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ROAD RACE



2024 Cantua Creek Road Race

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Presented by Golden Chain Cyclists & Velo Promo;
Held under USAC Rules & Permit

Location: near Coalinga, CA, in Fresno County along Interstate Hwy 5.

Notes: This is an open road out-and-back course (though controlled at the turnarounds); there is other traffic on the roadway; always be aware of it and be prepared to slow and/or maneuver; warn riders behind you of hazards. Riders will be coming the other way on the other side of the road; watch out for cars passing a group going the other way. Stay away from the centerline!

Directions: Take Interstate 5 to the Hwy 145/Hwy 33 south exit northeast of Coalinga. Head southwest 1.5 miles on Hwy 33, and turn right onto Coalinga-Mendota Road, follow signs to parking. From Fresno, head west on Hwy 180, then south on Hwy 145 at Kerman, to the 145/5/33 junction, and follow above. From Visalia, take Hwy 198 west, past Hanford, & past Hwy 5 2 miles and turn north on 33 2.5 miles to a left onto Coalinga-Mendota Road. No services closer than Harris Ranch, 5 miles away at Hwy 5 and Hwy 198.

Registration: At the parking area: Opens at 7:00 a.m., closes at 7:45 a.m. for all categories except the mentored training race for Cat 5 riders (which closes at 9:30)

Course: 13 mile piece of old Hwy 33 (Coalinga/Mendota Rd) to north, closed to regular vehicle traffic (and very light even normally) but expect some farm traffic, through rolling oil-land hills and flat farmland. Out-and-back course for a total lap distance of 26 miles. Wide turnaround at north end, uphill turnaround at south. Finish is uphill. Good pavement, some rough edges, some tractor mud on course. Start just north of parking, finish is two miles north of Hwy 33 intersection.

Events:	miles	laps	places	value	fee	start	limit
Category 1/2/Pro*	78	3	6	\$100	\$45	8:00	60
Category 3**	78	3	6	\$100	\$45	8:05	60
Category 4**	78	3	6	\$100	\$45	8:05	60

Mast 35+1/2/3	78	3	6	\$100	\$45	8:10	60
Women 1/2/3/4/Pro	52	2	6	\$100	\$45	8:15	50
Master 35+3/4	52	2	6	\$100	\$45	8:20	50
Novice open	52	2	6	--	\$45	8:25	50
Novice Master 40+	52	2	6	--	\$45	8:30	50
Master 50+ 1/2/3	52	2	6	\$50	\$45	8:35	50
Master 50+3/4	52	2	6	\$50	\$45	8:40	50
Mstr 60+ 1/2/3/4**	52	2	6	\$50	\$45	8:45	40
Master 65+**	52	2	6	\$50	\$45	8:50	40
Women 3/4/5(novice)	40	1+	6	\$50	\$45	8:55	50

And Women 40+

** May race together, picked separately

*Cat 2 riders will be picked out for upgrade points

Groups may be combined (separate picks/prizes) if small. Second Fields MAY be possible

Prizes: cash (\$200 minimum) & tee shirts. Smaller prize lists are shirts only.

Facilities: Harris Ranch (Hwy 198 and Hwy 5): motels, cafes, gas. Portapotties at race site. No water available at race site.

How to Enter:

---via On-line at www.BikeReg.com/cantua-creek-road-race, from now to Feb 11, 2024 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Feb 11-14 the fee on-line is \$10 additional. No **on-line** entry after midnight PST Thursday Feb 14. You may need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk.

---By Mail: You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if Postmarked by Friday Feb 9) to Velo Promo/Cantua, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$10. Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form. Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race.

---At Race: You may enter at the race, for an additional \$10, but online is encouraged..

2024 USAC license required (available online at USACycling.org ALWAYS DOWNLOAD YOUR LICENSE onto your phone to show at reg; there is poor internet connection at the race site). One day licenses are available only for Novice categories. Entry fees include \$1.50 NCNCA and \$5.30 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided. USAC one-day licenses are now \$15.

Credits: Credit for another VP race will be given if you follow the below procedure by 5 pm Wednesday 2/14 that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions (transferring to another rider) for cancellations. Procedure: Go to "Edit My Entry" link on the BikeReg.com registration page, in your confirmation email, or in your BikeReg account to access this credit system.

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions (Criterium entry for Criterium Champions, etc) will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$5 per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above (otherwise they pay full fee, including late fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$5, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required.

Rules: USAC rules apply. Feeding allowed in only one feed zone, just north of finish line and the south turnaround. No neutral feed. Only neutral follow vehicles allowed on course, as provided by entrants/interested others and approved by Chief Ref. (There may be no follow vehicle for your group, carry pump and spare). This is an open road course (though controlled at the turnarounds); there is other traffic on the roadway; always be aware of it and be prepared to slow and/or maneuver; warn riders behind you of hazards. Stay away from the centerline!

Covid-19 Mitigations: Mitigations mirroring CDC, California and Fresno County guidance regarding Covid-19 will be undertaken, depending upon conditions and guidance on the day of the race. If you have Covid, have been exposed to it in the past 5 days, or have symptoms of it, don't come. Those not following the mitigations will be asked to correct or leave. Get vaccinated and boosted; help prevent the spread and the emergence of new strains because of a large number of infected persons.

Future VP Races: Pine Flat RR the following day; Copper Valley Circuit Race the following weekend; Snelling and Merced two weeks later,

Further Info: Available at Velo Promo, (209) 604-1354 or velopro1@gmail.com; best info at: www.velopromo.com Race eve Headquarters/info (but not registration) at Motel 6 at Harris Ranch (near Coalinga) at Hwy 5 and Hwy 198 junction. (559) 935-1536.

Map of Race Course:

