2024 GLMC Grand Tour Rules

Which Way Do We Go? – Locations with Compass Points in the Name

2024 Theme

The theme for this year is to find cities, towns, villages, boroughs, hamlets, and townships, that have compass points in the name. These places include the words: North, Northeast, East, Southeast, South, Southwest, West, Northwest, center, and Centre.

Locations and Requirements

Each town sign scores one point, only one sign per town. These town names must include the compass points. Acceptable signs can be "Welcome to East Detroit", Post Office signs, signs in front of government buildings showing the town name, etc.

Examples:

East Detroit, MI is acceptable.

Southwest Harbor, ME is acceptable.

North East, Maryland is acceptable, (counts as one point even though North and East are separate words)

Easton, PA is acceptable.

Westtown, PA is acceptable.

Duplicate town names are permissible if the towns are in separate states.

Example: Easton Missouri, Easton Kansas, Easton Minnesota, and Easton Wisconsin are all scored at 1 point each.

Bonus Points

- Towns names that include a name/word that starts with either a G, L, M, or a C get an extra point.

  Example: East Greenlane, PA would score 2 points; 1 for compass point, 1 for a town with GLMC

  Clarification: the G, L, M, C bonus points are for cities and towns names only. Going to a state whose name starts with a G, L, M, C does not qualify for a bonus point. Example: North Druid Hills, Georgia would score 1 point for "North", 0 points for "Georgia".

- Towns in West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Dakota, and South Dakota would score an additional point.

  Example: West Liberty, West Virginia would score 3 points; 1 for compass point, 1 for a town with GLMC, and 1 for West Virginia.

- "Welcome to the state of…" signs for the states of West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Dakota, and South Dakota would score an additional point. Must be a welcome to the "State of" sign not a welcome to the "town of…, in the state of…" sign. Generally, these are at border crossings from 1 state to another. Valid once per state for a combined total of 5 points for all 5 states.

- Visiting the GLMC South Shore Riding Area in South Shore, South Dakota earns 2 additional points for a total of 4 points. 1 point for South Shore, 1 point for South Dakota, and 2 bonus points.

The Basics

● The 2024 Grand Tour will run from January 1st - September 30th, 2024.

● Entry fee is $30.00 per person, through Ride Master. The link to Ride Master is on the GLMC.org website. 2-up riders each need to register separately.

● You do not need to be a GLMC member to participate; a rider number will be assigned to you when you register if you do not already have one.

● There is no cut-off date for entries. We have had riders sign up for a GLMC Grand Tour in August.

● Grand Tour Rider "flags" will be issued as electronic files near or on the starting date. You can print them off to be displayed however you wish.

● Qualifying photos include your bike, GT flag, and legible sign or other information required in the locations list.

● If for some reason a descriptive sign does not exist, contact the Rally Master, or do your best to prove you were at the location. A latitude/longitude GPS picture with rally flag and motorcycle may be used as a last resort.

● Internationally shipped finisher t-shirts may require additional shipping and handling fees, to be determined on a individual basis. Contact the rally master for more details.

● Remember it is okay to ask questions if you have any either via glmcgrandtour@gmail.com or the forum at the GLMC Garage. http://www.glmc.org/GLMC_Garage/.

Finisher Qualification and Prizes

● To be considered a finisher you must accumulate 20 points. Finishers get a Grand Tour t-shirt and entry into the prize drawing.
● Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will receive a trophy/plaque and a refund of their entry fee. All finishers will be entered into a drawing for other prizes T.B.D. related to the number of entrants. [likely motorcycle themed items, entry fee refunds, etc]

Rally Placard/Flag

● A GT flag with rider number will be sent as an image file. Common practice is to print on cardstock and laminate, but feel free to make stickers or whatever you find easy to carry and position for photos.

● Placard size: it can be whatever size you want. Just make sure it is clearly visible and legible in your pictures.

● If you lose your placard, print a new one! What if you lost the original email or file? Email the Rally Master for a copy.

Photo Requirements, (to be visible in the photo)

● Your rally placard.

● A significant portion of your bike. (any bike regardless of if you own, rent, or borrow is acceptable, but it must be the bike you rode there).

● The Sign showing the name of the town. Try to get the entire sign in the picture, or most of it.

■ Some locations may not be possible or safe to park your motorcycle. It is allowed to take multiple photos [rally placard in all pics] to help validate the location. Example: picture one has a bike and placard with sign in the distance. Picture two is zoomed in on the sign or you walked over closer to the sign [with the placard in the picture]. A shared landmark or your bike in the distance is helpful.

Photo Naming and Submissions

● Submissions must be emailed or uploaded no later than 11:59:59 PM CT September 30th, 2024.

● All photos must be submitted digitally to one of the following:

○ email attachments to; glmc2024gt@gmail.com

○ Google drive and similar cloud hosting services. Send a link to; https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rzK5Vx6MJpZmTUtTffslbNwD6Tody0fn

● A list of locations will be required this year. Include the name of each photo, what the town is in; city first, state/province second, your rally number last.

Example: East Detroit, MI Rider 803 or East Detroit, Michigan 803

● The town name must be first so the photos can be sorted by names to look for duplicates.

● The email submittal must include your full name, rally number, and the number of points being claimed.