

# AMERIVESPA 2023

## RIDE GUIDE

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### WAPUTKI - SUNSET CRATER - PAINTED DESERT RIDE

**Ride Date and Time:** Thursday, June 1 at 1:30pm (75 mi RT, half day ride)

**NOTE: There is no gas after leaving the Flagstaff. You will need to purchase a pass to enter the National Monuments (see AmeriVespa website for details).**

**Departure Point:** *Little America Parking Lot* at 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

**Way Points:**

- *Departure-* Little America, 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- *Pit Stop-* Sunset Crater, 6082 Forest Service Rd 545, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- *Destination-* Wupatki N.M. Visitor Center, 1 Wupatki Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- *Return-* Little America, 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

**Google Map Link:** <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=14qVP6IVDEvHyU4uEm6w-pRo8C8ISs1I&usp=sharing>

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1. Depart following your guide leader, turning right onto E Butler Ave. to avoid traffic.
2. At the signalized intersection with S Fourth St, turn left onto Fourth St.
3. Cross over I-40 and at the signalized intersection with 89A (Route 66), turn right onto 89A.
4. Continue on 89A for 14 miles, enjoying the forest views. Look for the “Sunset Crater Volcano” sign and turn right onto Loop Rd.
5. At the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument visitors center, exit and park. **[Pit Stop]** Available here are: restrooms, snacks, purchase of passes, information on the area and gifts. We will stay here approximately 20 minutes. Your ride leader will instruct you as to departure time.

6. Exit the parking lot, turning right onto Loop Rd. We will travel through numerous volcanic areas and then views of the painted desert. At the discretion of the ride leader, we may loop through one or more viewpoints.

7. After approximately 19 miles, look for the Wupatki Pueblo Visitor Center sign. Turn left onto Waputki Rd. We will park at the visitor center. **[Main Stop]** Available here are: restrooms, snacks, purchase of passes, information on the area and gifts. There are very dramatic native American ruins just through the visitor center. We will stay here approximately 45 minutes. Your ride leader will instruct you as to departure time.

8. Exit the parking lot, turning right onto Loop Rd. Retrace your route back to Little America.  
20. Continue past I-40 and arrive at Little America on your right.