

China Lake 500

Self Guided 3-Day Dual Sport Ride

Presented *by* **COUNT
DOWN**



Oct. 27-28-29

Ridgecrest to Lone Pine, Day - Loop Lunch at Big Pine, Lone Pine Back to Ridgecrest

Friday - You will ride through Searles, and Panamint Valleys to Panamint Springs for Lunch/gas. DS riders take old Nadeau toll road past the Panamint Crater & Minniata Cabin. Adv riders go through downtown Ballarat. After lunch, take the old Toll Road through Darwin Canyon, side trip to China Garden, thru Darwin to Dirty Sox Hot Spring. Then take the new way across Owens to Boulder RV Park. Then up thru the Alabama Hills and down the awesome Single Track to Lone Pine.

Saturday – Ride the 1st day of the Lone Pine ride. This loop goes north to gas/lunch in Big Pine. It goes up the east side of the Owens Valley past the famous Reward mine, then up Mazourka and thru the Inyo mountains with lots of Single Track. After lunch, it comes back down the west side of the Valley and thru the Alabama hills with lots more Single Track. You can see where hundreds of Cowboy movies were filmed along with other classics like Spencer Tracy's "Bad Day at Black Rock" and Gunga Din.

Sunday - Ride the 2nd day of the Lone Pine ride to Olanchs, then back to Ridgecrest. Up the Salt Tram road to Cerro Gordo then down the Single Track and around to Olancha for gas. Then back thru Cactus Flats and down to Coso Junction and down the Aqueduct & old RR grade to Ridgecrest with an optional side trip to the Nadeau mine.

- No single riders. You must enter, ride with, & be responsible for at least 1 Buddy
- No 1st time Countdown Riders, must have done 2 Countdown rides, see page 2
 - Legacy Countdown riders can sponsor (be responsible for) a Guest
- Small Carry-On Size Overnight Bag Transported to Lone Pine & back
 - No GEAR BAGS
- No rider Limit, Walk-Up entries welcome, Cash or Check (no CCs)
- Each rider receives a T-shirt
- Download GPS tracks to GPS or micro SD card, ONLY at Sign-In
- Friday 165 Mi, 74 Mi Max on gas
- Saturday 147 Mi, 84 Mi Max on gas
- Sunday 172 Mi, 92 Mi
- Thursday sign-in 8-11 PM @ Quality Inn Lobby
- Friday sign-in 7-7:30 AM also @ Quality Inn Lobby

Information; (775) 884-0399, Jerry.Counts@SBCGlobal.net

Print this 3-page Flyer at DualSportWest.com

Basic Getting Started

Beginners and all 1st time Dual Sport event riders need to verify their bike setup and preparation, learn or confirm their GPS Navigation ability, and determine their level of riding skills and physical stamina. This must be done before committing to any of the longer more serious 2-Day rides. It is not smart or safe to get in over your head. These riders should begin with 1-Day Loop rides such as the Ride-for-Kids or the D37 Lost Coyotes. These rides also offer a much better chance to meet other riders with similar riding skills and experience.

Experienced Rider Getting Started

First time Dual Sport event riders who consider themselves solid Intermediate riders who have actual experience riding at least 25 miles without a break and 75 miles in a day, should try the January Hi Desert 250 Short loops. Before tackling one of the serious 2-Day 250 mile rides, you need to make sure your technical riding skills and more so that your physical stamina is up to the demands of these long rides.

Bike Size vs. Skill vs. Route

Most Countdown rides offer either a standard **Dual Sport route** or an **Adv bike route**. The Dual Sport route is intended for very experienced Intermediates minimum on <600cc bikes. The Adv bike route is suitable for Lower Intermediates on smaller DS bikes, Intermediates on <600cc, Advanced riders on <850cc bikes, and Experts on Twins.

Countdown Day-Loop Rides

All of the Countdown Day Loop rides (rides that come back to the start each day) are intended for very experienced Intermediate riders. They usually do not get far from paved roads so if you get in over your head, it is possible to bail to a paved road and get back to the start. The DS Route is not for 1st time Dual Sport event riders, we get many 1st time riders that quit after the first day. 1st timer riders should start with the Adv bike Route then move up to the DS Loop.

Countdown Point-to-Point Rides

Point-to-Point rides have a very high level of risk. If you are unable to make it to the overnight, you have a problem with your overnight bag. The days are VERY long, most of the route is far from paved roads, cell service is marginal, and any rescue is very difficult. On many long sections, there is no bail-out, you must finish the section. There are no "Sweep" riders, you and your buddy are totally on your own!

For these reasons:

For this ride, all riders must enter with, ride with, & be responsible for at least 1 Buddy. No single riders! You must be able to be towed by or tow your buddy for many miles. To enter, you must have ridden at least 2 Countdown or other 2-Day Dual Sport rides, or have been an experienced Enduro, Desert, or MX Racer.

Legacy Countdown Point-to-Point riders can "Sponsor" a 1st time event rider but they must certify the riders capability and be totally responsible for that rider.

2023 China Lake 500 Entry

COUNTDOWN USE ONLY

Order No. _____

Amt. Paid _____

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Bike _____

In emergency, contact: _____ ☐ At event, or o by phone at () _____ - _____

I understand that I am purchasing a self-guided tour and that no services of any kind are included with this purchase. I further understand that I must obey all federal OHV regulations and have a spark arrestor. I also understand that this tour will use highways and that my vehicle must be street-licensed, meet all vehicle code requirements, and comply with state liability requirements.

I certify that I have:

☐ Ridden at least 2 Countdown or D37 Dual Sport rides, or

☐ I am a Guest of _____

I will be riding with the riders listed below and we will be responsible for each others' safety.

Our group will carry a _____ Satellite communication device.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Circle T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL (If none circled, you get XL)

Check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Mail in entry. \$160 No refunds after 10/14

☐ Early discount, if postmarked before 9/3 Deduct \$10

☐ Late Fee if postmarked after 10/14 or Walk-Up Add \$20

SEND: ☐ Entry Form, ☐ Check payable to Countdown, & ☐ Business size (#10) self addressed stamped confirmation envelope

To: COUNTDOWN, 3785 Meadow Wood Rd, Carson City NV 89703

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click "Join our E-Mail List" and fill in the blanks. You will receive:**

Last minute changes to this ride

Notice of New flyers are posted on DualSportWest.com

Notice of deadlines for entry fee discounts

Reminders of deadlines for group rates at motels

Notice of any additions or schedule changes

MOTELS:

Ridgecrest (Friday):

Quality Inn* (760) 375-9731 \$89+, Includes Full Breakfast

Mention "Dual Sport" Rooms are held until 10/15

Super 8 (760) 375-2220

Oyo Europa (760) 375-3575

Travelodge (760) 384-6205

Lone Pine(Saturday):

Dow Villa* (800) 824-9317 Mention "Dual Sport" before 10/15 to get Winter Rate

Ask about rooms in Hotel for much cheaper rates

Trails Inn (800) 862-7020

Portal (800) 531-7054

*Luggage Truck location

