

Strive Racing Presents

The 2nd Annual Pine Creek Challenge

September 9th, 2012

What: A USAC permitted (yes that means insurance) "fun" ride.

Where: East County Mountains of San Diego.

When: Sunday, September 9th, 2012 - 7:00am – 4:00pm-ish.

Meet: At the Descanso Park-n-Ride at 6:15am.

Directions: Hwy 8 East, exit Hwy 79/Descanso, turn left, under FWY, Park-n-Ride on left.

Registration: 6:15am - 6:45am (On-Site Only). Pedal time is 7:00am.

Cost: \$10.00 donation (bring standard release form already filled out).

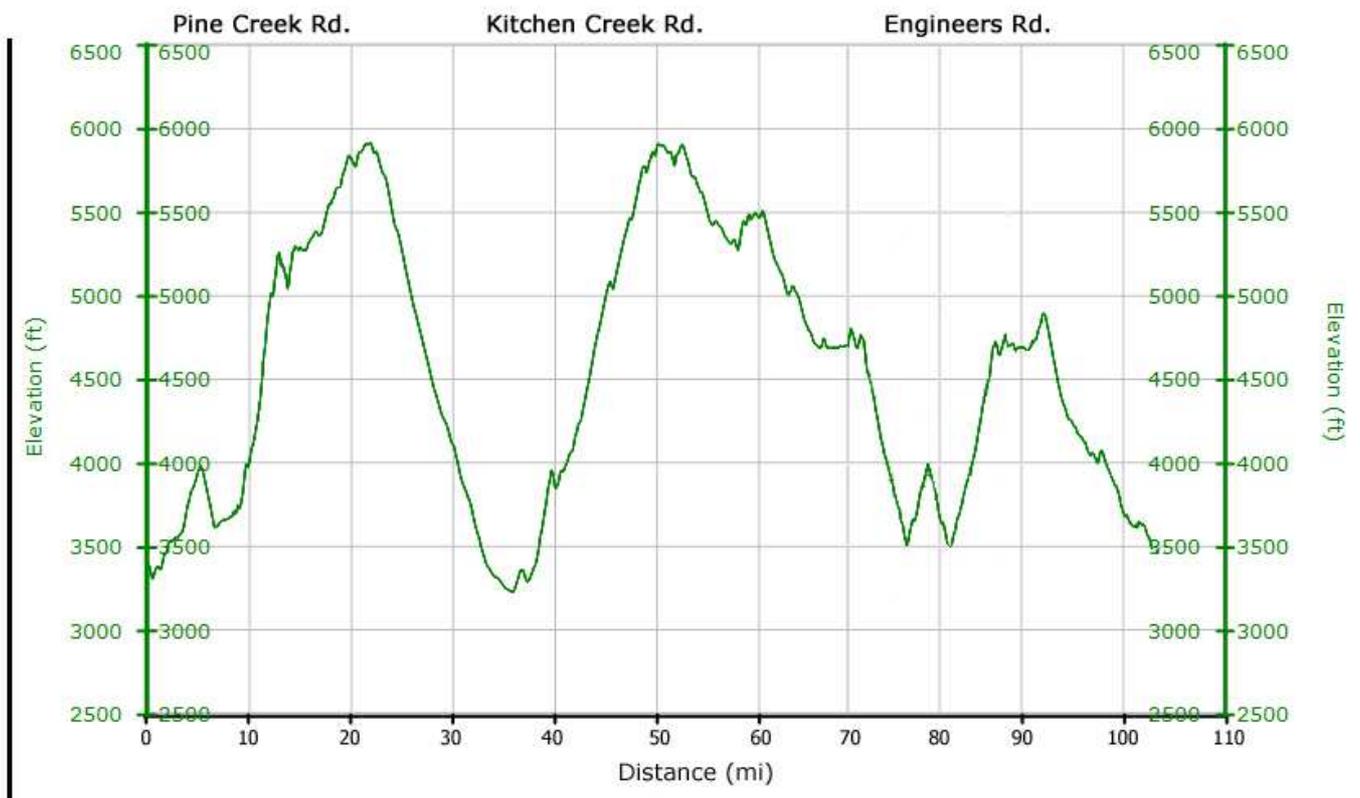
Support: Semi-Supported. Bring food & water money for three store stops. Bring a flat tire kit. Food and drinks will be served at the Kitchen Creek bottom gate and at the finish.

Distance: 102 miles with 10,000 feet of steep climbing. This is an extremely difficult ride!

Bailout: There are three early bailout options resulting in 38, 72, and 83 mile rides.

Spin: Pine Creek (20% grades), Kitchen Creek (12 miles long), and Engineers Rd. (stunning beauty) are three of the most challenging climbs in San Diego. Put them together in one ride and you have an epic day of insane climbing in the gorgeous East County Mountains of San Diego. **See page two for additional, very important route information (Danger!).**

RSVP: We need to know if you are coming. Please send an email to: info@striveracing.com.



Warning: This is an extremely dangerous ride through very remote places. If you do not have a USAC license, make sure you get a one day license when you register so that you have the back-up insurance. The nearest hospital is over 1 hour away and the paramedics will call a very expensive helicopter if you are hurt. **Here are some of the dangers of this ride:**

- Crudely paved forest roads barely wide enough for one car with two way traffic.
- Sections of dirt, gravel, rocks (thousands of them), and huge potholes on Pine Creek.
- Long, deep, tire-eating cracks on Sunrise HWY during 40+MPH descents.
- Zero bike lane, skinny roads, and 60+MPH traffic on Sunrise HWY and HWY 79.
- Lots of bugs and bees, including potential swarms.
- Lots of hairpin turns during steep and fast descents.
- Potential for thundershowers and flash-floods, but also temps over 100 degrees.
- Sustained sections of double digit grades, 20% corners, and 10,000 feet of climbing.

DO NOT GHOST RIDE. REGISTER AND GET THE INSURANCE!

Pine Creek Challenge Route Details

Start: HWY 79 Park and Ride, right off HWY 8 at Descanso. **We will meet there at 6:00am.** Peddling at 7:00am. To get there, just take HWY 8 East about 10 minutes past Alpine. Exit HWY 79 and turn left. The Park and Ride will be on your left after going under the freeway. Just to warn you, it is a long way out there so plan accordingly.

Leg One: Descanso, Guatay, Pine Creek, Mt. Laguna Store. Only 20 miles, but a very tough 20 miles with 3,500 feet of climbing and 20% grades. If you want to punt from here, it is 18 miles back to the car down Sunrise HWY, through Pine Valley, up and over Guatay, leaving your ride at 38 miles with 4,100 feet of climbing.

Leg Two: Descend Sunrise South, Old HWY 80, Kitchen Creek, Mt. Laguna Store (2nd time). 33 miles, 3,500 more feet of climbing. If you want to punt from here, it is 18 miles back to the car down Sunrise HWY, through Pine Valley, up and over Guatay, leaving your ride at 72 miles with 7,600 feet of climbing. Alternatively, you can also punt when you top out on Kitchen via turning left instead of right, which would leave your ride at 67 miles with 7,100 feet of climbing. Dawn will meet us at the base of Kitchen to take clothes from us and top us off with water.

Leg Three: Descend Sunrise North. Left at HWY 79, to Lake Cuyamaca, right on Engineers Rd, right on Boulder Creek Rd., climb up to Pine Hills Rd. and u-turn (wait here for other cyclists first). Climb back to Lake Cuyamaca, right at HWY 79 and stop at the Lake Store around mile 87. 34 miles, 2,800 more feet of climbing. Yes, you are tired now and Leg Four is dangerous. Get some caffeine at the store. Alternatively, you can skip the Engineers Rd. climb and just head back to the start. Finishing the ride this way, will put the ride at 83 miles with 8,000 feet of climbing. This was last year's ride.

Leg Four: Descend HWY 79, Descanso, and back to the car. 15 miles. This is a dangerous descent with no bike lane, lots of traffic and numerous sharp downhill corners that are easy to over-shoot. Be careful.

Despite the distance and the difficult climbing, we are determined to keep this a joy ride and not do any hammering. Hammering Pine and/or Kitchen will only kill you on Engineers, which has a very hot, sustained 12% finish, so don't do it. With all our rest stops, the ride will probably take around 8 - 9 hours, getting us back to the cars around 4:00pm – 5:00pm, but that will be dependent upon the slowest rider. We will have food and drinks at the finish.