

Uvas Rest Stop Notes

Paul V did all the work for obtaining a permit with county parks. Our only role was a meeting with a ranger to go over our plan. We were able to do this virtually this year and used the same parking lot partitioning as before. Basically, we leave the southern $\frac{1}{3}$ of the lot coned off with 20 cones for the general public. (plan attached)

Friday equipment and food inventory and loading was efficient and well-prepped in advance. Load trucks so that shelters can come out first, then bike racks, tables and food prep set up. We DO NOT NEED the wooden food stands since it's a "private" event, ie no food inspectors.

Install food popup first (poppers are quick and easy), then 10x20 shelters. Avoid 20x20 shelter if possible, as it was very difficult to assemble and tear down. Bring personal camp chairs for breaks. Uvas has a nice picnic area a few steps up from the parking lot. We did NOT take advantage of this, although some riders did on their own. We should set up the tarp shelters in a way that guides riders who may want to sit and relax, to the tables. See proposed new setup below.

Our first rider was scheduled to arrive just after 11:00 The first rider arrived at 9:02, he missed the turn Canada Loop. A large group on e-bikes arrived at 10:00 and we had 20 customers at 10:15, with continuous customers from that point on. Need to be ready much earlier and review rider forecasting.

Some riders complained of confusion between route arrow color and wristband color.

We need an easy to use dispenser for hot water to prepare instant coffee, hot chocolate, and tea as well as for dishwashing. A large old fashioned coffee percolator with a spout and handle would work perfectly.

We need some route sheet posters so we can answer rider questions.

The cutting boards all have grooves from extensive use. A nurse in our kitchen said they are a germ risk, especially given they do not get sanitized very well between uses.

The meds in our first aid kit expired in 2018.

We ran out of water in the hand washing station early in the afternoon. We refilled with drinking water which could have been a problem in hot weather. Not sure if they are expected to last the day.

We need to instruct and put out the long spoon for drink makers to stir the gatorade well. During tear-down, we discovered a huge mess of gatorade in the bottom of the drink coolers.

We had two afternoon workers inform us they needed to leave before we broke down. This meant more time and effort for the remaining workers. We need to clearly communicate that the afternoon shift needs to stay until the truck is loaded and the engine started. We should rethink the shifts a little, as we were short for setup and teardown but due to overlap we had more than enough during peak ridership. Probably best to schedule shorter shifts with less overlap in the middle of the day.

We need to tell workers not to bother going to CHP after the PM shift for food as the best they will get is cold leftovers.

Below are food notes previously sent to Patty

As you will see in our rest stop report, many riders came in much earlier than expected, resulting in early confusion about putting out food and some items going out earlier than planned. Closing down was also challenging, so there is not as much detail as ideal.

We ran out of bread at 12:30. We even used the crusts up because PBJs were in high demand. Around 2:00 Dave dropped off a lot more than we started with. We made more PBJ's but, the remaining riders were preferring things other than PBJ sandwiches. Goldfish were NOT eaten. Do not want them again.

Kind bars and Potatoes both lasted about 90 minutes

Napkins - ran out at 2:30 including a pile of paper towels someone scrounged from the bins? Or the hand washing station?

We didn't run out of gluten-free items, but were asked several times if we had any different gluten-free options. Some riders needed gluten-free and peanut free.

Cookies were incredibly popular (as expected). We put them out at around 11:30 with lunch and ran out at 1:15.

Veggie wraps from The Terraces. There was some confusion about the types of wraps we were to get. We only got veggie which was good. Smaller wraps cut in half were much better than larger ones cut in thirds because each had a closed end for less messy consumption. They got excellent reviews from vegetarians and non vegetarians. We put them out a little earlier than scheduled due to an early influx of riders. We were out at 1:30.

The Costco sandwiches were very popular and got a lot of positive reviews. We ran out at 3:00. I don't believe we would have finished another tray so the amount was probably just right. They came with tasty aioli. Mary asked everyone if they wanted aioli and she applied it for them. We needed plastic knives for spreading it. We had to use spoons. Transferring it to squirt bottles might be a good approach. The sandwich varieties were mixed on the platters and Mary separated them and put out signs by type. We should ask for one type per platter next time. She cut most of them smaller.

The best and simplest plan would be the sandwiches and veggie wraps like we (accidentally) had.

Watermelons ran out within about 2 hours. We could have used more and that would be especially true if it had been hotter.

Chips were popular but riders wanted more non-spicy (not doritos) chips but not plain Lay's potato chips.

We don't recall running out of anything else important. Items we had a lot of at the end were:
(Includes Dave's dropoffs)

Goldfish

Dave's Dave's bread ;)

Oranges

Bananas

Parking Lot Layout



Here is a link to 2025 photos for reference:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/N5EqA4YDd6bMiGWDA>

2026 Proposed Rest Stop Layout

