



LOS ANGELES WHEELMEN SCHEDULE



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Each week the routes offered will be available on the Web. Go to www.LAWheelmen.org and click on "Upcoming Rides." Download the routes and bring them with you to the ride.

Thursday, April 2 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE Meet on the bridge at end of the Ballona Creek Trail in Marina Del Rey. Riders usually go south to Palos Verdes on the bike path and then do some riding on the Peninsula. There are optional climbs including the 3 "dips" which give the ride its name. The group usually stops for a break at the Golden Cove shopping area. Occasionally the group will decide to vary the route and explore specific sites elsewhere in the city. A typical day is 40 - 50 miles but often individual riders either cut the day short or add extra miles as desired. Contact **Lewis Singer** lewissinger@gmail.com for details.

Sunday, April 5 – 8:30 a.m. -- FUNNY BUNNY EASTER RIDE. (Long 44 mi & 1900 ft; Medium 34 mi & 1300 ft; Short 25 mi & 500 ft) Today is a moveable feast day. When I was young, I had heard the term "Movable Feast" but thought it just referred to a meal that moved from place to place – like Christmas dinner at my grandmother's this year, but at my aunt's the next year. But now I know that a moveable feast is any one of a number of religious holidays which don't have a fixed date on the calendar but move from year to year, often determined by the phases of the moon. Judaism, Christianity and Islam all have moveable feasts. Today's moveable feast is of course Easter, but this year it also falls in the middle of Passover. But, as I say every year, today's ride has little religious significance. We call it the "Funny Bunny" ride which I suppose refers to the Easter Bunny, but what does a rabbit have to do with Easter? Clearly more of a fertility symbol related to the spring season. How else do you explain the eggs? Anyway, I think everyone should just consider this a regular Sunday ride.



We had a good turn-out at last year's ride

The routes are short to accommodate anyone who has holiday plans later, but that's about it. Otherwise, it's just another Sunday with the Wheelmen. As I said in last year's description, if you hear someone say "He has risen," it just means someone has just climbed a hill. If you hear someone call out "Hallelujah" it also probably means they have just finished climbing a hill. Speaking of hills, there are a few small ones today, but nothing major. All routes head down to the Marina for brunch where we can dine al fresco and soak in the rays. The long and medium do a few small hills in Beverly Hills first (nothing real bad) before heading south to the Marina. The short skips the hills. The long takes an extra loop on the return for a couple of more hills and some extra miles. These extra miles take you past some very nice homes in the Holmby Hills area (including the former Playboy mansion), although many of them are behind walls. I suppose the close encounter with the former home of Playboy Bunnies could account for the name of the ride. **START: THE "CORNER", Olympic Blvd, 1 block west of La Cienega in Beverly Hills.** From the Santa Monica Frwy (10), off & north La Cienega 1½ miles, L - Olympic 1 block to R- Le Doux

Thursday, April 9 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See April 2nd for details.

Sunday, April 12- 8:30 a.m. TRI-COUNTY SAFARI (Long 54 mi & 2700 ft, Medium 46 mi & 2800 ft, Short 38 mi & 1700 ft) We formerly ran a ride called the "5 County Century" which managed to ride in five different counties all in one ride. For various reasons, we don't do that ride any longer. But we do have this ride which manages to hit three counties. The only county in common to the two rides is Los Angeles County. That is because the 5 County Century took place in the northern part of the county and today's ride takes place in the southeastern portion of the county. Actually, only the long route hits all 3 counties which are Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange. The medium and short routes cut out Orange County and the short doesn't really spend much time in San Bernardino. So really, you almost have your choice today of one, two or three counties Here's a rundown on the routes. From West

Covina, the long and medium start by heading out to Claremont and then head south to Chino Hills for lunch. Then, for the long, it's over Carbon Cyn, Brea Cyn (two of the easiest canyon climbs in Southern California) and then over Grand Ave. to the finish. Not up for that? The medium skips some of the post lunch climbing (and Orange County) but somehow still ends up with about the same total elevation gain as the long. Sound like too much? Well, the short goes out towards Claremont with the others, but simply returns via Puddingstone to the start. Not a bad choice of routes today, so why not join us? **START: CORTEZ PARK in WEST COVINA.** From San Bernardino Frwy (I-10), off & South ½ mile on Citrus to Park on right at Cortez.



Wildlife which may be seen on today's ride

Thursday, April 16 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See April 2nd for details.

Sunday, April 19 – 8:00 a.m. LOOKING FOR LEONA CENTURIES (century 101 mi & 6800 ft, metric century 65 mi & 5400 ft, half century 54 mi & 4600 ft) This is our monthly century, metric century and half century for April. Leona is a tiny town with not much more than a gas station, convenience store and café. That's why you have to look for it or you'll miss it. It sits practically on top of the San Andreas Fault so who knows – maybe one day it won't be there any longer. Only the full and metric centuries get to Leona. The half century gets to Green Valley which really isn't much bigger than Leona. Today, to get the necessary miles for a century, the full century starts in the San Fernando Valley while the metric and half start in Santa Clarita. So the full century starts with the ride over to Santa Clarita where it joins the other routes. All three routes ride up San Francisquito Canyon. This is an interesting canyon where you pass an old power plant, the remains of the San Francisquito Dam (which are hard to see these days) and a big water pipe which you ride under. The full and metric centuries ride all the way to the end at Elizabeth Lake Road and over to Leona for lunch. Then it's a right onto Bouquet Canyon which you take all the way back to Santa Clarita. There is a climb at the beginning of Bouquet, but then it is a long downhill. You pass the Bouquet Canyon Reservoir so you can check out how full it is. That big pipe you passed under back on San Francisquito Canyon can be used to fill the Bouquet Reservoir from the north. In Santa Clarita the metric is done, but the full century has to go back over to its start in the San Fernando Valley. Meanwhile the half century only goes up San Francisquito as far as Green Valley for lunch and then cuts over to Bouquet on Spunky Canyon. That's a short climb but then you get the long downhill on Bouquet. There is a fair amount of climbing on all three routes today, but you will be out in the country with low traffic and beautiful views. Worth the effort. **FULL CENTURY START: RESEDA PARK - Reseda & Victory Blvds in the San Fernando Valley** From Ventura Frwy (101), off and north on Reseda, right on Victory one block to park. **METRIC & HALF CENTURY START: PARK & RIDE LOT on Newhall Ave. near Sierra Hwy in Newhall.** From the I-5 north take the 14 Frwy east for 2 miles and exit at Newhall Ave. Park & Ride lot is at bottom of ramp to the southeast. Toilets available at nearby Carl's.



Sight to be seen in San Francisquito Canyon on today's ride

Thursday, April 23 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See April 2nd for details.

Sunday, April 26 - 8:30 a.m. BRONSON CAVES (Long 40 mi & 3200 ft, Medium 26 mi & 1600 ft, Short 19 mi & 900 ft) Unless the powers-that-be have changed their minds (and that seems unlikely), you can no longer walk through the Bronson Caves. That's too bad. It was only about 100 feet from end to end, but it was fun to go through. Of course, it's a man-made cave left over from some sort of mining operation, but it is hard to believe it can be found in the heart of Los Angeles. The Caves have been in many movies and commercials. Notably, it was the exit from the bat cave on the original Batman TV show. But even if we can't walk through the cave, we can still ride up to the entrance and look in. Not only that, but these routes pack a lot of other iconic Los Angeles locations into

relatively short rides. On the long route, before the cave, you ride Mulholland Drive, circle the Hollywood reservoir and take in a popular view of the Hollywood sign. After the cave you visit Griffith Park and the Observatory. All that in a 40 mile ride. The medium cuts off the ride along Mulholland and the trip to the Observatory while the short cuts off just about everything except the trip to the cave. A couple of caveats: The long and the medium include a couple of short but very steep hills. They are short enough that if you had to, you could easily walk the last portion of them. Also, the route is somewhat convoluted. If there was ever a route which would be helped by downloading the route into a Garmin or similar device, this is it. With those caveats aside, this is a most enjoyable ride. You really should make an effort to join us on this one. **START: THE "CORNER", Olympic Blvd, 1 block west of La Cienega in Beverly Hills.** From the Santa Monica Frwy (10), off & north La Cienega 1½ miles, L - Olympic 1 block to R - Le Doux.



View of the Hollywood Reservoir on today's ride

Thursday, April 30 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See April 2nd for details.