

Topaz 400

2-Day Dual Sport or Adventure Bike Ride

Presented by: **COUNT
DOWN**

Sept. 21-22

**One Loop (Start/Finish) out of Topaz Lodge on Hwy 395 @ state line Each Day
Choose From 7 Dual Sport Loops or 4 Adv bike Loops**

Mt. Patterson Loops:

There are 4 Dual Sport and 2 Adv versions. The DS Long & Ultra are advisable ONLY for advanced DS riders. The DS Med & Short can be done by EXPERTS on Adv bikes. Both Adv loops are excellent for an easy fast DS ride on dirt county roads. All DS loops go over 10,700 ft. Mt. Patterson, the Adv loops go around it. Both Adv & DS long go clockwise, the DS med & short go counterclockwise.

There is a steep very loose rocky jeep road on the east side of Mt Pat, DS Long & Ultra go up it, Med & Short go down it. There is a fun single track after the head of Desert Creek that is only on DS Long but you must go down the POS Ricky Mine trail of rocks from hell. The 1st Easy Way goes around it.

Features along the Long loop are: Ricky Mine trail, Pine Grove ghost town, site of Fletcher, Aurora cemetery, Aurora canyon, Bodie, the giant Chemung mill structure, the old Tram in Masonic, Belfort ghost town, Mt. Patterson, Lobdell lake.

DS Long is definitely a long serious full day ride. Adv Long & DS Med are easier 3/4 day rides. DS & Adv Short are 1/2 day rides.

Markleeville Loop: Lots of slow Single Track on way to Markleeville for lunch/gas then faster way back to Topaz. Skip Lunch/Gas for 39 Mi loop for even early departure home. This is a very tough ride with lots of Single Track. Not suitable for beginners or Adv Bikes.

Sonora Adv/DS & Carson Loops: Very scenic all day easy rides over the Sierra passes with significant dirt on the west side.

Smith Valley Adv/DS Loop: All county roads, easy fun Dual Sport loop that is suitable for Adventure Bikes. Mostly high desert around eh Pine Nuts to Markleeville for lunch..

- No rider Limit, Walk-Up entries welcome, Cash or Check (no CCs)
- Each rider receives a T-shirt
- Download of GPS tracks to Garmin or Micro SD, ONLY at Sign-in
- Topaz Lodge Motels or Full Hookup RV Park
- Friday night sign-in 8-11 PM @ Topaz Lodge
- Saturday morning sign-in 7-8 AM also @ Topaz Lodge

Loops

Mt. Patterson DS Long Loop (202 Mi, 125 Mi on gas) Clockwise up Rickey Cyn to Risue to rocky Rickey Mine trail (EW bypasses). Then out to the desert thru ghost town of Pine Grove, along the Walker River to Fletcher Jct. (EW is 25 mi. short cut bypass). Thru Aurora & Bodie to Lunch/Gas in Bridgeport. Then up thru Chemung mine/mill, Masonic Tram, & Belfort up to 10,700 ft. Mt. Patterson. Then down Wild Horse & Blackwell Cyns back to Topaz.

Mt. Patterson DS Ultra Loop (170 Mi, 95 Mi on gas) This loop is the Long loop above but bypasses the desert portion of Pine Grove, Aurora, & Bodie and adds 4 new trails never used before. It goes up to Mt Pat both before and after Lunch. It is not advised for intermediate riders.

Mt. Patterson DS Med Loop (170 Mi, 105 Mi on gas) Counter-Clockwise bypassing Pine Grove & desert. Up Blackwell & Wild Horse Cyns to 10,700 ft. Mt. Patterson. Down thru Belfort, Aurora, & Bodie to Lunch/Gas in Bridgeport. Then up thru Chemung mine/mill & Masonic Tram to Desert Creek road then down Risue & Rickey Cyns back to Topaz. This loop is an exact backwards version of the Long loop but bypassing Pine Grove and Ricky Mine trail.

Mt. Patterson DS Short Loop (143 Mi, 73 on gas) Same as the Med loop except skips Aurora & Bodie going to Lunch/Gas in Bridgeport. You can also skip Gas/Lunch for a very short 83 Mi loop for early departure home.

Markleeville Loop (76 Mi) Lots of slow Single Track on way to Markleeville (47 Mi) for early Lunch/Gas then (32 Mi) back to Topaz with more single Track. Skip Lunch/Gas for a 47 Mi loop for even earlier departure home. This is a semi tough ride with lots of fun Single Track. Added 2 new trails last year.

Carson Loop (240 Mi, 100 Mi on gas) Up Hwy 4 over 9,000 ft Ebbetts pass to Bear Reservoir for Lunch & Gas, then back over 8,500 ft Carson Pass (Hwy 88), then over 9,000 ft Forestdale Divide & Blue Lakes, back to 88, to 395, then thru Pine Nuts back to Topaz. A dawn to dusk very tough ride with lots of Single Track. Not suitable for Adventure Bikes.

Sonora Loop Adv/DS (217 Mi, 125 Mi on gas) Up over 9,000 ft Ebbetts pass (Hwy 4) to Connell on Hwy 4 for Lunch/Gas after optional gas in Bear Vly. Then down to Hwy 108 (with off route gas at Cold Springs if you can't go 125 Mi.). Then over Sonora Pass, down thru the Marine base and back to Topaz. Available as Adv Loop (10 Mi shorter w no Single Track) or Dual Sport Loop with several miles of fun Single Track plus 20 mile HW loop behind the Marine Base.

Mt. Patterson Adv Long Loop (166 Mi, 110 Mi on gas, optional 25 Mile loop to Aurora) Clockwise over Desert Creek, thru ghost towns of Masonic & Bodie, to Lunch at Virginia Lake, then Gas in Bridgeport. Burcham Flat road back to Topaz. Suitable for all Adventure Bikes but also a fun fast Dual Sport Loop using all county roads.

Mt. Patterson Adv Short Loop (125 Mi, 80 Mi on gas) Same as above except bypasses lunch at Virginia Lake. Option to bypass Bodie and it is only 105 Mi. Obvious short half day ride.

Smith Valley Adv/DS Loop (145 Mi, 114 Mi on gas) Toward Mt Pat but then down Desert Creek and through Smith Valley around the Pine Nuts through Carson Valley to Lunch/Gas in Markleeville then back to Topaz. Suitable for all Adventure Bikes but also a fun fast Dual Sport Loop using all county roads.

2024 Topaz 400 Entry

COUNTDOWN USE ONLY

Order No. _____

Amt. Paid _____

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Bike _____

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

AMA Member: ☐ Yes # _____ or ☐ No E-Mail address _____

Check one:

- ☐ I will be riding alone and accept full responsibility for my safety.
☐ I will be riding with the riders listed below and we will be responsible for each others' safety.

I understand that I must obey all federal OHV regulations and have a spark arrestor. I 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.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

Check the appropriate boxes:

- ☐ Mail in entry. \$120 No refunds after 9/7
☐ Early discount, if postmarked before 8/10 Deduct \$10
☐ Late Fee if postmarked after 9/7 or Walk-Up Add \$20

Check the 2 loops you will ride:

Dual Sport Loops:

- ☐ Mt. Pat Long, 202 Mi, 125 on gas, long all-day ride.
☐ Mt. Pat Ultra, 170 Mi, 95 on gas
☐ Mt. Pat Med, 170 Mi, 105 on gas
☐ Mt. Pat Short, 143 Mi, 73 on gas
☐ Markleeville, 76 Mi,
☐ Carson, 240 Mi, 100 Mi on gas
☐ Sonora, 217, 125 Mi on gas

Adv bike Loops:

- ☐ Sonora, 217, 125 Mi on gas
☐ Mt. Pat Long, 166 Mi, 110 on gas
☐ Mt. Pat Short, 125 Mi, 80 on gas
☐ Smith Valley, 145 Mi, 114 on gas

Mail : ☐ 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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