders should take a chip from the bucket and continue to their next CP.

Points are awarded at the end for each rider that is completes a loop and delivers those chips to the finish line in Snake Pit camp. Arrival time is not a factor, just order of finish for the specific loop completed and points added for all for that particular loop.

Durrwalker Cup Champion however, will be the first one finishing at Snake Pit Camp with all 10 check point chips.

It is possible that one rider could win all 4 championships. (Grand Slam of TdP) but extremely unlikely and will be greeted with an additional accolade.

Double Bonus Competition

There are also double bonus chips available at any of the Check points scattered across the course. Those chips are colored black.

A single rider may emerge from just one CP with as many as 3 chips from that single location. (1 – colored CP chip, 1- white placement/points chip, and 1 black double bonus chip.)

There are a total 8 black chips available to collect. Some locations may have more than one black chip, while others may have no bonus black chips.

For each black chip that is eventually brought back to Snake pit, a bonus prize will be awarded to that person bringing back that special chip.

Only 1 black chip can be taken and possessed by a rider for the entire race. No rider is allowed to have more than 1 chip of each color or designation at any time.

There is no trading of any chips of any kind with anyone. It's first come, first serve at each CP.

No rider is required to follow any specific CP order or course route.

The map shows suggested routes for of each of the 3 loop groups, but it's up to each rider to choose which direction and course used arrive to the Check points. It is encouraged for those touring to go check out and explore other spots and enjoy the forest. Use the course map as a guide. PNC is here to help for additional areas to explore.

Snake Pit- the selected finish line and is located at: XYZ 54th Ave. SE, off of Miller Blvd to the west.

Prizes and accolades will be awarded at Snake Pit Camp.

We will have post-race food there: hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and condiments plus fresh fruit, roasted veggies, chips and lots of cold drinks on ice too.

There is shuttle service at Snake Pit providing rides for anybody and their bike back to their cars parked at Trailwalker (Start#2) or near the other Starting spot #1 off Everglades and 48se.

Be safe, enjoy meeting new people, and have a great 2019 Tour de Picayune.