



Pacific Crest Trail Ride from Highway 74 south for 6.5 miles and back

When: Tuesday, March 19, ride out at 9am

Where: Meeting location depends on the number of RSVPs. If there are few participants, we will meet at the PCT parking lot on Highway 74, one mile east of the intersection of Highways 74 and 371. The lot is large enough for several rigs. If many people RSVP, we will meet at Paradise Cafe instead, which adds one mile (flat) distance each way.

The Ride: This is the second of a series of rides on the PCT near Anza. This is an out-and-back ride on a moderately rocky trail. Shoes or boots are recommended. We will be riding 6.5 miles south on the PCT (possibly with an additional mile of flat walking to reach the PCT, if we meet at Paradise Cafe, instead of the parking area adjacent to the PCT). The turnaround point is where the PCT crosses the corner of the ride host's property. We will then break for a grilled lunch, prepared by the ride host. There will be hay and water for stock. After lunch, we return the way we came. Along the way, we will visit "Anza's Grand Canyon," as the trail passes the rim of Horse Canyon. We will stop briefly here to enjoy the view and take photos. Total ride time (including vista break at Horse Canyon and lunch break) should be around 8 hours.

Because the ride host needs a head count for lunch, RSVP is required. The number of participants will also determine the meeting location. Please RSVP via email to mary_litch@hotmail.com by March 16.

Ride Level: 3. Expect to encounter backpackers, possibly carrying a "sunbrella," which can spook stock on first encounter. The trail itself is in good condition. On hillsides, there are sometimes drop offs, but the tread is generally wide enough for safe passage. Stock and riders need to know to stay toward the inside portion of the trail when there is a drop off. This is not a good ride for a horse or rider new to trail riding, or a horse that spooks easily.

This ride is open to members of Backcountry Horsemen of California only. Non-members must join BCHC prior to participation.

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