



**ANOTHER FALL RIDE ON A TUESDAY!!!!**

**Join us for this Pacific Crest Trail Ride from Highway 74 south!**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 13

**Time:** Saddled and ready to ride out at 10:00 am.

**Ride host:** Mary Litch, 714-904-6817

**RSVP:** Because the ride host needs a head count for lunch, RSVP is required by 11/11/18. The number of participants will also determine the meeting location.

**Length of ride:** Total ride time (including vista break at Horse Canyon and lunch break) should be around 7 hours. 6.5 miles and back

**Level of ride:** 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.

**Description:** 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'll 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.

**Directions:** 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 a lot of people RSVP, we will meet instead at Paradise Cafe.

*This ride is for members only*

You can become a member of the Red Shank Riders Unit (Back Country Horsemen of California) by sending in the membership application prior to the ride, which can be found at [www.redshankriders.com](http://www.redshankriders.com).

Membership applications will also be available at the ride.

## RIDE LEVEL DESCRIPTION

**Level I:** Good for inexperienced riders/ horses. The terrain will be relatively level with no obstacles. Good exercise for out of shape horses and becoming familiar with riding in a group. Easy pace.

**Level II:** This level will also be recommended for inexperienced rider and green horses. The terrain will be more demanding than level I with a few obstacles which can be easily crossed. Pace will be easy.

**Level III:** This level is not recommended for the inexperienced rider/ green horses or out of shape horses. The terrain will be challenging and the pace quicker than level I-II. The obstacles will not be suited for green horses. However the average rider and horse will have no problem with this level.

**Level IV:** This level will be more suited for the advanced rider and horse. The terrain will be moderate to difficult at times. The obstacles will be safe for the **calm** experienced horse and rider only. Your horse will have to be in good physical shape and should be shod.

**Level V:** This level would be considered advanced for horse/ rider. The terrain will be moderate to difficult. The obstacles will be considered **hazardous** with an out of control horse. The pace will be steady, long and demanding at times. Your horse **must** be in top condition and be shod.

