



Take the Lane

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New Mexico Touring Society



Green multi day rides
Red added this week

3 Ride added this week.

1 July (Sat) Velo Valle Grande. All paced, frequent steep hills, 50 miles, starting at 9:00, from the municipal parking lot in Jemez Springs. The municipal parking lot is in the center of town, on the west (left) side of the NM 4 – across from Los Ojos Saloon and near the Jemez Springs bathhouse. Drive time



from Albuquerque is 1 hour plus; meet at Sandia Casino to carpool, leaving no later than 7:45 AM. Park in the southern-most lot at the Casino – two right turns off of Rainbow. This ride involves over 3000 feet of climbing from Jemez Springs to the Valles Caldera, with some moderately steep sections. However, on the plus side, the scenery and views are wonderful, and you get to descend the hills you worked so hard to climb on the way back. Lunch at Jemez Stage Stop (used to be Deb's Deli) after the ride. Bill Thompson, 505-299-0302.

1 July (Sat) Randy's Real Estate Ride. All paced, minor hills, 28 miles, starting at 8 AM. Join us for the latest installment of Randy's Real Estate Ride. The ride starts at the Smith's at Tramway & Montgomery, winds through the balloon park, through the quirky neighborhoods of East Downtown, visits the Southeast Heights and winds up with a spin past the ritzy homes east of Tramway. We'll have a snack stop prior to tackling the foothills. Something for everyone. Come on along. Mark Pasnewski, 505-241-2797.



2 July (Sun) Sunday Bosque Trail Ride
Plus. 18 mph pace, moderate hills, starting at 8 am from the Alameda Open Space. This ride will start with the regular Sunday Bosque Trail ride. After the stop at Java Joe's we will ride east on Lead, north on Washington, east on Constitution, and north on Tramway with a regular return to the Alameda Open Space after descending Tramway. Jim Fordice, 505-803-3640.



4 Jul (Tue) Red White and Brew. All paced, minor hills, 45 miles, starting at 8 am from the Bosque Brewing. Celebrate our nation's independence on July



4th by wearing your red, white, blue or military jersey. The ride will start at 8:00 AM at the Bosque Brewing located at 8900 San Mateo (close to the

intersection with Alameda). While all pace riding is welcome, we will break up into smaller groups by the desired riding pace so that we can ride in groups. The route will take us through the Balloon Fiesta park by taking a left on San Diego to the NDC and under Alameda overpass. Then a sharp right to get on the trail heading W on Alameda to 2nd Street. Ride Hwy 313 to the turnaround point at the Algodones sign to Old 44 in Bernalillo. Take the sidewalk across the bridge then left on Hwy 528. Stay on 528 to Northern then left on Don Julio to left on Todos Juntos. Right on Carey to Loma Large. Right on Loma Larga, left on Calle Cuervo. Cross Corrales Road into the parking lot then to the Alameda Open Space. Ride on the bike lane up Alameda. At 2nd St take the bike trail on the sidewalk to the NDC and back to the starting point. Note that the Brewery opens at 11:00. Riders wanting a shorter ride can turn left on Old 44 and return via the route outlined above. Saul Segura, 206-999-0519.

15 Jul (Sat) K & D's Ride. All paced, minor hills, 42 miles, starting at 7:30 am, from the National



Hispanic Cultural Center (1701 4th Street SW). Take the bike trail to Rio Bravo. East on Rio Bravo to University, up Snake Hill to Bobby Foster to Broadway. Left on Murray to the bike trail. From the bike trail to Rio Bravo, right on Rio Bravo to Unser. Go north on Unser to various bike paths, back to the bike trail and the start place. Make sure

and bring at least 2 bottles of water. Ride leaders will ride in the back. Donna G. Chavez, 505-856-2710.

16 Jul (Sun) EastMnts S14. 14 mph paced, frequent steep hills, 33 miles, starting at 7 am from the Smiths at Tramway. A favorite among the locals who



like to climb, climb, climb. Let's get an early start for a 33 or 38-mile ride. From Smith's, 1st, we'll climb through the Tijeras canyon. Then, regroup at Subways

(for those of us who want/need a potty/water break) @ 6.5 miles. Back in the saddle, and south up 337 (aka S14) to the grocery store, just past the Oak Flats turn off, ck route:

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/1651057262>

(want more miles? Option: turn at oak flats and loop around to 217, climb up to grocery store).

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After a nice refueling, we turn around and it's down, down, down back to Smith's.

Please bring a good working bike, (lube that chain, buddy) supplies to repair a flat, lots of water and snacks to refuel your body. Refreshments afterwards?... Lena Strickland, 505-266-1096.

1 Sep (Fri) Rides Around Seattle. On August 31. I plan to be in Seattle and spend 11 to 12 days riding my old routes. The RAS (Rides Around Seattle) can be



very interesting, scenic and challenging. All rides will start and end at Log Boom Park in Kenmore so here is what I have in mind:

1. Ride Around Lake Washington.

The Burke Gilman Trail will take us around the lake, almost.

2. Ride around Lake Sammamish. This ride takes us east along the Sammamish River Slough where we might see some bald eagles.

3. Snohomish Loop. The route will take us north to the town of Snohomish which is very well known for its antique stores.

4. Other Rides. The Cascade Bicycle Club (cascade.org) has daily free rides that we could also join. One that I am particularly interested in is a ride that would take us into the downtown area and along the waterfront and the fringes of China Town.

Riding possibilities are endless and we can pick and choose from the offerings of the CBC. The plan is to do all rides early in the morning to allow afternoon sightseeing. Now for the travel details. I plan on driving up so that Kathy can come too as well as to be able to take my bike. Each one who comes will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodation. There are a number of hotels near Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville, both within about 5 to 8 miles from the starting point. I hope to find an AirBnB in Kenmore. Since each one of us will take care of our own travel and accommodations, we can stay as long as we want or leave early. Kathy has already informed me that we will be taking some side trips including Victoria, BC (Buchart Gardens) and some parks in Utah on the return drive. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions. Saul Segura, 206-999-0519 or slsegura671@gmail.com

9 Sep (Sat) Abiquiu Adventure Ride.

Sept. 9-10 based at Ghost Ranch, with a roughly 44-mile out and back ride on Saturday from Bode's store to El Rito where we would have lunch at El Farolito New



Mexican restaurant. Sunday we would drive through El Rito to the junction with NM554 and NM111, park in the large space

at the intersection and do a roughly 35-mile ride through farmland and forested areas to just beyond Vallecitos and back. Terrain both days involves some climbing and rollers but nothing too extreme. Hiking opportunities at Ghost Ranch or nearby Plaza Blanca

Accommodations available at Ghost Ranch:

Room rate per night for private room with bath including breakfast \$159 (without b/fast \$150)

Room rate per night for private room sharing a bath with one other room, \$149 (\$140 w/o b/fast)

Dorm accommodation, separate rooms w. twin bed or bunks, but shared bath down the hall, \$99 per night

Camping, \$35 per night for 2-tent site, access to showers and toilets. Dining hall onsite: breakfast \$10, lunch \$12

and dinner \$14. More information at:

www.ghostranch.org/visit/lodging-meals/ or call

505.685.1000. Bode's store about 12 miles away also has great burritos and other food.

RSVP to Rosalie Rayburn required by Aug. 15. 505-977-2533, rosepatch3@hotmail.com

12 Sep (Tue) Europe 2017 - Bordeaux to Toulouse.

14 mph paced, flat, 184 miles, starting at 9 AM from Bordeaux, France. Pat and I are doing a self-



guided cycle tour this summer from Bordeaux to Toulouse, France and invite you to join us for another NMTS European adventure. Below is a partial description from the tour company's website. Email or call me for further information

and website links. Total mileage is 184 miles, with a daily average of around 37 miles. There is no better way to understand the heart of southern France than to cycle through it and feel the beat! This self-guided cycling tour begins in the cultural capital of Bordeaux and ends in the inviting metropolis of Toulouse, but that's only part of the story. Between them, you'll follow the spectacular Canal de Garonne, a lengthy 19th century waterway and designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, through quaint villages, blossoming countryside, and rows upon rows of highly cultivated vines. It's a journey through both the traditionally rural and the fiercely industrial aspects of this fascinating French region.

Our seven-day itinerary is mostly flat as it skirts a level waterway, making it perfect for first-timers, leisure cyclists, and families with children. We have carefully selected some wonderful places to stay along the way and will transport your bags between each one, but otherwise we'll stay out of your way. Once you've picked up your bikes, maps, and information packs, you are free to enjoy this stunning route at your own pace.

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Future non-club rides link:

<http://www.nmts.org/events.php>