

## TOUR OF HONOR NATIONAL PARKS TOUR

### RULES:

1. The Tour Of Honor National Parks Tour (TOH NPT) is a subset of Iron Butt Association's National Park Tours. All Iron Butt Association (IBA) rules apply, except the TOH shorter time period of April 1 through October 31. Please familiarize yourself with IBA rules at <http://www.ironbutt.com/themerides/npt/>
2. Much like an Iron Butt Association National Parks Tour (IBA NPT), the objective of the TOH NPT is to visit properties of the National Parks Service (NPS), which include but are not limited to: National Parks, National Historic Sites, National Battlefield Parks and National Monuments located in the United States. But, the TOH NPT is more restrictive, so in addition to the IBA NPT rules, the following requirements must be followed to be credited with a TOH NPT Certificate of Completion.
3. For this Tour, only 160 (subject to change) of the NPS's total 417 properties are eligible for you to visit. A TOH NPT spreadsheet of eligible NPS properties is located at <http://www.tourofhonor.com/spreadsheets/nptsites.xlsx>
4. Riders must be registered with the Tour of Honor and carry their current TOH flag. The flag will be needed for required photographs.
5. The TOH NPT begins April 1 and ends October 31. Riders can ride any time(s) or any day(s) they desire, provided it is within the seven month period of April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, and visits are during open hours to obtain Passport stamps.
6. Riders must visit at least 50 of the TOH-eligible NPS properties in at least 25 states. The only NPS properties that are eligible, are those listed on the official TOH NPT spreadsheet mentioned in Rule 3.
7. When visiting an eligible NPS property, riders must obtain:
  - a) the NPS property's Passport stamp with the round rubber-ink stamp that contains the property's name and date of the visit. If the rider is not able to obtain the stamp because the Visitor Center is closed when it normally would be open, or the stamp is missing or lost, an entry receipt can be used, along with an explanation. If a site is closed when it normally would be open, credit will be given for signage indicating closure, along with an explanation; and,
  - b) a photograph of the NPS property's on-site signage with rider's motorcycle and current TOH flag. The metal, brown directional signage along the highway is not eligible. The NPS name on the signage must match the name on the NPS Passport stamp obtained for that property.

For example: the only TOH NPT eligible site in Delaware is First State National Historic Park. The stamp obtained in New Castle indicates "First State" and "New Castle." The on-site signage also indicates "First State." If you obtain a First State Passport stamp at one of the visitor's centers in Pennsylvania, which does not indicate "New Castle," you will not be given credit for visiting Delaware as one of the 25 states.

8. Riders must visit their selected NPS sites during the business hours for which the sites' Visitor's Centers containing the Passport stamp are open. If no Passport stamp is obtained at that selected NPS

unit, then that site is not eligible for submission as part of the TOH NPT scoring, unless meeting the requirements in Rule #7.

9. Not every site listed will have a Passport stamp. If a stamp is not available because it is missing or lost, or Park/Visitor's Center is closed when it normally would be open, write "No Stamp" in the tabulation form, along with an explanation. No more than three (3) of these exceptions will be allowed.

10. WASHINGTON DC: For NPS properties in Washington, DC, that are visited for a TOH NPT, riders must still obtain the Passport stamp and a photograph of the on-site signage, similar to all other properties. However, the photo requirements are slightly different due to the lack of parking near eligible properties. For TOH NPT-eligible NPS properties in Washington, DC, the rider's photo must contain the NPS property's on-site signage and their current TOH flag. The motorcycle is not required to be in the photograph of the on-site signage, but the TOH flag is.

All TOH NPT-eligible NPS sites in Washington, DC, have individual on-site signage, except for the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial. In Washington, DC, around the National Mall, there are brown metal sign posts directing tourists to various NPS properties. For the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial only, rider may photograph the brown metal directional sign with the name of the desired NPS property provided the actual NPS property (the memorial) is in the photo - along with your flag. Since all other eligible sites in Washington, DC, have individual on-site signage the use of the brown metal sign post signs applies only to the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial.

Additionally for Washington, DC, riders must submit a photo of their motorcycle parked in Washington, DC, on the day they obtained the NPS Passport stamp(s) there. This photo must contain the rider's current TOH flag and distinct signage or background clearly indicating this is Washington, DC. Failure to do so means the site(s) may not be submitted for scoring. Do not assume the scorers will know the background is in Washington, DC. Make certain that it is obvious.

11. For locations outside of Washington, DC, where parking is difficult and getting the motorcycle into the photo with the on-site NPS property signage may not be possible or safe, you must submit two (2) photos: one with the rally flag and on-site NPS property signage, and a second photo of your rally flag and motorcycle as close to the on-site NPS property sign as possible. Along with your submitted photos, provide explanation of specific landmarks or markers in the photos that help the scorers see commonality in the two photos. That is, for the photo featuring the on-site NPS property sign, indicate where the motorcycle can be seen in the photo. And, for the photo featuring the motorcycle, indicate where the on-site NPS property sign can be seen.

12. For each of the at least 50 sites visited in at least 25 states during a TOH NPT, riders must submit to the TOH scorers at [npt\\_photos@toursofhonor.com](mailto:npt_photos@toursofhonor.com), upon completion of the TOH NPT, all of the following:

- a. A copy of the NPS Passport stamp obtained at each NPS property (stamp images can be scanned and submitted electronically). And,
- b. A photograph of the rider's bike and flag at the official on-site NPS sign for that NPS site, which contains the name of the site matching the name of the site which is on the stamp. (Photos must be submitted electronically in JPEG format).

13. Along with the photos listed in Rule 12, riders must submit the following:

- a. A copy of the NPT application document required by the IBA (whether you plan to submit a formal application to the IBA or not). See <http://www.ironbutt.com/themerides/npt/documentation.pdf> ; And,
- b. A copy of the tabular listing as required by the IBA (whether you plan to submit a formal application to the IBA or not). A sample of a tabular listing is here:  
<http://www.ironbutt.com/themerides/npt/listing.pdf>.
- c. A Word document containing any explanations needed. For example, if an on-site sign required two photographs, you'll need to explain common points in each photo, marking where the motorcycle is in relation to the sign. Or, if you parked in Washington, DC, and want to add descriptive text to assist the scorer. Or, if you want to explain any anomalies in your tabulation, etc. This explanation document gives you the opportunity to provide additional helpful information to the TOH scorers.

14. Prior to submitting copies of Passport stamps and photographs in JPEG format to the IBA for NPT certification and credit, riders must submit all of their TOH NPT evidence for review to TOH scorers at [npt\\_photos@tourof Honor.com](mailto:npt_photos@tourof Honor.com). TOH scorers will determine if the eligibility criterion have been met, by reviewing all of the submitted information and will advise the rider as well as the IBA. Once a positive response has been received from the TOH scorers, rider can proceed to submit documents, evidence, fees and the like to the IBA. It is the IBA that provides the riders with TOH NPT Certificates, not the TOH.

Note: if the TOH scorers determine that the submitted documentation does not fully meet the eligibility requirements for a TOH NPT, this does not mean that the IBA might not certify the ride for a regular IBA NPT. Riders may submit their documentation to the IBA for an IBA NPT provided it meets IBA requirements, even though it was determined to not meet the TOH NPT requirements. However, in order for a rider to obtain a TOH NPT certification from the IBA, all documentation must first be submitted to, and approved by, the scorers at the Tour of Honor.

15. Rider will retain all Passport stamps, photographs and documentation throughout the entire TOH NPT. Only upon completion of the TOH NPT will rider will submit to TOH scorers the necessary evidence explained above (copies of Passport stamps, photographs, etc.) for scoring. Allow at least 2 weeks for scoring by TOH. Do not submit any documentation prior to completing the TOH NPT, submit all documentation as one packet. All TOH NPT documentation, must be submitted to TOH scorers before November 15<sup>th</sup> by email to [npt\\_photos@tourof Honor.com](mailto:npt_photos@tourof Honor.com)

16. Naming convention for the scanned Passport STAMPS will be: 20xx\_rider#\_chronologic stamp#\_parkname\_state\_stamp.jpg

i.e., 2019\_16\_038\_Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP\_KY\_stamp.jpg

PLEASE NOTE, the stamp# is to be the designated order you collected the stamp. In this example, it is the 38<sup>th</sup> stamp this rider has collected.

Naming convention for the NPS property SIGNS will be: 20xx\_rider#\_chronologic sign#\_park name\_state\_sign.jpg

i.e., 2018\_16\_038\_Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP\_KY \_sign.jpg

PLEASE NOTE, the sign# is the designated order you collected the park on-site sign. In this example, it is the 38<sup>th</sup> sign that this rider has photographed.

Naming convention for photographs of motorcycles parked in Washington, DC will be:

20xx\_rider#\_chronologic site #\_parked motorcycle\_DC.jpg.

i.e., 2018\_16\_038\_parked motorcycle\_DC.jpg

TIP:

To save on number of emails for this ride, all of the above documents and photos mentioned above can be included in one PDF file, as long as it's saved as "Smallest Size Available." Otherwise, documents can be saved in folders on websites like Dropbox.com, Google Drive, etc. Then just email the link to [npt\\_photos@tourofhonor.com](mailto:npt_photos@tourofhonor.com) Be sure to include your name and flag # in the Subject line.

An example of a complete submission might look like this:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aqnn8VpNWL1bUvb3AqQvV4ICULAwrTE>

If you have any questions regarding the rules above, please contact scorer Joe Yarzebinski at [npt\\_photos@tourofhonor.com](mailto:npt_photos@tourofhonor.com)