

Cycling 4 Veterans --- (C4V)

Route Descriptions – 30, 55 and 115 Mile Routes

30 Mile Route – 1,100 ft Elevation Climbing

The 30 mile route is a great ride with some spectacular views of the Livermore countryside. When leaving Las Positas College riders will immediately start the very gradual climb up Collier Canyon Road heading northward. If it's a clear day you'll be able to take in the beauty of Mt Diablo off in the distance. The course takes a right turn and begins heading southeast about five miles from Las Positas College and meanders along relatively flat country roads for about 10 miles. When riders make a left turn onto Patterson Pass Road there will be another slight climb but not too worry, your route takes a right turn heading south on Cross Road (where earlier in the day the 115 mile riders continued on Patterson Pass heading east). The 30 mile rest stop is on Cross Road just past the Foscalina Ranch on your left shortly after turning off Patterson Pass Road. Along Cross Road and Tesla Rd you'll view some amazing countryside with cattle, wineries and rolling hills of grape vines. At around mile 20 the course turns westward and then northwest heading back towards downtown Livermore. The route will stay east of downtown and you'll ride back to the Start---Finish at Las Positas College.

55 Mile Route – 2,700 ft Elevation Climbing

This is an EPIC 55 mile route since it includes ascending Patterson Pass from the east and descending down into Livermore! Just like the 30 mile route, riders will begin by immediately starting the ride with a gradual climb up Collier Canyon Road with hopefully a view of Mt. Diablo, and then making a right and heading southeast towards the hills and the windmills! Riders will parallel highway 580 briefly while on their way to climb over Altamont Pass Road. There is a wonderful and nice descent down Altamont Pass Road, and then riders will merge onto Grant Line Road. Just before the California Aqueduct the course takes you to the right on Midway Road and over to Altamont Pass Wind Farm Substation. At the substation there will be a shared rest stop that will service both the 55 mile and 115 mile riders. At this point your ride becomes an EPIC challenge! Riders will make a right turn and ascend the infamous Patterson Pass Road where you'll gain roughly 1,600 vertical feet in less than 5 miles while traversing uphill through the windmills and wind farm. Your descent down Patterson Pass Road into Livermore is fast so BE CAREFUL, DO NOT SPEED and DO NOT LOSE CONTROL. RIDE SAFE AT ALL TIMES!

CAUTION! At two miles down Patterson Pass Road riders will need to slow down and make a left turn on Cross Road to stay on the course – DO NOT MISS THIS LEFT TURN! Cross Road will take you behind the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and you'll make a slight right turn onto Tesla Road. Here is where you'll pass several wineries and lots of open space. At roughly mile 37 riders will make a left turn and ride along Mines Road which if you were to continue along that route

you would do lots more climbing and eventually reach Mount Hamilton! At 40 miles into your ride you'll encounter your last rest stop before the finish location. At this point riders will need to turn around and head back to Tesla Road and then back along the route heading towards downtown Livermore. The route will stay east of downtown and you'll ride back to the Start---Finish at Las Positas College along Portola Ave.



115 Mile Route – 6,100 ft Elevation Climbing

Just like the 55 mile route, the 115 mile route is truly EPIC indeed! From Las Positas College riders will traverse nearly directly east and heads straight for Patterson Pass Road. This route is challenging for any rider since there is a warm---up climb starting at roughly mile 9 up Patterson Pass Road and ends at mile 12 at the summit. The descent down Patterson Pass is fast and long --- BE CAREFUL, DO NOT SPEED and DO NOT LOSE CONTROL. RIDE SAFE AT ALL TIMES!



From mile 12 until mile 56 try to get into packs and pace line! The route is flat and miles go by quickly if you have strong folks to pull groups along! This portion of the route takes you through gorgeous California farmland, ranches and some wine country. You'll be making a series of zig---zag right and left turns (21 total) as you parallel the California Aqueduct, highways 580 and 5 heading south.

Eventually you come to the city of Patterson where you'll leave and go under highway 5, and make a right turn onto Del Puerto Canyon Road. There you'll see a sign that mentions Frank Raines Park 16 miles! On your way to Frank Raines Park there will be rollers and you'll begin some moderate climbing. There will be plenty of open farmland, ranches and grapevines!



There will be a rest stop on your left at Frank Raines Park. After you leave this rest stop the real climbing begins! It is roughly 8 miles up to the Junction Café where Del Puerto Canyon Road tees into Highway 130/Mines Road/San Antonio Valley Road.

At the Junction Café Bar and Grill you'll have a lunch rest stop (roughly mile 81)! The Junction Cafe has new owners and they are very supportive of the C4V event! Enjoy the food and restore your energy since there are three final climbs along Mines Road heading back into Livermore. There will be some fast descents so ride safe and be careful!

At mile 105 you'll have another rest stop at the junction of Mines Road and Del Valle Road. This is where you may meet---up with some of the 55 mile riders. From this point you'll head back to the Start---Finish location at Las Positas College.