



# Take the Lane

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## New Mexico Touring Society



**Green** multi day rides  
**Red** added this week

**3 Rides added this week.**

**Attention riders! Some of the weekly rides will start an hour earlier next week. Others will change the week after. Please check the weekly schedule on the website so you don't miss your favorite ride.**

**20 May (Sat) Acoma Loop.** All paced, moderate hills, 50 miles, starting at 9 AM from the Casa Blanca Truck Stop. The classic Acoma Loop takes us

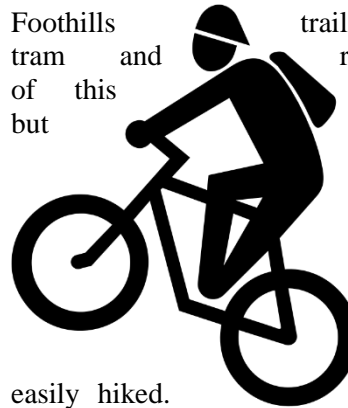


into the land of giant mesas and endless blue skies as we ride into the heart of the Acoma

Pueblo. One steep climb, about 0.6 miles, up the side of Woods Mesa. A shorter route option of 38.5 miles is available. Check out the route at <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/4688452>. For those interested, carpool from the Old Town parking lot (west side of 20th Street, north of Mountain Rd), leaving no later than 8:00 AM. Bill Thompson, 505-299-0302.

**20 May (Sat) North Foothills Mountain Bike Ride.** All paced, Moderate hills, 14 miles, starting at 9:30 AM. Start Location: Embudito TH at the top of Trailhead Rd.

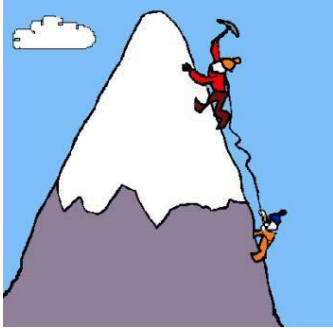
This ride will go North on the upper Foothills trails to the water tanks above the tram and return on the lower trails. 90% of this ride is flowing single track but there are sections that are rocky and to enjoy them you should be comfortable hopping/descending rocks/ledges. There are a few rock 'n' gardens that will challenge even expert riders but can be easily hiked.



This is a great trail for improving your riding skills and if anyone wants a do over we will stop to accommodate. All skills are welcome and we will stop at each trail intersection to regroup. Mike Davila, 505-326-7509.

**24 May (Wed) Wednesday evening crest climb.**

All paced, Frequent, steep hills, 28 miles starting at 5:15 PM from Sandia and NM 14. This is all-



paced ride up as much of the crest as you feel inclined to ride. There's another group that does this ride on Wednesday evenings so there will be about a dozen other people out there. There's very light traffic on weekday evenings so it's pretty nice.

Bring appropriate clothing as it can get really, really cold coming down the mountain. Ride start times are flexible; Text/call/email me if you plan to start early or late. Meet for food and drinks at the Greenside cafe afterwards. Patrick Roddy, 469-569-7175.

**27 May (Sat) Sandia Park/Triangle.**

14 mph paced, minor hills, 33 miles, starting at 9 AM. This ride starts/ends at 4-Hills Smiths at Tramway and Central. We ride out the Tijeras Canyon road (Old Rt-66) to village of Tijeras, then turn north on old RT-14, ride the 7 miles climb to Sandia Park Triangle. Food/Rest stop at Shell Station; return same route. Open ride.... bring a friend. Gus Cronenberg, 505-797-8092.



**3 Jun (Sat) I Break for Beers Ride.**

All paced, minor hills, 40 miles, starting at 8 AM from the Nexus Brewery. Join us for this year's edition of the I Break for Beers Ride. This tour will go by (right by or nearby) almost 30 different breweries around town. We'll start and end at one of the best – Nexus



brewery. We'll wander up into the northeast heights, back down through downtown, out to the north side of town, and finally end up back where we started. Lunch afterward (and an adult beverage or two – you've earned it) will be at Nexus. Come on along. Mark Pasnewski, 505-241-2797.

**30 Jun (Fri) Alaska and the Yukon.**

All paced, Advanced, difficult climbing, 400 miles, starting at 7 AM from Juneau Alaska. This is a self-contained trip



from Juneau, Alaska to the Yukon and back doing the "Golden Circle" route. We will follow the route used by gold prospectors in the gold rush in the late 1890's. 400 miles of riding in wilderness over mountain ranges with tents, stoves and sleeping bags. We will have to carry food for multiple days. There will be grizzly bears with other wildlife. Part of the trip will be on the famous Alaska Highway built during War II to get supplies up to Alaska. I will arrive in Juneau on June 28 and return to Albuquerque on July 12. We will leave Juneau on June 30th. This is the trip of a lifetime! Please contact me if you are interested for more information. Chis Marsh, 505 891-3464.

## 12 Aug (Sat) 8 Days. Tour of the North Country "Lite"

14 mph paced, frequent steep hills, 425 miles, starting at 9 AM from the Bernalillo Walmart. This is an eight day extended tour of North Central New Mexico. There will be a mix of camping and motel stays, camping where there are no motels and motels where



there is no camping. Distances are moderate for an all-day ride, with numerous but not

excessive climbs. In a change from the 2015 Tour, you won't have to carry your camping gear on your bike, or even need a touring bike, we will have a vehicle to carry your gear from stop to stop. There won't, however, be a SAG following the ride each day. Reservations will need to be made at some Campgrounds, especially on weekends, so try to commit as early as possible. Day 1, 8/12/17, Sat. – Bernalillo to San Antonio Campground via Jemez Springs, 53 miles. Day 2, 8/13/17, Sun. – San Antonio Campground to Espanola via White Rock, 57 miles. Day 3, 8/14/17, Mon. – Espanola to Taos Valley RV Park via High Road to Taos, 53 miles. Day 4, 8/15, Tues. - Taos to Hopewell Lake Campground on Hwy 64 between Tres Piedras and Tierra Amarilla, 52 miles. Day 5, 8/16/17, Wed. – Hopewell Lake Campground to Heron Lake State Park, 39 miles. Day 6, 8/17/17, Thurs. – Heron Lake to Riana Campground, Abiquiu Lake, 47 miles. Day 7, 8/18/17, Fri. – Riana Campground to Cuba via Coyote and Regina, 53 miles. Day 8, 8/19/17, Sat. – Cuba to Bernalillo, 71 miles. Total approximately 425 miles. For further information contact Richard Cullison at 505-280-1649, or [cullisonrf@gmail.com](mailto:cullisonrf@gmail.com).

**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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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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**Weekly rides link:**

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

**Future non-club rides link:**

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