

TENAYA LAKE RIDE ROUTE DESCRIPTION

These are the instructions for the first half and off-road ride section, listing mileages, route hazards and directions.

This route description begins where Corral Hollow joins 505 south to 5. Print and save.

0.00 - 20.7 - Exit freeway at Patterson. Head East, under freeway. Regroup the group in the shade under the overpass.

0.00 Reset odometer

3.10 Go straight across tracks, do not bear right towards Crow's Landing.

4.40 Go right on Las Palmas (Across from Exxon Station & Las Palmas Auto Sales.)

12.0 Sign - TURLOCK - 8 MILES

16.9 Turlock City Limits

19.9 Go straight under Hwy 99, stay on Main Street

20.0 Stay on West Main Street through rustic Town Center - Bear left.

21.0 Go left on East Avenue, right after Marshall Street. Take East Avenue out of town.

0.00 Zero odometer where East Avenue starts.

Follow signs for SNELLING

9.8 Right on Oakdale Road - J 17

11.1 Left on J 17 - WATCH FOR IT!!! (Turlock Road)

19.3 Left on Hwy 59 to J 16. Sign says "SNELLING 4 MILES".

22.6 Go straight on Hwy 59, sign says "SNELLING 1 MILE".

23.1 Giant metropolis of Snelling.

0.00 Reset to zero at Fire Station (on left).

Ride past Fire Station and School, go straight at sign "MERCED FALLS 6

Don't turn left to La Grange! HORNITOS 14"

You are on J 16 now, notice the hydraulic mining tailings on either side of the road, that is what those big piles of rocks and gravel are from. All the gold was washed out by hydraulic hoses, leaving nothing but bare rocks.

5.6 Merced Falls ---- Keep going.

6.1 Right after sharp left bend - Sign "HORNITOS 8 MILES"

You'll be on Hornitos Road / J - 16.

6.5 Right over bridge across Merced River. Stay on J -16 (Hornitos Road)

Watch out for the whoop-de-dooos on the next section, you can get major air if you are going fast enough! Notice that you are now climbing up into the foothills and the roads are going to be getting better and better, more and more fun.

13.6 Bear right to Catheys Valley after bridge. Take Hornitos Road here, NOT J-16!!!! Stay on Hornitos Road till you come to Old Toll Road on the left. (Good Regrouping place.)

- 14.6 Don't take Indian Gulch!
- 17.5 Don't take Mt. Gaines/Slate Gulch
- 19.4 Cross bridge, then left on Old Toll Road. There is shade here, and a place to rest.
- 23.0 One Lane Bridge - careful!
- 26.0 Stop sign, then right 6 miles into Mariposa. You'll pass through Mt. Bullion first.
- 29.7 Mariposa town line
- 30.7 Pioneer GAS on the left side of the intersection. Gas up here, get snacks, drinks, and cooled off for the next section, which will be 12 miles of pavement followed by 26 miles of dirt!
Option route without dirt is to follow 140 all the way into the valley and then east on 120 to Tenaya Lake. Early riders stop at west end of lake, and set up a camp..

- 0.00 Zero odometer at Pioneer Gas. Go left (north) on Hwy 140. Beautiful sweeping turns, through Midpine, then down a river canyon with spectacular views.
- 3.4 Midpine Summit
- 5.8 Midpine County Park
- 11.6 !!! Briceburg turn-off is just before bridge, Sign says "Campgrounds 2 - miles"

- 0.00 Zero your odometer when you cross the narrow wooden bridge, take the bridge down the middle or in a track, but decide before you get on it! We take a sharp uphill right just after the bridge and a steep switchback climb out of the valley.
- 4.4 Go straight across clearing and bear left down the hill. No signs....
- 6.7 Crossroads. Go straight across, don't go left or right.
- 7.3 Cattle guard with big lip. Watch out!
- 8.4 Another Cattle guard - Watch out!
- 9.5 Forestry road 2S 03 - East. Don't take it, stay on main road.
- 10.1 Cattle guards. Loose, powdery, dusty road surface, very slippery. Be careful.
- 12.0 Kinsey Camp / Forestry road 2 S 05. Stay on main road.
- 12.4 Ranch - Go slow!
- 12.8 Bridge! Cross bridge and turn sharp right on Forest Service Road 20 (greystone surface, very good condition.) Watch out for surprises like ditches and big potholes.
- 14.5 Concrete bridge - views of beautiful valley, lumbered over 100 years ago.
- 18.4 Cattle guard
- 18.6 Bear right at Y. F.S 20 goes right, 2S 13 goes left, probably goes to Little Nellie Falls, but that is for another ride....
- 19.0 Bear right on 20 up the hill.
- 21.0 Three-way intersection, sign is down, bear left up a gradual uphill.
- 22.3 BIG DITCH!!!!!! (I MEAN IT!)
- 24.3 Water tank on right, stop and cool off your head....
- 25.1 Scenic overlook
- 26.2 Start pavement
- 26.5 5-way intersection, bear left, sign says "HIGHWAY 120 - 8 MI"
- 34.8 Harden Flat Road, bear right and come out on Highway 120. Turn right to enter park. Last stop is Tenaya Lake on 120, just before Tuolumne Meadow. Then we turn back, take 120 all the way to Manteca and home.