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## **ART OF SURVIVAL CENTURY BIKE RIDE**



The Sixth Annual Art of Survival Century Bicycle Ride isn't just about pedaling a road or mountain bike through beautiful stretches of county side. It's also an opportunity to learn about a region that includes Southern Oregon's Klamath Basin and Northern California's Tulelake Basin and Butte Valley area.

What is unique about this event—which is a ride, not a race—is that at each rest stop educational components and/or ranger or historian led talks highlighting the cultural history, geography, environmental issues and geology of the area are offered. Along with providing fluids and nutritious snacks at the rest stops, riders will have opportunities to learn about the areas they're passing through.

This year enjoy a breath taking ride through American History. Ninety years ago the great depression crippled the nation's economy. The Basin's flourishing timber and agriculture industries created a new land of opportunity as thousands relocated to the area. Local communities saw their populations more than double and Klamath Falls became the fastest growing city in Oregon. Massive federal programs of the "New Deal" put their stamp on the Basin. Come learn about how CCC Projects boosted agricultural production and built much of the Lava Beds National Monument infrastructure.

**Day 1, Saturday, May 25:** Choose from four routes that begin and end at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake, CA - 100-mile Century, 62-mile Metric Century, 45-mile and a 16-mile family friendly road routes and 22-mile mountain gravel grinder route in the Medicine Lake Highlands.

**Day 2, Sunday, May 26**, is a Gravel Grinder Mix covering distances of 73 and 54 miles and a family friendly 13-mile route. The event committee added an additional day to this event in 2018 to attract other cycling enthusiasts to the area. Adding routes for GRAVEL GRINDERS has been an exciting adventure. All grinder routes will begin and end at the Butte Valley Community Center in Dorris. Participants will ride along the flatlands of Butte Valley, including the Butte Valley Wildlife Area, farms, ranches and for the long rides to Juanita Lake. Views of snow-capped Mount Shasta and Goosenest Mountain are plentiful.

Registration Fees for Saturday, May 25: Rides are \$75 for the Century and Metric Century, \$55 for the 45-miler and \$25 for both the mountain bike and family friendly events. The cost for Sunday, May 26 rides are \$75 for the 73-mile, \$55 for the 54-mile and \$25 for the 13-mile ride. However, if riders register for both days they will receive a good discount. The cost for all routes will increase \$10 after May 20.

Whether riding a bicycle or not there will be plenty of activities during the weekend. California Highway Patrol officers will again host a Bicycle Rodeo event both days for children to learn bicycle safety, so bring your children and grandchildren, their bicycles and helmets on Saturday to the Tulelake Fairgrounds at 2 p.m. or Sunday to the Butte Valley Community Center in Dorris at 2 p.m. for this fun activity.

A pre-ride reception will be held Friday, May 24 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Malin Broadway Theater in Malin, OR for cyclists to pick up their ride packets, enjoy refreshments, discover new area activities and learn about CCC camp history, plus tour our restored historic theater. The committee welcomes anyone interested to attend this reception.

Post-ride meals will be offered both days and are included in the registration fees. The cost for non-riders is \$12 both days. The Tulelake meal will feature locally grown, load-your-own baked potatoes while Dorris will offer yummy lasagna.

For more information and to register visit the website at [www.survivalcentury.com](http://www.survivalcentury.com).

