

Ride Long...Ride Strong!

GMC2017 – Route Info

Day 01 - THE LAUNCH

Date: 28-Oct-17

From: HASSAN

Via: BELUR

To: CHIKKAMANGALURU

Cycling Distance (KM): ~90 Kms

Activities / Highlights: Flag-off from *Hassan*. The cyclists pedal their way through BELUR and YAGACHI reservoir before ending the day at *Chikmagalur*. Nestled in the foothills of the Mullayanagiri mountain range, *Chikmagalur* would be an ideal place for the cyclists to break ice with the other GMC'ians.

Day 02 - THE INITIATION

Date: 29-Oct-17

From: CHIKKAMANGALURU

Via: MUTHODI FOREST

To: ATTIGUNDI

Cycling Distance (KM): 80 Kms

Activities / Highlights: The first exposure to GMC off-road trail. The gravel infested trail, with almost unending climb sets the tone for the remainder of the ride. This is the chance to get all your muscles and sinews ready before attempting the more torturous sections in the coming days. Day ends at *Atthigundi*.

Day 03 - MTB'ers DELIGHT

Date: 30-Oct-17

From: ATTIGUNDI

Via: BHADRA WILD LIFE SANCTUARY

To: SHIMOGA

Cycling Distance (KM): 90 Kms

Activities / Highlights: A long off-road stretch with average ups and downs amidst the Rolling Meadows and thick, canopy covered routes. Kemmanagundi at its greenest offers beautiful background for great selfies. Day-3 ends at Shivamogga, also known as the 'Gateway of Malnad'.

Day 04 - HOMELY HINGAARA

Date: 31-Oct-17

From: SHIMOGA

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Via: AGUMBE

To: GUDDEKERE

Cycling Distance (KM): 90 Kms

Activities / Highlights: A day with dual opportunities to duel! The MTB friendly segment through the Mandagadde bird sanctuary is a short but sweet ride. After another long day of cycling, we encounter the reputed hospitality of Hingaara Homestay at the remote Guddekere. A word of caution, look out for snakes crossing your path!

Day 05 - KODACHADRI KARNIVAL

Date: 01-Nov-17

From: GUDDEKERE

Via: NAGARA FORT

To: KODACHADRI

Cycling Distance (KM): 70 Kms

Activities / Highlights: Another long ride day with limited shade. But the biggest challenge of GMC2017 awaits! Scaling Kodachadri on a cycle. A feat attempted only by a handful, the torture of off-road, uphill climb is dotted with vicious hairpin curves. An evening to assuage your aching body at Nittur.

Day 06 - STREAMY SCENE

Date: 02-Nov-17

From: KODACHADRI

Via: SHARAWATHI BACK WATER

To: JOGFALLS

Cycling Distance (KM): 80 Kms

Activities / Highlights: An adventurous day for the cyclists! The trail passes through some dense woods before hitting an off-road stretch that leads to the banks of backwaters of Sharavathi River. A little bit of chilling in the water before boarding boats to cross over. Another ride through the woods before we end the day at Jog Falls.

Day 07 - CROWNING GLORY

Date: 03-Nov-17

From: JOGFALLS

Via: KOGARU FOREST

To: MURUDESHWARA

Cycling Distance (KM): 80 Kms

Activities / Highlights: The last day of GMC2017. The 7-day MTB challenge concludes at *Murudeshwara*. Winners announced; memories re-lived; tired bodies relieved... and party till you drop. After days of camaraderie, it is time head back to the reality of civilization. Memories are forever!