

Tierra Bella 2022

We received 328 responses to the survey as of 5/4/2022.

Click the following links to go to the sections that interest you. Click the link at the bottom of the page to return here.

Table of Contents

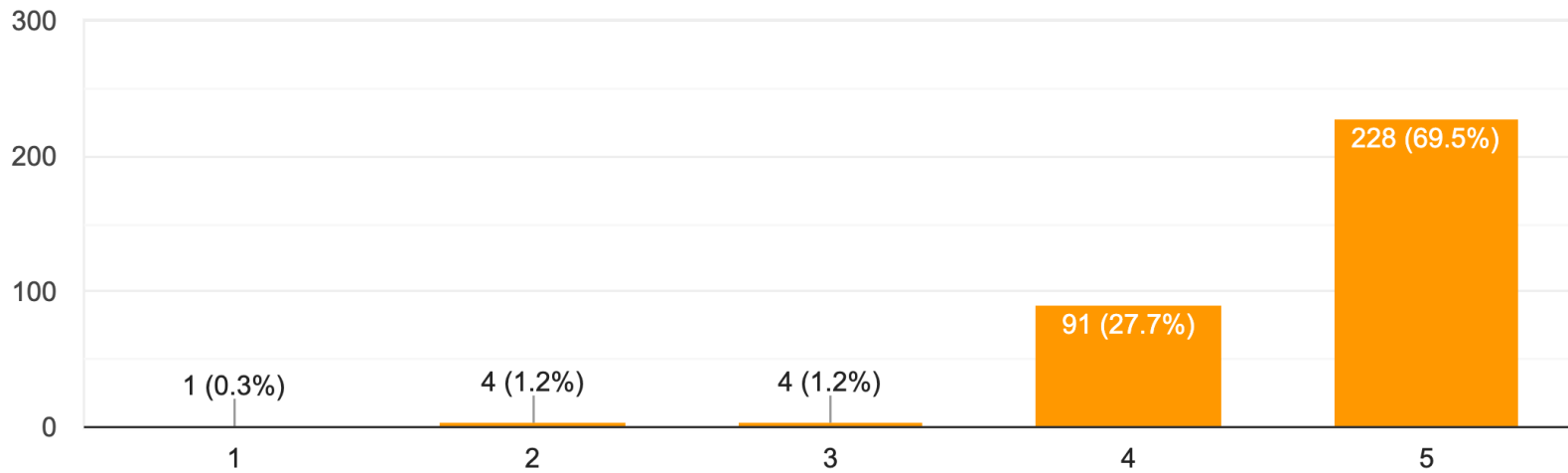
<u>General Comments</u>	<u>Routes:</u>	<u>Rest Stops:</u>
<u>SAG, Safety, Communications</u>	<u>Route Chosen</u>	<u>General Comments 33M</u>
<u>Website & Registration</u>	<u>Short Route, 33M</u>	<u>General Comments 100K</u>
<u>Clothing & TB Sticker</u>	<u>100K Route</u>	<u>General Comments 100M</u>
<u>Galivan & Post Ride Hot Meal</u>	<u>Hilly Short 100K</u>	<u>Chitactac Adams</u>
<u>Hot Food Selection Evaluation</u>	<u>Hilly Long 100K</u>	<u>Coyote Valley</u>
	<u>Very Hilly 100K</u>	<u>Gilroy Hot Springs</u>
	<u>100 Mile</u>	<u>Henry Coe</u>
		<u>San Martin</u>

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022

Overall, how satisfied were you with this event?

328 responses

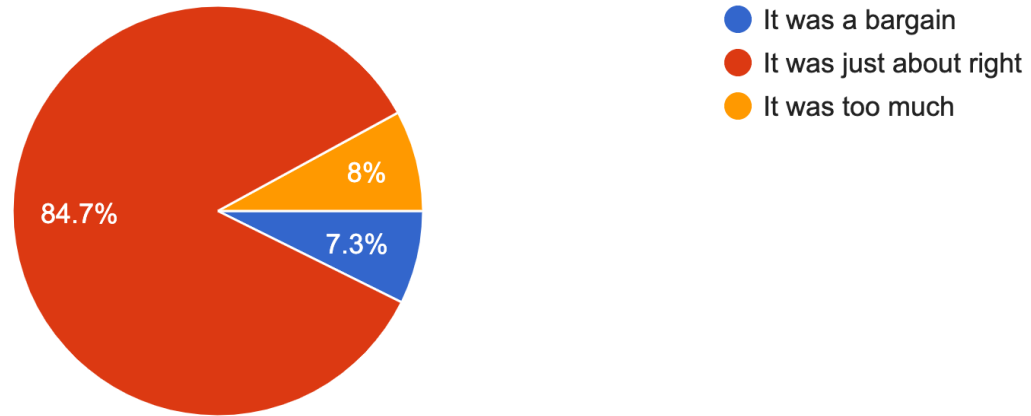


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022

How do you feel about the registration fees charged for this event?

327 responses

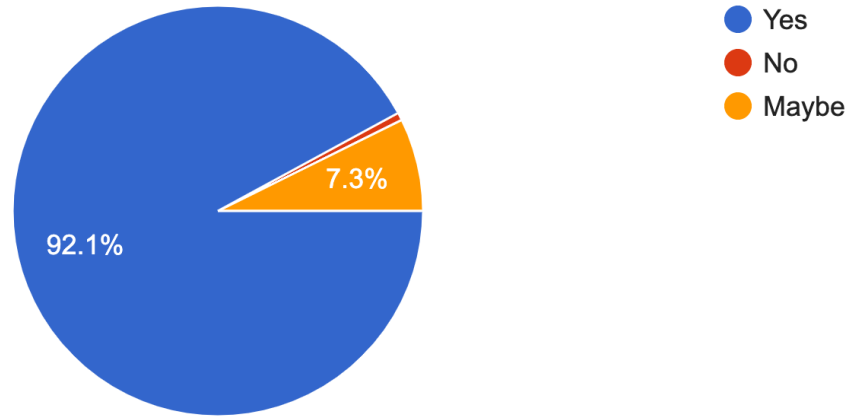


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022

Will you recommend Tierra Bella to other riders next year?

328 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Fun. Met a lotta people
I was so happy to have this back on the calendar. Brought a first timer with me who saw why I am so impressed by the rest stops, volunteers and overall support. I wish this went on twice a year. The only issue I had this year was doing the long hilly 100K, it wasn't clear that we switch from blue to green arrows. We didnt pick up on that until it was too late. The post ride meal and atmosphere were also fantastic!
Great ride I liked the new route for sure, getting us off that main road to get out in the AM was huge, I always hated that part of the ride.
Great routes and rest stops!
Organized well supported nice scenery
Well run, well supported.
well organized, great ride (views)
Beautiful ride
Great event :-)
Love this ride!
Overall it was an awesome event, I thoroughly enjoyed it.
great routes and people
Excellent course designed with riders in mind.
It is a wonderful event! Everyone was very friendly and the rest stops were perfectly spaced with great snacks and water! This time of year in Gilroy is beautiful.
well organized and safe ride.
Great routes, great organization, great people, great vibe. Thank you for continuing the Terra Bella tradition!
Great ride, well marked, great volunteer staff.
Fun route (other than the busy road sections), great time of year

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

I liked the route changes this year - I did the very hilly 100k. But I also appreciated less time on Santa Teresa. Though the 11% grade a few miles from the end was an unpleasant surprise!

The volunteers were plentiful, friendly, and helpful. Good job there.

Beautiful ride!

Exceptionally well organized, focus on safety and great support.

Route choices that accomodate a wide range of riding abilities. Well stocked rest stops. Ham radio support at each rest stop. CHP at difficult intersections.

It is a beautiful ride that is well run.

Well-organized, cheery and helpful staff/volunteers, excellent route markers, good food/snacks, outstanding and nicely challenging routes.

Great people, very beautiful area to ride around

Good Event, Great Organized Ride

On the descent from Henry Coe, I kept remarking to myself how well marked all the sharp turns were. I was squeezing the brakes quite a bit until I realized I how on point the signs where.

Water stations where just about every hour apart.

I loved every minute of it, despite the climb to Henry Coe. The rest stops are amazing and the course is utterly beautiful.

Great weather, routes, support, food, and fun

Great route change. Rest stops were perfect

Excellent support/organization, nice views, challenging but fun course (100 mile)

Beautiful route. Varied scenery, good amount of challenge.

I like all the route options!! Some very scenic rides that I could use as part of my normal rides.

I loved the route and it was well organized.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

It is motivation for getting out with friends
There was a problem with the second rest stop. They closed one full hour early and ran out of food. That was pretty upsetting. When we got to the San Martin stop at 12:30 PM, they had put away all the chairs and most of the bike racks - and were out of food! That needs to be fixed.
I did the 74 hilly route. I loved the changes in the route.
Good amount of miles without too many hills. However some of the areas were a little too close to the road for my liking.
Beautiful area, wonderful ride support
Not worth it
Liked bigger selection of routes. Very well supported.
It was well managed, route was well marked
Great support even though I didn't need it
Great scenery
Good police presence.
It was beautiful, routes really well marked, excellent support and rest stops, and a delicious lunch at the end too!!
Very fun ride - loved all the food at the rest stops!
It is a beautiful ride with just the right amount of challenge to it.
Lots of route and terrain diversity. Challenging climbs. Well marked routes. Well staffed routes at complex and dangerous turns. Great food. Great volunteers.
Great route, good support, well done rest stops
I was disappointed to not ride around Lake Uvas this year. Still very well supported and well managed ride. I appreciate all the helpers making sure we stay on the right paths.
Good ride but Country Rd was a bit steep for 100k riders
Fun and beautiful ride.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

It is a beautiful route, well organized & well supported.
Nice challenging ride for a 100M race
Loved it
challenging but super fun
Nice, safe, and challenging routes
Nicely marked and supported. Volunteers were all very nice.
fun, and super supportive crowd / volunteers / atmosphere
Very friendly volunteers/organizers, good amount of ride options, good amount of food, good signs, safe turns on busy streets, clean aid stations, well staffed if I need any help
Great scenery.
The route change at the beginning is great and the variety of routes also is great. Good changes from previous years
Always friendly and well supported. Been riding this since 1992, not every year, but many.
It's such a fun atmosphere, welcoming to all levels, and gorgeous!
It was fun, safe, and very well organized.
I was really pleased with the areas we rode through. Very pretty, light traffic. The food was great at the aid stations and there was plenty for the vegetarians. Loved the rosemary potatoes!
Nice roads, easy to follow signage, friendly people and good food/refreshments.
It is a good ride with options. The SAG is good although I did not use it.
Great SAG support. Enthusiastic & well endowed rest stops. Out of way roads.
Great support stations, no crazy want to go fast riders, good road change for this years event.
It was an awesome event. Great course, wonderful volunteers and yummy rest stops. Very well staffed,. Safe crossings.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Great support, excellent aide stations
well organized, good routes with many options
pre ride distances/climbing were way under actual numbers - I very hilly 100K was closer to 80miles instead of the listed 66miles.
Challenging but pleasant route, great rest stops and very well marked/supported transitions
Very well organized and plenty of routes to choose.
This is a well run event, nice to do in spring before things get too hot.
Yes, I would recommend Tierra Bella to other riders next year. The Tierra Bella is the best ride around and enjoyed it immensely. The new ride routes were excellent. I hope the same ones are used again.
Excellent support staff, solid food, music was a bonus, and you ordered great weather!
We had a blast. The course was a bit twisty but very safe and picturesque.
Important for riders to showcase that we use the roads too! Large groups help this.
It's an excellent bike event.
It was a well organized event with good support.
It is a very nice course(s) which are very well marked, is very well organized, has plenty of sag support and the rest stops are well done.
I did the 52 mile but added 12 mi to Uvas. I like the fact that the Ride brings in the agricultural nature of SC Valley, the foothills, and reservoirs. Climbing was right: not too much or little. Lunch was delicious.
Well supported ride in beautiful places.
Good route and support
Loved everything about it!
The route included some busy road sections. Several proctors / guides on the course were not effective
I always bring friends

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Great choice of routes, beautiful sections of the rides.
Very well organized event. Incredibly friendly people. Great support and rest stops that were really well stocked. Nice routes with some beautiful parts through the mountains.
There was a lot of tech support for the bike, and there were a lot of sag support if needed
It's a good event to start the season off with
There is a good variety of routes. The rest stops are a reasonable distances and have a good selection of snacks and
Well supported great signage Safety at intersections Beautiful route
Nice variety of routes and very well supported
Extremely well organized. Arrows on the roads were placed really well. No chance of getting lost. :-) Food was good at the rest stops and lunch was excellent. I really liked the fact that you had people stationed along the route at various intersections. Great variety of routes to choose from. Something for everyone.
I've done it before years ago (always the century distance) and the 5 option routes seem to allow riders of all ranges to participate.
Beautiful ride, nice people, great support and planning
Well organized and a nice challenging course
I preferred the old route for the 33 mile ride.
Very well organized and supported
I live in Gilroy and have friends that don't and it is fun to ride with them
Well supported ride
Great ride and great rest stops
Food is good and the gu stop refinish is worth it
Great routes , great locale, well organized

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

It was well organized and everyone was great
Cost
Excellent directions and very nice to have guides along the route at critical intersections.
Friendly support staff, well organized, good signage, good food and desserts 🍌
great ride/topography and excellent/friendly support throughout
close to home, well supported, no required fund raising
It was well organized with good support.
Because we had a blast
Fun
You have always done a good job
The route is beautiful and the support is excellent!
Beautiful scenery
Friendly atmosphere, plenty of food choices, scenic route.
Good routes, reasonably organized.
Well marked and we'll manned route.
Great event
Well organized and course was well marked.
Good support
I'm French and it's the first time I've done this outing. I thank the organizers and all the people who guided us along the way. Thank you also for the meal served at the end
It's a nice ride worth checking out.
Great metric route, picturesque, well supported SAG, great rest stops, great ambiance during lunch

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Very well run, great volunteers, and excellent rest stops
Care too close
Great ride for all skill levels, solo to family riders
Great scenery, SAG support, and great people!
Well organized. All rest stops were well-stocked with food and drinks. Key intersections(turning on to trafficked roads& left turns) were all well-staffed. I felt safe throughout the ride.
The bike route choices were awesome. The lunch serving size was small.
The ride was beautiful and challenging, the route markings great, the volunteers were ever so friendly and all the food was excellent. You couldn't have planned a better day. We loved it and thank you all.
Very well organized, and very friendly flag wavers.
Large variety of different rides; good organization; good SAG coverage
The race was easy to navigate and I appreciated ALL of the volunteers that were stationed throughout the race.
Very well organized event
Nice ride, good support
great routes, well supported
Gorgeous ride and enthusiastic and supportive support
I like the Terrain
Well supported, fun group of riders, really appreciated the bike mechanics fixing my flat, the bent derailleur, the aligning my derailleur. It would have been the worst ride of my life, but the great mechanics fixed it (all)!
Always a nice challenging ride with nice people and nice views
Best marked course I ever rode. Arrows at every intersection and at every turn.
Great route, friendly volunteers, good food

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Super well-organized, beautiful well marked route, kind volunteers! Tons of fun!
Best supported ride I know
It's a challenging, local, ride. It has good rest stops and SAG.
Great ride in my backyard with excellent support and a nice, relaxed feel.
A good ride for early in the season . Always well marked course with good support and rest stops.
Well organized, beautiful route, right amount of challenge, friendly volunteers, good date for weather
My route, the shortest, was lovely. Lots of country roads with low traffic volume. Friends doing the "flat" 62-miler did not find it the least bit easy. They and others walked some. One grade was 14%!! Poor route planning.
Great route! Well supported. Nice people.
Compare to Primavera, I think Primavera is better.
Great scenic ride and well organized
Routes for all abilities, good organization
It was a fun ride. Well organized and great people to ride with.
its fun
It was well organized. Many stops with great snacks. The route was beautiful
1. The ride was unsafe. Riding on roads with no bike lane and large diesel trucks are not good and crossing busy streets with traffic traveling at 50 mph with no lights is absurd. 2. It was to be flat, two 10% grades is not flat. 3. I thought the T-Shirt was going to be sent- and did not see anything or did anyone say anything when registering for the lunch about picking up a T-Shirt. I total mess and now I am paying another \$6 to get the T-Shirt which was over priced in the first place. I get them made for under \$10 for my classroom. The lunch was very good.
Event was well supported, well planned, well informed, and well staffed.
Nice ride, well run
it was fun, low key and a good ride.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

well organized; great route; nice people; even the weather was great.
Well supported. good food. Close to home(for me) Great scenery.
The Tierra Bella is a great start to the season, especially if you are training for longer events later to come.
Had a great time. Did the 33 miles. Rest stops had great food and drinks, Everyone of the volunteers we very friendly and helpful. Did 2 other organized rides this year and yours was the best. Thank you.
The food, route signs and sag were great, BUT the flat 100K was a killer-too many difficult climbs for me. I have always enjoyed the old route around the reservoirs.
Recommend due to great routes, friendly staff and overall a great event.
The ride is very well supported and the routes are great.
Well organized, beautiful route, great rest stops, friendly and helpful volunteers
Recommend.
Well supported and nice route
Love the course. I have been doing it since 1986, not every year, but most.
well supported throughout ride; food was sub-par, no vegetarian/vegan option
Very organized, good variety of signs, great first event for me.
It is a great course and a lot of fun.
Route and support
Well run, good route selections
The ride route was beautiful and available for various abilities and very well organized with visible signage, rest stops , food and festivities.
It is well organized, and has plenty of rest stops
Lovely ride although I have done it 3 times now so I might look for other venues. On the other hand, it would be nice to make this a tradition.
Good ride with enough rest stops and good vibes throughout.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

It's well supported and a safe ride!
great organization
The best ride support I've seen in any organized ride, with people at every major turn or intersection, arrows at all the right locations, and SAG support vehicles constantly riding by. Plus it was a stunning ride!!
Great routes and organization
Beautiful ride, well supported, fabulous volunteers, great rest stops & well marked. Also food preparation were COVID mindful. Very much appreciated the extra steps such as gloved volunteers, prepared food cut into portions and placed in individual serving bags (my favorite = muffins!), and hand sanitizer at rest stops.
Fun ride thru some great country
It's a great start to the season. Just the perfect amount of climbing. Lots of good food at the rest stops.
good experience and a fun ride
well organized and supported. the food is always great
Really well organized. Many SAG cars going back and forth.
I met new friends
I've done 10 or more TBs, it's always a nice ride.
Nice choices of ride lengths (I did the 53 mile/hilly short/Blue Arrow). Very well signed at major/busy intersections with volunteers helping with traffic. All turns were arrowed clearly and directions were printed at a good font size for 50+ year-old eyes! Good food, water and porta-potty placement and supplies at each rest stop. Really glad that Tierra Bella allowed last-minute online enrollment -- I signed up the Thursday evening before the Saturday ride! Yes, it was understandably more expensive but appreciate being able to decide at the last minute to ride. Nice to have Ride with GPS routes available for downloading prior to the ride -- I didn't end up using them because the arrows and cue sheet were well done :-)
Because it was an enjoyable ride
Great scenery, outstanding organization and amenities.
Great scenery, good support

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Beautiful ride to Henry Coe park. And good food at finish line
It's a beautiful ride and you get to share it with like minded biking enthusiasts
very well organized, good route signage
Didn't get in sufficient training this year. The previous year I didn't even notice the climbing. This year I was WALKING
This was my 6th TB event I've participated in.
The new 33 m route was gorgeous, and having a volunteer at every significant route turn and busy intersection was fabulous!
The snacks, SAG, Volunteer's, and staff were ALL Terrific! The end of event meal was excellent as always. Congratulations for a very successful return!
Fun. well organized
Beautiful ride and well organized.
Very well organized and food / atmosphere was great
The scenery this time of year is outstanding! The hills are green and full of wildflowers; the lakes benefited from the recent rains. The event is well organized and there is an abundance of volunteer support on the course.
This was a new place to ride for me and the views were spectacular.
Great local event!
Beautiful, great rest stops, yummy food. Wish we could have a beer at end tho. But I like the college as a start more than I like beer. :)
The route was beautiful and well marked, the rest stops were vibrant and well stocked with anything a rider might need! The last five miles were pretty brutal from a climbing perspective and the finish was weird: no finish line/welcoming committee no one around at all. I thought there was a lunch but I never saw any food. I guess it canceled due to Covid precautions, understandable, but it would have been nice to get that update pre-ride, then I probably would have spent more time at the rest stops socializing and snacking.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Always fun. Good support and food.
Beautiful ride, well marked and several options for distance which made it really nice. Also wonderful volunteer staff so friendly and helpful.
A beautiful ride! Good sag support. Fun meal after... and not crowded at all!
Beautiful terrain
Nice ride and roads ai do t usually ride.
The best support, rest stops, lunch, volunteers and staff.
Great supported ride, good routes for everyone
Great support, good ride/ route and perfect time to be around Gilroy (spring)
Nice weather - spring views around the valley are always great.
Well organized. Great safety measures in place and well Sagged!! Thank you!!
Good route, lots of fun, great atmosphere at rest stops
Very Well organized a good training run for Triathalons
Our wrist bands were the same color as the green arrows so we followed that route when we should have been on the yellow. It was a disaster as we invited new riders and they could not finish. We also had a very difficult time getting a SAG vehicle because the signs were on the BACK of the car so we did not know they were help until they had past us! This is our 4th time doing the Tierra Bella and it was a disappointment
It's very pretty.
Good ride, very organized
friendly program
Very well supported and beautiful ride
Always fun but you definitely know you took a long ride! Good route marking with the arrows on the road.
beautiful routes, well supported, nice food and rest stops.
It's a beautiful ride, usually beautiful weather, a great group of volunteers.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - Would you Recommend the Ride? Why or Why Not?

Why: Overall well organized ride. Food & services dept was good.

Why not: 1) Signage could have been improved; see note in the next question. 2) Looks like the upper part of the road to H. Coe was repaved and most potholes are gone, but it was repaved with rough asphalt, not smooth asphalt (smooth as the one on road to Mt. Umunhum, for example). Such rough asphalt releases tiny gravels especially at sharp curves and is very prone to skidding. I try to avoid such routes when I can, for this reason, I will probably not do Tierra Bella if Hicks climb is included in a 100M route. 3) I found registration overpriced considering the service provided.

Because I registered my friend and when we are at the event day, they told us they transferred his name to another name

really nice variety of routes

It's easy for us to get to (we live in Mtn View), it's got some easy options (we have kids), and it's something we've done for many years

It's a beautiful ride

Beautiful routes and good support

It was fun and physically manageable. And the volunteers were really nice and upbeat to the riders.

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

I rode the Very Hilly 100K. Although it was early in the morning and there wasn't much automotive traffic, I didn't like the first ~10 miles with all the stop signs. I don't know if there's a different route that would avoid them, but if so, I'd be in favor of it.

I did 100 miles and next time they should make it exactly 100 miles. I did a little loop at the school campus just to make it 100 miles. That's all.

Please dont share routes on same color arrow. I would also love to have a coke at the last rest stop to get me home.

For the 75 mile ride do not make us ride up those 2 crushing steep hills at the end. I was with a bunch of guys who were all pretty fit and we all died on that, after stopping at rest stop and then hitting that hurt bad! Also, I think it was 100% of the people I was with Gatorade is horrible. We all brought our own stuff with us. Try Hammer, GU, anything but Gatorade. Some of those companies will even give you a great discount as it is good publicity for them.

more tomato juice at later stops....need the salt!

Lunch not great

Break stations were a bit chaotic and messy

Add 4 miles to make it a true century.

The only reason I put a 4/5 instead of a 5/5 is the route I did (100k 'flatter') had some parts that were pretty dang steep and I saw quite a few people having to walk their bikes up (Willow Springs rd, and 2 short but steep climbs near the end). Maybe climbs like that (which avg well over 7%) should not be on what was the 'easiest' 100k option.

More active marshalling just before last rest stop. Many riders in front of me preferred to take a shortcut that was contrary to what was marked by the road arrows and indicated by the marshal. The marshal didn't realize they were taking a shortcut. My group got pretty confused.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

None. Love the even and will join again next year.
Even earlier in the season, even if we risk rain...
Try to avoid Hwy 152
Serve beer at the end to celebrate :) ... avoid some of the busier highway sections ... the traffic was pretty hairy on Saturday
Maybe keep the first rest stop open a bit longer for the riders coming down from Coe on the very hilly 100k.
Too many arrows.. Much confusion between blue arrows and green arrows...
As a first time rider I would've appreciated a bit more pre-ride communication.
I did not see AMR or EMS stationed at the rest stops. Minimal SAG visibility on the difficult climb to Henry Coe Park.
I was really disappointed in the food. It has been several years since I have done the ride but the large amount of pre-packaged junk food like Doritos was really disappointing. We missed the garlic potatoes, strawberries and banana bread. Also, the drinks at the end were all sodas. Would be great to have more healthy food and beverage options with less disposable packaging. The Mexican lunch at the end was really good though. We loved the ice cream too. Thanks for that!
I used the printed version of the turn-by-turn but I often found the black on blue paper difficult to read.
I thought you folks had it dialed in. I really enjoyed myself as did my friends!
None, at this time
Flatten the hills! haha.
Have the Ride with GPS course match the route sheet and the route markings. I was hoping for turn-by-turn directions from my GPS, but it just kept telling me that I was off course and needed to make u-turns everywhere. :D
Better directions when you exit the San Martin Rest Stop; me and others did not know we were supposed to turn right out of the rest stop for the 3 miler
The course avoids busy roads as much as possible which is important. Please keep it that way!

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

There was some loose chipseal on henry coe descent which was a little concerning. Not sure organizers can do anything about this though.
Don't call every ride a 100k!! Too confusing when coordinating with other riders. I think the last hill was too much to ask for the 55-mile folks. It was barely manageable for me at the end of the 75-mile ride. I was hoping for a nice cruising finish to the college (like previous rides where the wind pushed you back along Santa Teresa). I almost screwed up the color change for the 75-mile route at the rest stop (blue to green). I'm not sure if there are only 5 colors with 6 routes or some other reason this was done. This was a minor point - I'm just glad someone pointed this out to me when I started turning towards the blue arrow after the rest stop. I saw it in the document afterward in several places - but it never occurred to me that the color would change.
The course was very well marked but the directions and what color was what distance was very confusing! The green wrist bands should have been different colors depending on which route.
n/a
If possible, don't have the steepest climb near the end. I was on the Kansas 100K, running out of steam and had to walk the last steep hill which was deflating. I took the flatter 100K because I am not super fit, but was doing quite well until I hit that suburban mountain.
This was my third time in the T.B. First 2 were 1993 and 1994. (I took a break from cycling... a long one) I noticed that at this event there was almost NO ONE 30 or younger. (I could be off) But to me it looked like the average age was 50. I'm 53. It's great to see people my age and older out there. However, I think you need to expand your reach, I don't know your organization, but I think you need to entice the "youngsters" in. My kids (20,22) do the Spartan events, and that brings in a lot of people of all ages. I know you are a small operation, but it would be nice to see a wider range of folks out there. Otherwise, it was a great event. Great rest stops, great lunch. I found it a challenge that encouraged me to push myself. Look forward to '23.
Keep rest stops open for the posted hours. If a rest stop runs out of food, call another one to get more.
Great tour. Only suggestion. Make the Century route an actual Century (100 miles)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

It would be nice to have few A-Frame signs with balloons on side of the major roads (high traffic areas) indicating Cycling event is going on, that will keep drivers aware of cyclist on the road. lots of people were asking where is the food serving location at the end, so if you put A-Frame at end of the ride entrance to direct riders to the hot meal location it will be nice, I also had to ride around to find the location, yellow/orange flags were not enough. During meal service there were no soft drinks, coffee, tea and so on, they mentioned water and lemonade is on the serving table. Did not notice any body taking photos of rides for purchase, I have been other events and they had photo taking area with signs. Great job with minor improvement needed.
More roads like the last 20 miles with less cars on it and more open space. Food was not that great at the end.
Bring back patch instead of sticker. The steep pitches at the end of the ride were too steep for many riders. I passed dozens of riders off their bike pushing them. Routes should be rideable.
The 75 mile route wasn't my favorite of the many past 100k routes I've done at TB. Too much traffic, too much meandering on the flats. Also missed the old rest stop locations.
Improve the food for the lunch and make sure that rest stops have some food
I did not like having hills in the last 3rd of the ride. beginning or middle, please!
Id like a metric century distance (like previously)
A reminder on-route for those that are supposed to switch from one color arrow to another.. (like from the Blue to the Green after the rest stop for the 75 mile 2022 route.....).
Better food at rest stops. More bananas, muffins, and bagels. Less candy.
Bring back the wool patches
It was perfect!
One minor suggestion: At all places where the route could go two different ways for the same ride - have someone telling people which way to go - I missed the right turn on Leavesley up towards Gilroy Hot Springs because the Blue route also went forward and I didn't notice there was also a right turn set of arrows. But other than this, the course was well marked!
Fix the roads going to Coe Park and back down; rather dangerous i think.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Make the 100 mile route at least 100 miles. Make sure there's enough Ramen at the top of Coe.
More cowbells when riders finish. Clearer instructions to ride to the celebration area rather than parked cars. Charging stations and chamois buttr packets at rest stops.
Steep hills for advanced riders only
1) better lunch 2) parking volunteers at start seemed untrained and confused 3) better marking where century riders went right 1st time and straight 2nd time 4) more traffic circle route clarity
Add Oreos to the rest stop foods.
OK - #1 - given I was injured at the corner of Church and LLargas - someone needs to go over the course and sweep any gravel off the major turns. I hit the gravel passing someone - didn't even see it before I went down. There was no need for this injury - if someone had swept the intersection before the race we would have been fine. Or else have a docent there to point out the danger.
#2 - improve the food variety and quality. One thing for me is cuties versus orange slices. I do not have the patience/ability to peel an orange - just want to pop something in my mouth. Grapes were a good option. As were 1/2 bananas. The turkey rollups were eh- I actually tried one and left half of it uneaten. Bar and trail mix selection was good.
#3 - 1 more water stop on the way up the Henry Coe hill. Not horribly essential, but the one stop there was happened midway and was a bit later. Probably one at 1/3 mark and one at 2/3 mark would be better
#4 - directional arrows at the entrance to Gavilan College. I left the parking lot and came to the registration desk and asked someone (from my bike) which way to go and they said "right". I ended up biking to 101 before I realized I was in the wrong place. Have arrows saying "turn left" right at the main Gavilan entrance
N/a
Need a true 100K, not just a 53 and 74 miler
Perhaps the distance choices were a bit strange. There wasn't the customary 100K. but the 52 which I did was very nicely chosen. Hope to go farther next year.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Need an alternative to the super steep climb up to Mantelli! After 69 miles this was just cruel. Also, early afternoon on Watsonville rd. was a little sketchy.

Rest stop #1 set the bar high, and the offerings at the others were a little disappointing in comparison! 🙄

The rest stops were fun. I really appreciated how upbeat and friendly every volunteer was that I encountered. My only bit of feedback would be to make it possible for a second serving of food or an option to purchase a second meal after the ride.

None

At the very end of the course the route markings seemed to get a little thin. Just after the last aid station there was a spot that required a U-turn. It could have been indicated a little better. Then there was the last little climb and into a residential area, we needed to go straight through an intersection but there was no signage to indicate that. I'm really splitting hairs on these comments.

A cotton t-shirt rather than an all polyester one.

The food at the rest stops needs more variety. PBJ, oranges, candy and an energy bar is not enough.

I suggest you offer an option on the 56 mile ride. Instead of the last hills between Watsonville Road and Santa Teresa, I suggest:

Turn right from Santa Teresa to Sycamore

Turn right on Watsonville Road from Sycamore.

Turn left on Day Road from Watsonville Road.

Turn right on Santa Teresa.

You had those very steep hills also at the end of the 72 mile option which I avoided by turning from Watsonville Road onto Day Road.

Well, the wristband did us wrong. We thought it (green) went with our route —wrong! We cycled 17 miles out of our way!,

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Suggestion..... have an optional 100 miler without having to ascend/descend Dunne Ave. I did 100 miles doing Willow Springs/Llagas/Willow Springs, out & back on Day Rd, out & back on Redwood Retreat, was great without any traffic, or having to negotiate cyclist & cars on Dunne.

1. Give riders a choice to pay extra to get a patch. I collect my ride patches and was disappointed to get a sticker. I would pay extra to get a patch.
2. If the route changes, as was the case this year, ACTC should send riders updated route sheets. I gave the group I rode with a turn-by-turn route sheet based on the website. We were not able to separate at all from each other because our new riders were too worried about following the arrows without an updated route sheet.
3. Provide better food at the stations. In past years, there have been boiled potatoes and hard boiled eggs. I didn't pack my own potatoes or eggs because I relied on you providing them. I would not be opposed to paying a higher fee to get those provided.

We assumed that our bracelet color was the color of our route. Consequently, we followed the wrong route and did much more than the 33 miles we expected. Maybe next year, you should use color coordinated bracelets for the routes. Just a suggestion. We still had fun.

There was one huge thing that was a massive disappointment. The "long blue" course was not marked. I had planned for 75 miles and 3000+ of climbing and ended up with only 52 miles. It would have been so simple to call it "orange without Henry Coe" or "blue-green". I asked not less than 3 times if I was on the correct route when my Garmin was beeping at me, and was told by multiple volunteers that there had been a re-route. So bummed!!!!

N/A

None.

Routes are good - i would have done the very hilly 100K but the out and back structure up to henry coe seemed less interesting than the loop routes

Please include more fresh fruit at the rest stops (Banana's, Big Oranges, Watermelon, etc).

I wanted to ride 74 miles, but I misunderstood the directions that I was supposed to switch over to the green arrows. That was a little confusing for a first-time solo rider--me!

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

I really thought it was one of the best ones we have been on.
V8 juice
I know that the traffic impacts course routes, but the route I road (short, hilly 100K) seemed to choppy. There wasn't a flow to it, with so many stops, backtracking. It is hard to describe this.
I love this ride though. Been riding it on and off again for decades. Love all the volunteers, the organized process of the ride itself (registration, check-in, sags, ending lunch).
Maybe offering a couple of larger men bike jerseys.
Some people seemed to be confused by the wristband color. They thought it was supposed to match their route arrow color. More clarification next time might help some folks.
1. I am not a fan of even mildly spicy food after a long, hard ride so I vote for Italian rather than Mexican at the post ride meal. 2. The post ride desserts were outstanding. It doesn't get better than rich chocolate cake/fudge things with ice cream. 3. That last, evil climb after the Chictactac-Adams reststop (Bluebell/Country Rd ?) is REALLY hard after the earlier part of the ride. If there is a way to avoid this short but shockingly steep climb, it would be much appreciated. 4. Pat yourselves on the back for a job very well done.
Eliminate Burchell road. Three 12% grades at the end of ride is horrible
Nothing! It's perfect!
Better training for some of the volunteers on the course
Please go back to 100% Cotton T-Shirts ! More variety at the Lunch stop in past years there was Roll-UP sandwichs with meat or meatless
Avoid busier stretches of road where folks drive 45 mph and above.
I honestly can't think of anything to improve.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

I had hoped to leave my jacket at a stop which I could pick up at end of ride; I was told this service wasn't available

The part after the last aid station is a bit dicey. Maybe have flares to have the cars slow down so it gives the cyclist a bit more time and you don't have a truck/car speeding towards you.

You might want to call the "100k" routes something else. 100k is just over 62 miles not something between 75 and 52 miles. I really like the 100k route that goes around Uvas reservoir and I liked going counter-clockwise this year (more than the clockwise route in previous years).

Rode the green ride the climb at mile 52 was a bit steep for tired legs

Remind riders to be considerate while riding in a group by calling out on your left and not riding two or more abreast. It felt unsafe on busy roads. There was very little communication from many of the riders.

My only suggestion would be to put signs up when people return to the school that point to where the lunch is. It seemed pretty obvious to me but I had done the ride before.

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

At the Safety Check #2 where I got a flat as the hill climb was beginning- that corner at Dryden/Leavesly? I think it was about 8 miles into the ride. The signage with the arrow options is too close to the corner and when MANY riders don't know the route in their head and are calling out which way there was potential for so many accidents that would upset riders. Riders were calling out 100 but then safety would say what color. Too many 100k, 100 hilly long, 100M. Suggestion is to have someone shouting out CENTURY Go straight/ and ? go Straight all other colors go Right. Many times riders had to stop at that corner (not safe) to regroup. Some had to go down the hill to get a start to go up the hill. Riders come in waves but when I was waiting for SAG for my tire change we witnessed many potential bad scenarios. Suggest that a person be further back than right there at the corner. Not enough time for the changes when in a pack. Safety matters. Safety people said there is a sign, but it's so close to the corner and when riding in a pack a cyclist isn't necessarily looking right then and there.

Suggestion 2: we were doing the hilly long- we left the pit stop and headed the wrong way and though we figured it out at the next stop- we were helped with a GREAT guy at the intersection who helped us take the loop in reverse to regain our 20 miles. We did not want to end at 55 with all our training. Our mistake but when we visualized the map my friend didn't remember the arrow change (me neither). We just went blue...instead of green. 54 miles of riding with sun could do that. Having a person at the gate when leaving that specific pit stop shouting out blue/green could help. just an idea. I know you all do so much, but such scenarios could make it even better. We weren't the only ones riding in the opposite direction at times so that was a relief.

LAST shout out for the SAG guy CHUCK who changed my tire. YOU ROCK. So helpful and grateful for his knowledge of what to do. First flat since i owned my new bike 2019 and I didn't know how to get the disc brake (not quick release) tire off. Chuck found the glass, put the new tube, carbon tube air and off I went to complete my 75 miles. He made my ride a success with his help so early in the event. Frustrating but nice to know calling SAG worked. Also to the guy on the phone trying to relay information. I know everyone is trying to help with the unexpected, but it would be good to know which SAG specifically does bike repair. First two SAG (van and motorcycle) were great with their candidness of not knowing tire repair but i appreciated them stopping. Suggestion is to maybe assign the words BIKE REPAIR to SAG car so headquarters/riders know who to reach. Nothing is perfect but I was relieved after my 2nd call that Chuck did in fact come. The delay

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Have a message board for people to find others at their skill level to ride with
None, it was well done!
Start the other direction the afternoon wind is a pain in North Morgan Hill. Tailwind would be nice after Coe
All was great
The route map is not the easiest to read
Overall event was great, routes, atmosphere etc. But need to budget it a bit to get to a \$50 fee.
Allowing a second helping of the food at the end?
a mass start for the 100 mile, or different colored ID bracelets for different distances, timing chips and results?
A friend of mine had a fall in a turn about a mile before the first rest stop that had a lot of gravel on it
Also if you keep the coffee hot 🥵 that would be great, it seemed like the extension cord was there, but it wasn't plugged in.
None.
Disappointed with the meal at end. Primavera is using food trucks at the end and have been a great food service
The last hill was a surprise and very tough! Not my favorite part of the ride!
Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches - or did I just miss them?
Clear loose gravel at intersection prior to San Martin rest stop
That's a tough one, the ride is so well organized. Maybe throw some arrows down on the long remote sections. I was on Very Hilly 100k and felt like I was riding by myself through the farmland wondering if I missed a turn.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

I'd prefer to avoid city streets (I.e. w 6th street in gilroy). Also prefer to have avoided the u-turn on Watsonville rd. Other than that, a good route. Also, I did like moving North over the flatter terrain via the west side of the valley in the morning and tackling the hills later in the day. The wind picks up in the afternoon and one leaves Henry Coe fighting the wind for some time heading north. This is reduced when riding north in the morning. The 2009 Tierra Bella century route was done that way.

I started as soon as I found the first street.

More training for course monitors. Some did nothing, some were confusing riders - creating dangerous situations in the process.

I loved it so much. Was there a patch this year? If so, if like to acquire one. I do have the sticker. How do I seek the patch? LD

No changes

I rode the green route leaving just before 8am. The second and third aid stops were just getting set up. I will leave later or ride slower next time.

First 1/2 of the hilly long 74.2 miles was great , but the 2nd half was a little boring.

Maybe organize small groups for people who want to ride together for a better atmosphere.

The rest stops could use more fruit and more chips, always all gone

Maybe a few more sodas and a little better course markings where loops overlap

Loved it! Offer the same routes next year

A little better lunch

Rest stops from Henry Coe on had very little selection when I got there (100 mile ride). I finished the ride at 5:20 BTW. Disappointing since I was hungry.

The hills directly after the last stop were too much for many of the riders and they had to walk their bikes up those hills

A group start for each distance is always fun and lends itself to meeting new riders

Loved the goldfish and M n M's, but not enough red potatoes, and I lived the one I got.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Change the east side route to eliminate Gilman - not sure you can but.....BuenaVista.?..
directions to the college when coming from the South were WRONG!!! They said to exit on Monterey Road. Monterey Road was 20 miles North of where we should have exited. Cost us an extra 40 miles of driving. Turns out we should have exited at Monterey Street. Big diff. between STREET and ROAD!
First rest stop is too soon, an end of the ride beer will be great - even if it is for purchase (this could also help raise funds)
Advertise the type of food at the rest stops. I brought too much food because I did not know what to expect at the stops and ended up carrying most of it unnecessarily
Do not have ride on roads with no shoulders
Improve the volunteers skill level of giving directions, they need to be out in the street on at the entrance "chatting". It is dangerous out there and we need the to direct us better at the more intense intersections.
Recommend an actual kickoff event at start of each leg.
All volunteers do a terrific job! Make sure it rains the week before every year, never seen that ride so green and beautiful.
Bigger lunch servings.
Do it just the same.
Healthier lighter snacks
Make sure the Century distance is actually 100 miles.
Food could be better - less sugary stuff and more sandwiches, fruits, etc.
My only disappointment was that I couldn't swich the tee shirt I purchased from a medium to a small. I did pay for the merchandise and didn't realize that the shirt would be so large. This small denial at the end of the race when I asked to switch was my last impression. I didn't leave fully satisfied with the money I spent. I won't be purchasing merchanidise again.
Our 100k was short of 100k by a few Ks. And we did a weird little U-Turn on Redwood Retreat Rd. It would have been so easy to make the U-turn much farther down Redwood Retreat for a full 100k!

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

don't put those 14% hills in the last third of the 56 mile flat ride

Get rid of those last 2 hills on mile 68 of 72 hilly. Please?

The Gatorades were watered down

The end of the 100 mile ride had some super steep climbs, I preferred the 2019 route which had some decent but not so steep climbs at the end.

Just do the same every year.

Tacos were kinda meh. All the other food was awesome.

It was extremely well organized! Loved the lunch afterwards. Rest stops were awesome.

Ditch the Bluebell climb on the long route, or let us know how steep it is. A little too much for this old man. :)

Maybe reinstate Metcalf? (not that I could have ridden it this year, but next...)

more PB&J sandwiches at rest stops :)

Better route planning. Fewer choices per other years.

-Really poor route marking just after last rest stop. Arrows took us up a dead end road. I guess the arrows were 'trying' to tell us to make a u-turn. 10 of us were up that road. On our way back, we turned other riders around who were heading that way. You had course Marshals guiding us at other more obvious turns. You really needed somebody there!!!! That was frustrating.

-Morning registration should be in the parking lot where everyone is parking along with the port-o-potties.

-At the end of the ride, we had NO IDEA where the lunch was served. No signs, no route arrows. No volunteers to guide us. We just wandered around till we found the meal location.

-Orange and Pink arrows were tough to distinguish.

-Why not have different color wrist bands to match the route arrows? When we started the ride, we had NO IDEA which color arrows to follow. Was that posted somewhere?

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Personally I don't like the Gatorade drinks, the wraps were really cold and no gel, not to mention no dinner at the end. Everyone just left, not much connection.
More variety of Snacks
Stay off hwy 152? Possibly turn around on Canada and go back.
None.
1. Make the ride safer- trucks and traffic don't mix well with bikes, 2. When you say flat ride it should be flat, 3. Don't cheat people on the shirts- paying another \$6 for an already over priced shirt is not fair when there was no reminders on picking up the shirt.
Make the 100 mile a full Century. I back tracked at the end to get over 100 Miles. I really liked the hot meal at the end. Plain basic food is always the best with so many varied appetites to consider. Some plain peanut butter sandwiches at the rest stops would be nice. I do not care for jelly. The Gatorade was too weak. Make it stronger.
I could do without those last couple of brutal hills near the end of the ride. Otherwise I had a great time.
a FREE event t-shirt should always be included when paying a registration fee.
Please leave out the very steep climbs near the end in the future. I will skip them next year!
Please keep the San Martin rest stop open a little bit longer to accommodate riders coming down from the Coe climb on the 100k "Very Hilly" who might need some hydration or snacks.
No issues with the food itself, however, I found the after ride meal to be lacking vegetarian options and flavored drink options without sugar.
My one request would be more chairs or benches to sit down on at rest stops. A couple of rest stops had nowhere to sit down (other than the ground).
Post ride corn taco shells were dry and easily split open making the tacos difficult to eat
None ... keep doing what you are doing.
Use a different flat 100K route!
Food variety

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

There were some long parts that make you think you might have missed a turn. Maybe on the those long stretches have a few more markers.

Can't think of anything. It was amazing!

Not sure how to deal with it, but the grind from Gilroy up to the coyote creek rest is not great. There may be route options that stay east of highway 101 that better represent the beauty than the assigned path.

I really wanted a patch this year. I always save them.

post-ride meal have vegetarian/vegan option; include directions or address to parking in email info

I do understand pandemic and supply chain constraints- I often like looking through and purchasing biking related items and roaming through booths after event

The Century has to be 100 miles.

Upload the routes on to Strava so it is easier to use them than the RidewithGPS.

Number of routes was ALMOST overwhelming, especially getting the group to agree on which. 😊

None

Make a route file downloadable in TCX and GPX file formats for bike computers

Coffee and water at the start of the race would be nice. I brought my water bottles but forgot to fill them in the morning. I had to wait 20 miles to get to the first rest stop to get my liquids. I guess people are worried they would have to go to the bathroom if they drink too much in the morning so I guess that can create a problem...

Everything is pretty good already.

Red vines at the top of Henry coe!

I wasn't a fan of the traffic and narrow shoulders on Watsonville Road

I don't think you need so many "100K" choices. Maybe just 2 is enough.

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Those two short steep bits were stupidly hard - skip them next time. Also food ran out at marxi gras station before we got there?!
Better food
Top of Coe needs more visual direction to the rest stop
None
Ride definitions and corresponding maps were somewhat confusing. Reduce the complexity.
none
I like it when you change the routes.
For slow century riders, post meal close time was a bit earlier.
Can the fee be less?
n/a
Nothing! I hope to try the 72-mile blue arrowed ride next year. The hilly short was fun but I could have done another 10 miles (at true 100K) easily. OK, one thing to fix. The 13% and 15% grade short, steep hills in the last 8 miles by the golf course before getting back onto Santa Theresa -- didn't enjoy that but did get through it. Just warn us on the cue sheet that it's coming after that last rest stop - they are doozies :-). Thank you to all the fantastic volunteers and the club members who made this ride so successful after 2 years of pandemic absence! THANK YOU!!!!
A bit better seating at the finish party.
Wished there were different salty treats at all the stops. Loved the Fritos and M&Ms at the Henry Coe stop
A cold beer at the finish line would be nice!
Can't think of anything. I was very impressed with the organization of the event.
fix all the bad pavement :)
A lot of left-right but it was a change from the last time.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

I reached out to a couple of fitness to join me and they decided not to b/c of the price. However, I understand since you lost your main revenue for two yrs and it looks like you had to buy more equipment at the rest stops. I'm in for next year.
Lunch was good, but portion could have been bigger.
None
The 100 mile route had a lot of "junk" miles esp post Henry Coe up to next rest stop. Wish there was a way to have some more pretty roads like Canada and Coe in the second half as well.
There were three very steep climbs on the course called "non hilly" 55 miles. I feel that this was misleading to those riders who may not have expected climbs in the 10-15% range.
Someone at each intersection
A bike rack near the Porto potties, would be nice. Keep up the great work!
Flatten that stupid bump after the last test stop. Seriously needs a tunnel! 😂
Final hills on the century after the Chitactac-Adams rest area were kind of sadistic. Among the steepest of the whole ride. Could an alternate route be found?
Fewer riders this year made for a bit less conversation along the way
None
Cut out that left turn on country rd at the end of the 100 miler? Make sure the 100 mile ride is \geq 100 miles. There were 4 or 5 easy up and backs to add 4 more miles.
Please get rid of the last 2 very steep climbs at mile 80+
One rest stop ran low in food... everything else was pretty perfect!

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

Avoid those 2 14%+grades at the end of the 100K! I usually rise the shorter ride, but opted not to as I wanted to go by the reservoirs. I skipped the 2nd rest stop to cut off 6 miles.

Toss the salad before serving. When i was in line there were just a few lettuce leaves. When I went later I saw that the salad had been refreshed and other vegis were on the top. Obviously they did not make it to the bottom.

Great SAG support and tech support at rest stops.

couple of things—because there wasn't a check in before the start of the ride, it wasn't clear what color arrows I should follow for the hilly 75 mile ride. I didn't realize it was the green arrow after the San Martin rest stop. We ended up continuing to follow the blue arrows and then at the last test stop discovered we took the short cut for the 50 miler. We did get instructions to ride a loop that added 20 or so miles which was off the route but very pretty. I think better signage at that rest stop to direct the 75 milersbwould help. Plus for those of us who don't study the ride turn by turns, it helps to have signage.

Safety monitors at intersections was great. Food was average. Liked the music at rest stops.

Sag at the rest stops, just in case.

Very greatly organized, keep it up!

I love the patch, bring it back if you can

Not much, your ride management was excellent, the course monitors at intersections and descents were a good touch (very long time since I have done a century ride).

None! You have it down!

None

I did the 100 m route. There were a lot of stop intersections in the first few miles. It would be nice if they could be avoided

Have some Beer at the End.

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

wrist bands should match the route color OR make it clear that they are not related in any way. Also, SAG vehicles should be marked on the FRONT and back if possible

It would be nice if you had a variety of snacks at each rest stop instead of the same things that each rest stop.

Also, I think it is important to stress in all of your literature about cyclists announcing themselves when passing on the left. I had people pass on the left when we are going 25 to 30 mph and it was quite dangerous on some of those roads.

Finish line was not obvious.

confusion about the route: color of wrist band, color of markings on the road, and color of the tip sheet - all were mis leading (not sync's as expected), let to route confusion

Not sure if this was intentional, but perhaps schedule it a different weekend than Levi's Gran Fondo?

BBQ lunch...

None, all was excellent! Loved all the new route choices, something for everyone. Also the the new routes minimizing time on Santa Theresa and were much improved especially the departure and return approach routes to Gavilan. Also the new routes across to the east side of the valley were more scenic, safer and less busy than the past.

1. Gluten/dairy free snacks would be appreciated. 2. I had to cited to do the short hilly 100 K this time and was looking forward to climbing Gilroy Hot Springs Rd. for the first time in 20 years, since I live in Fresno now. Somehow I missed the turn and ended up doing 34 miles without the Galway Hot Springs Loop. It's my responsibility to make sure I'm following the itinerary. That said, at the point where I think I was supposed to turn right, there was a couple waving the flags and flagging everyone to turn left. Since there was a blue arrow going left, I followed it. I don't know if that's where I should have turned right, or elsewhere. But I was disappointed not to get the full ride in. Perhaps since there are several rides all going in the same direction except for that turn, it would be good to have a very clear indicator where you're supposed to turn.

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

A) There could have been a better signage at the junction of Watsonville Rd. and Burchell Rd. It's a heavy-traffic junction with too many things going on: 1) simply turn right for rest stop 2) continue straight if skipping rest stop (for a U-turn a bit ahead), 3) Some cyclists turn directly Burchell and some cyclists blindly follow them unaware of the rest stop or the proper route. Since it's not that clear if these cyclist are with Tierra Bella or not, the volunteer there ends up yelling a lot from behind them to come back if they're with Tierra Bella, adding further to the confusion. It would be much better to post written signage (not just road marks) ahead of that junction, like "TIERRA BELLA: TURN RIGHT for REST, CONTINUE STRAIGHT to SKIP REST".

B) Right in the in the beginning of H. Coe descent, there is a sharp curve and high downhill grade. A part of that curve was filled up sand & tiny gravel, like a trap, and reportedly gave some cyclist trouble (skidding out of the road & fall). I'd recommend sweeping this high-risk area before the ride for cyclists safety.

C) No Tierra Bella patch, just a paper sticker. Meh. I would like to see the woven patch like the ones given in the previous years.

Ba accurate

give instructions on how to get back on to 101, especially going north.

I did the easy 100km ride with one of my kids, and my wife did the shorter option with our youngest. The first rest stop for the 100km ride had PB&J sandwiches and wraps and other "substantial" food. The other two rest stops didn't though, and just had stuff like protein bars and fruit. It would have really been appreciated if there were PB&J sandwiches at the 3rd rest stop at least!

overall Good job

none

More rest rooms at the finish

1) maybe move the third rest stop to Gilroy HS? As it was, it was pretty close to the end of the metric century.

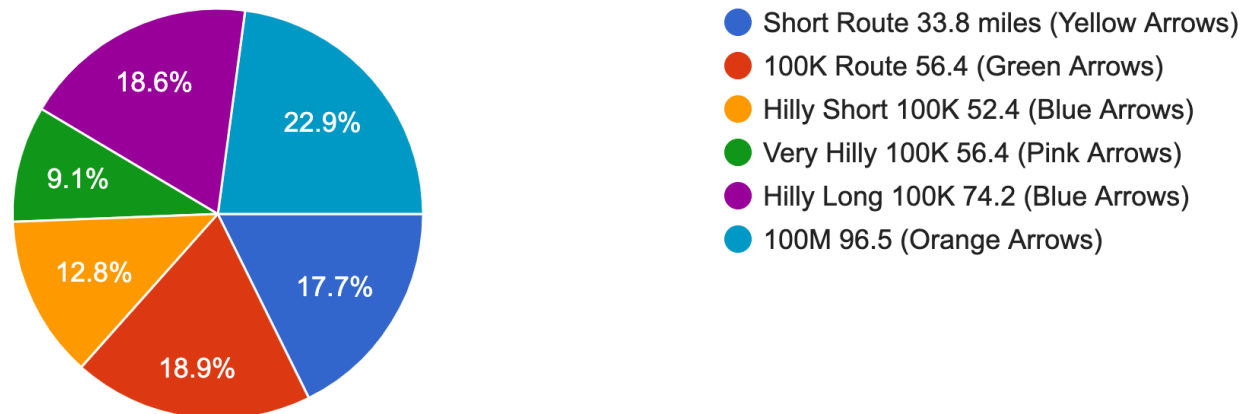
2) find a way to avoid the stretch between East Dunne and Gilroy HS. Relative to the rest of the route it was pretty boring and with lots of cars driving faster than felt comfortable to me.

Tierra Bella 2022 - What suggestions do you have for overall improvement?

The mid portion of the ride has too much traffic and the roads are ugly. Previously from hot springs to Coe seemed nicer.

Which Route did you choose to ride this year?

328 responses

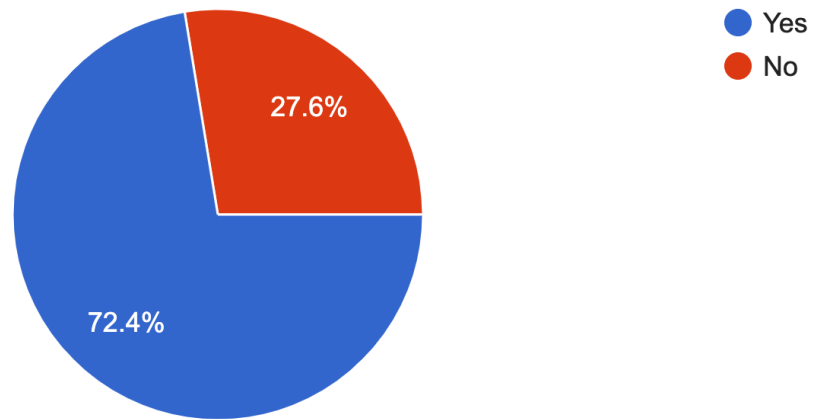


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Short Route

Is this the first time you have ridden this route?

58 responses

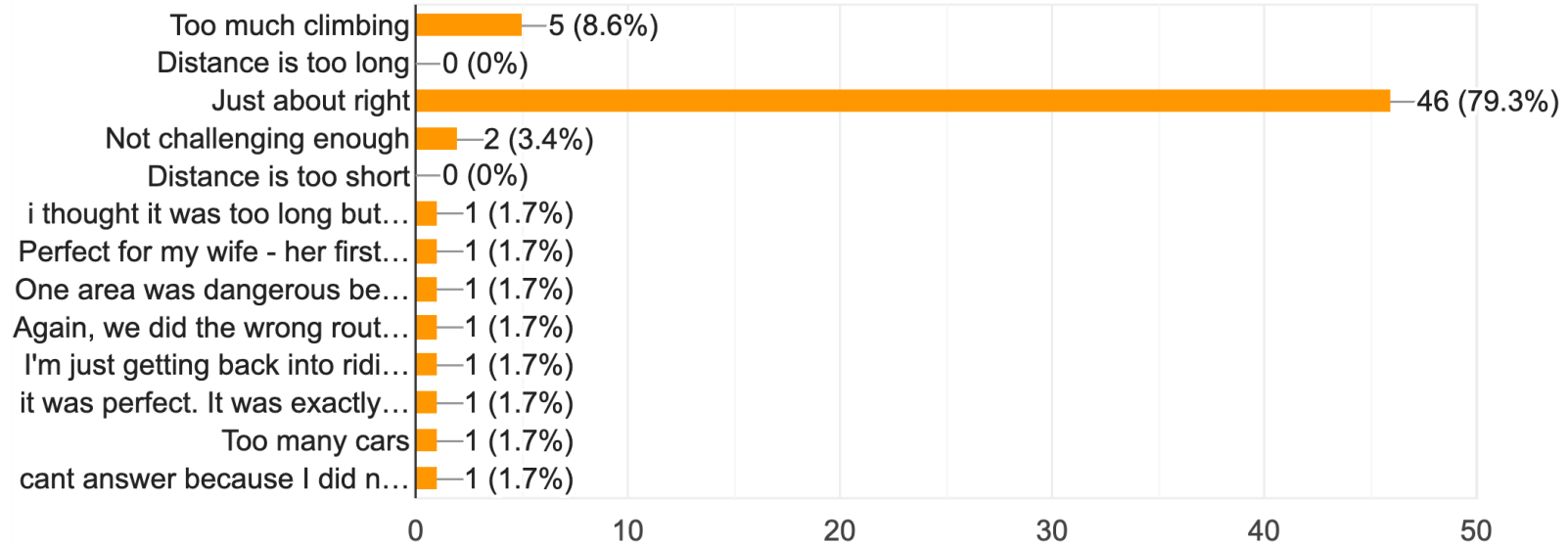


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Short Route

How do you rate the difficulty of this route?

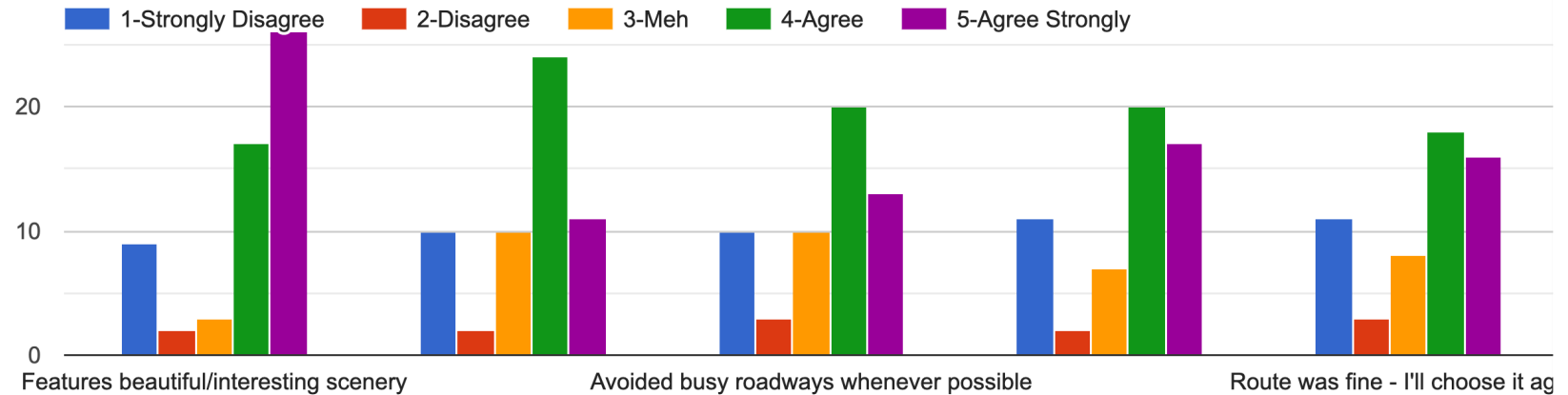
58 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Short Route

Rate the appeal of this route as to the following features



Choices which don't display well on above graph:

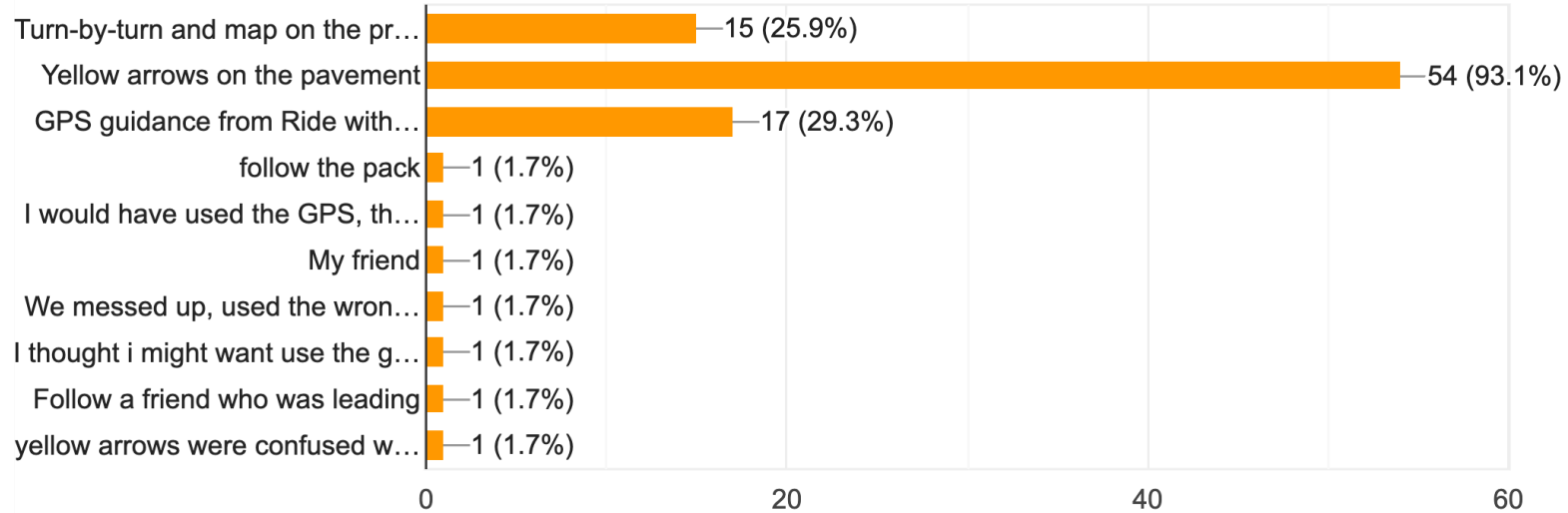
- 1. Features beautiful/interesting scenery**
- 2. Roadway was in good condition**
- 3. Avoided busy roadways whenever possible**
- 4. Route is good for cyclists**
- 5. Route was fine - I'll choose it again**

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Short Route

What aids did you use to follow this route? (check all that were used)

58 responses

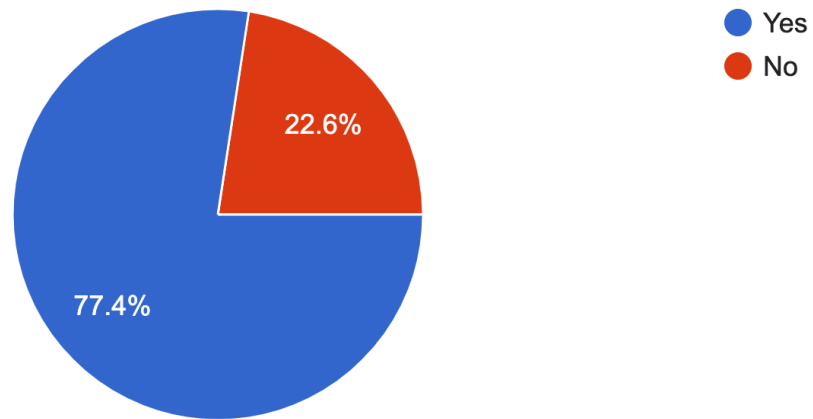


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100K Route

Is this the first time you have ridden this route?

62 responses

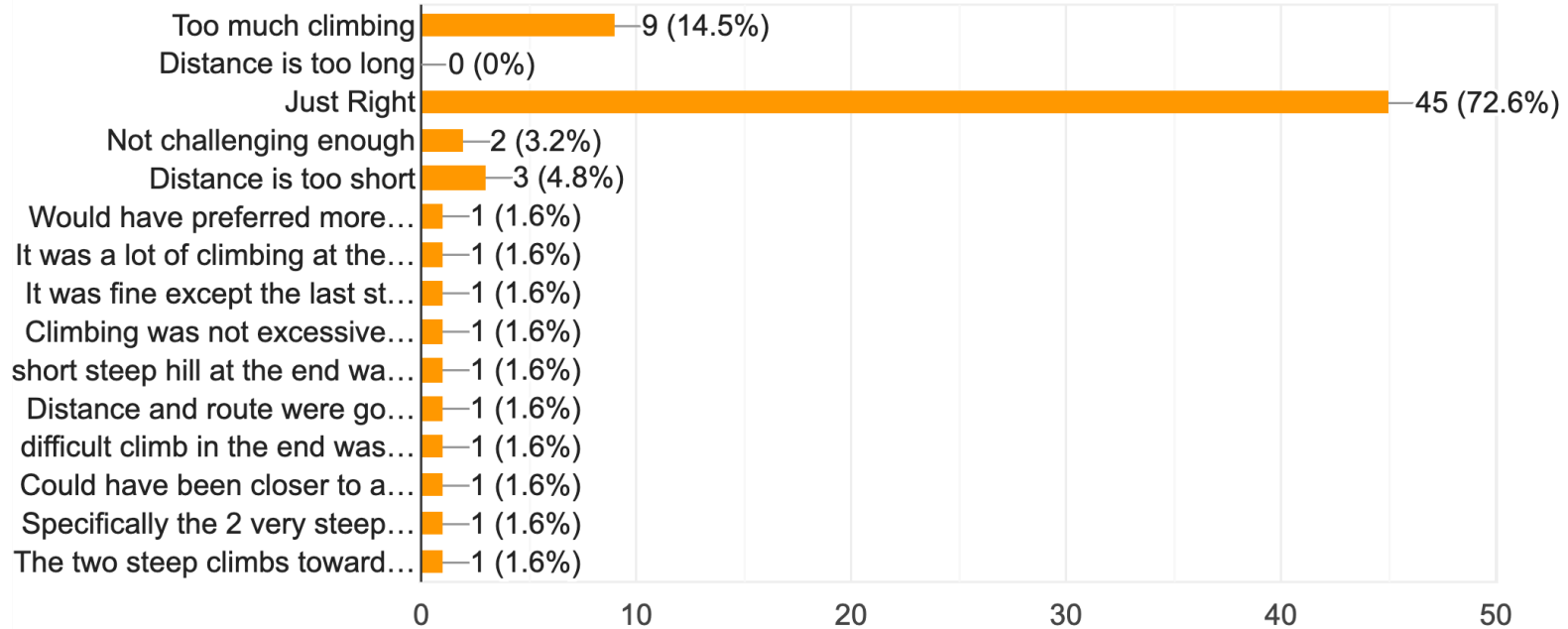


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100K Route

How do you rate the difficulty of this route?

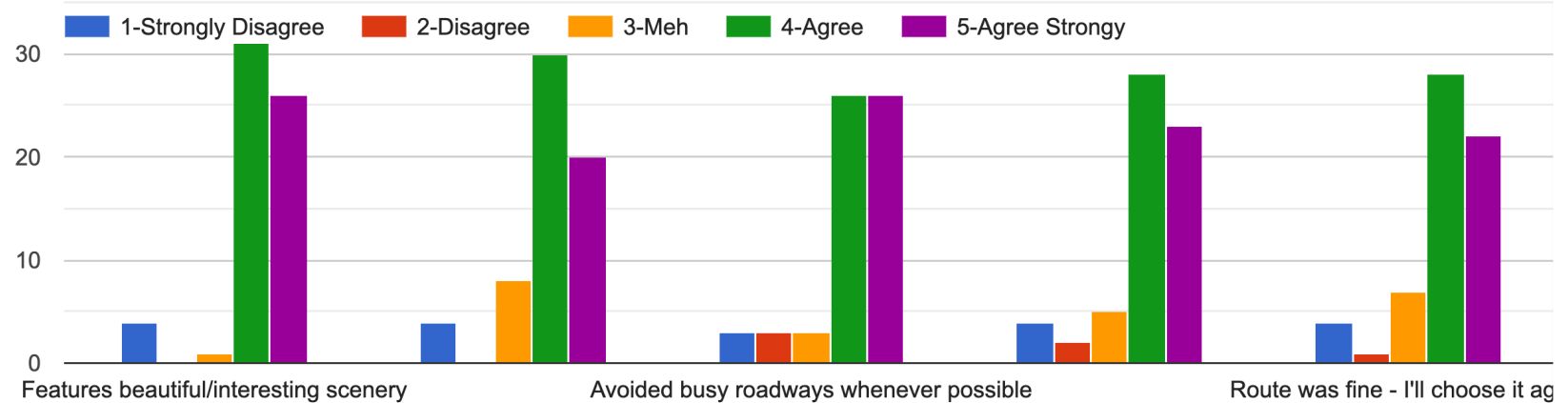
62 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100K Route

Rate the appeal of this route as to the following features



Choices which don't display well on above graph:

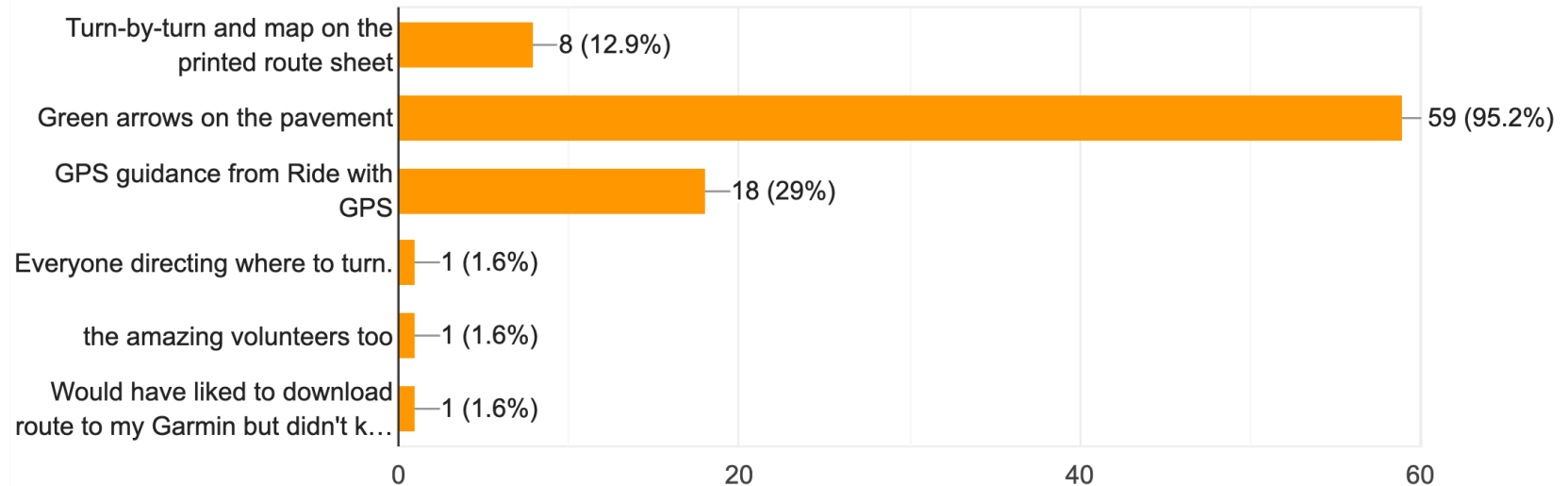
1. Features beautiful/interesting scenery
2. Roadway was in good condition
3. Avoided busy roadways whenever possible
4. Route is good for cyclists
5. Route was fine - I'll choose it again

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100K Route

What means did you use to follow this route? (check all that were used)

62 responses

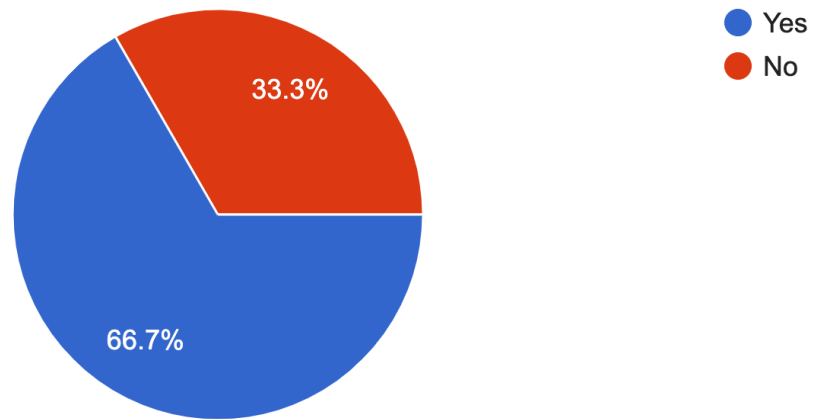


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Short 100K

Is this the first time you have ridden this route?

42 responses

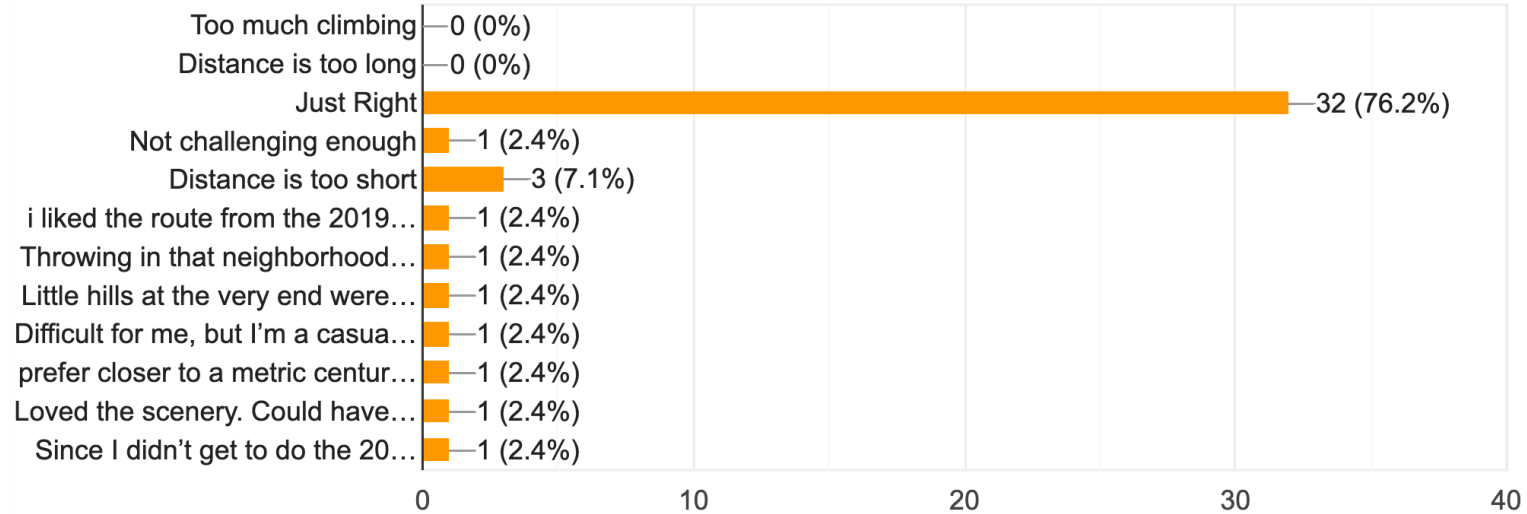


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Short 100K

How do you rate the difficulty of this route?

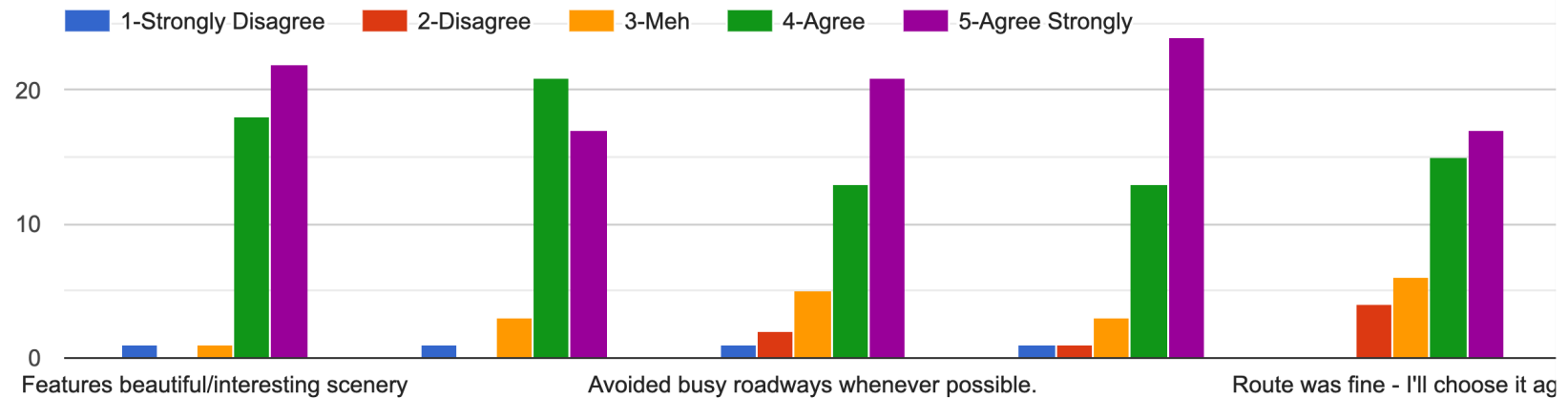
42 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Short 100K

Rate the appeal of this route as to the following features



Choices which don't display well on above graph:

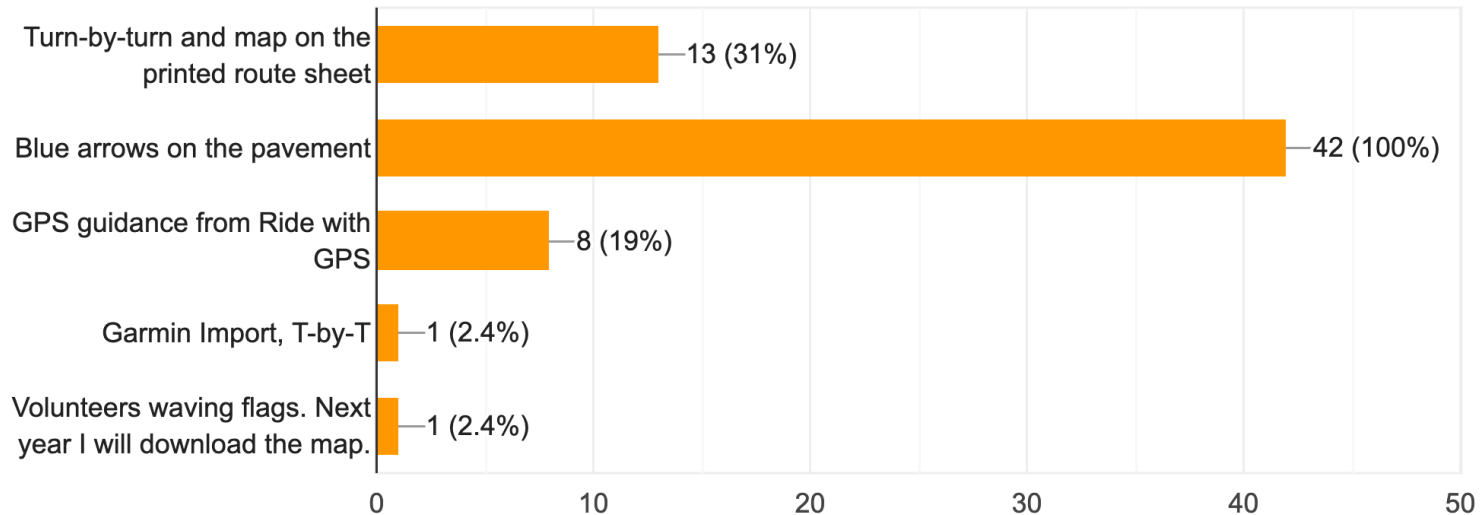
1. Features beautiful/interesting scenery
2. Roadway was in good condition
3. Avoided busy roadways whenever possible
4. Route is good for cyclists
5. Route was fine - I'll choose it again

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Short 100K

What means did you use to follow this route? (check all that were used)

42 responses

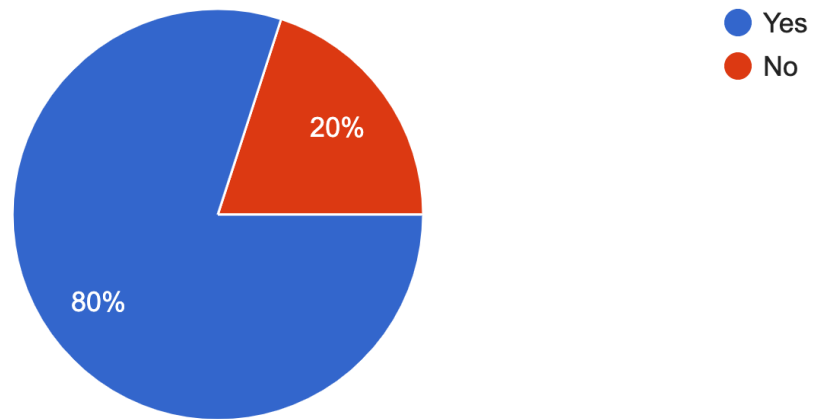


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Very Hilly 100K

Is this the first time you have ridden this route?

30 responses

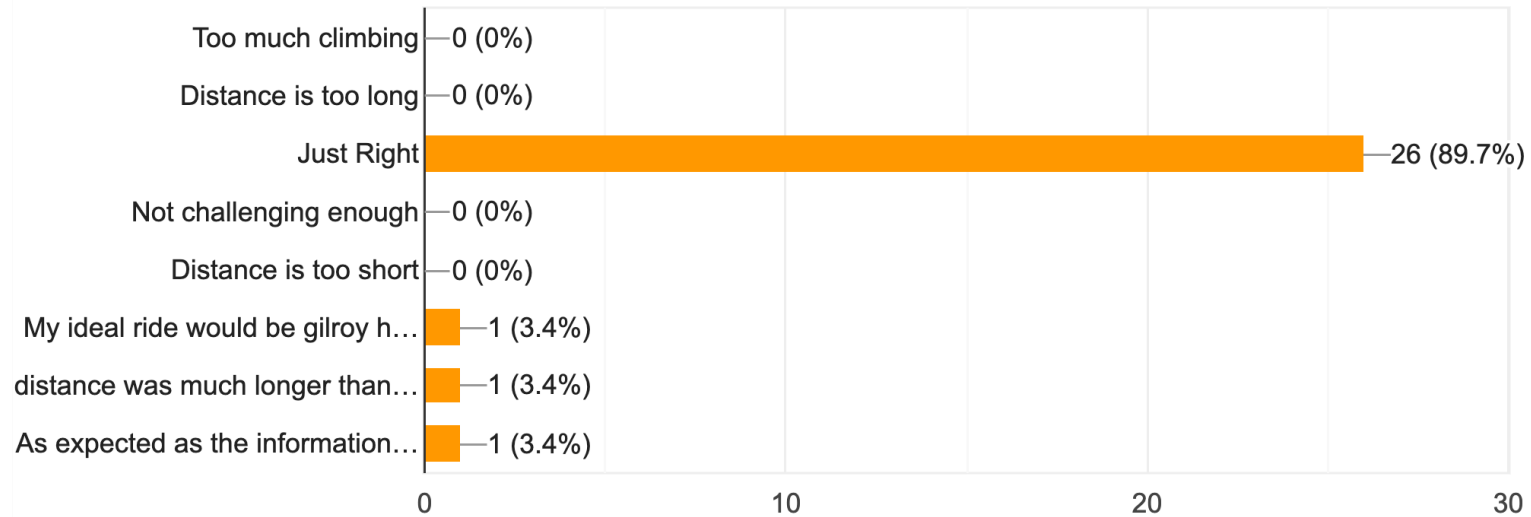


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Very Hilly 100K

How do you rate the difficulty of this route?

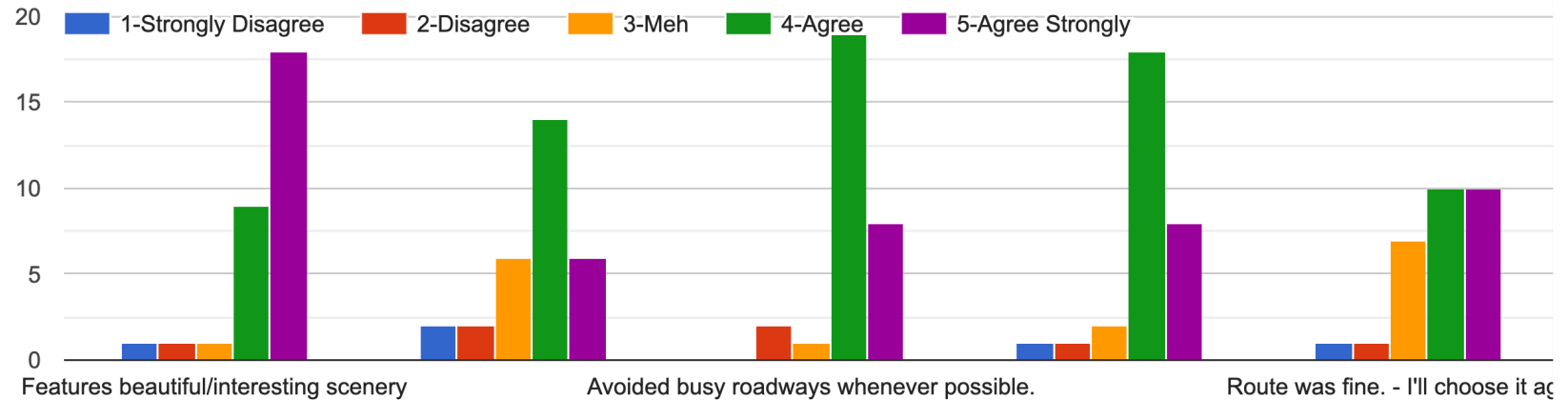
29 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Very Hilly 100K

Rate the appeal of this route as to the following features



Choices which don't display well on above graph:

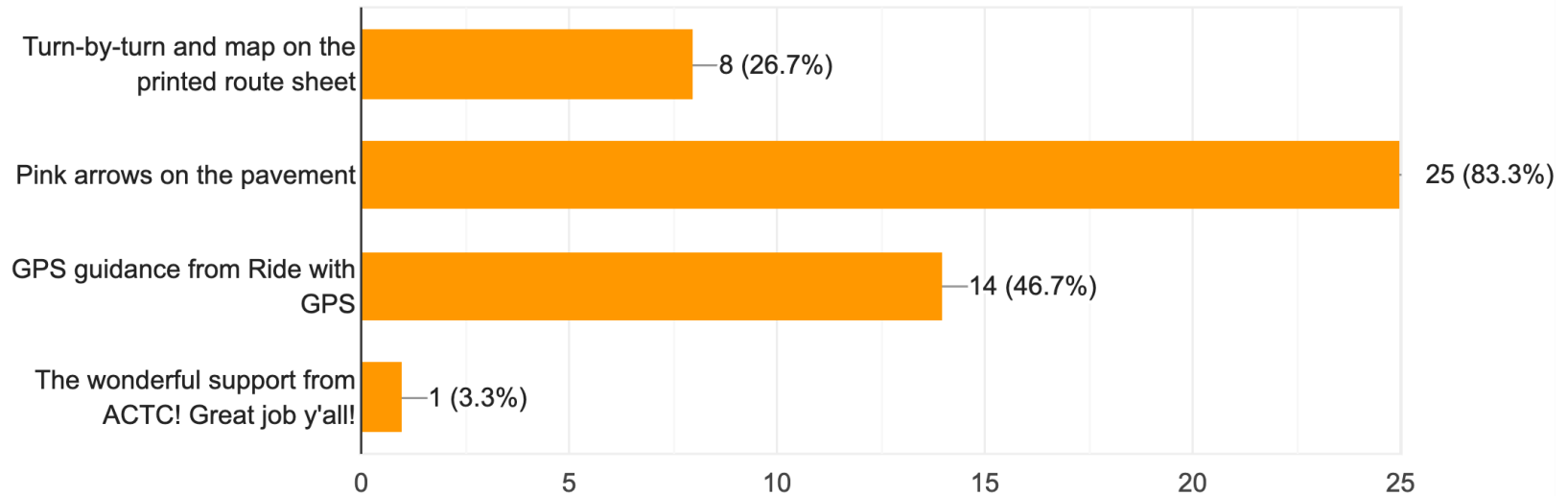
1. Features beautiful/interesting scenery
2. Roadway was in good condition
3. Avoided busy roadways whenever possible
4. Route is good for cyclists
5. Route was fine - I'll choose it again

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Very Hilly 100K

What means did you use to follow this route? (check all that were used)

30 responses

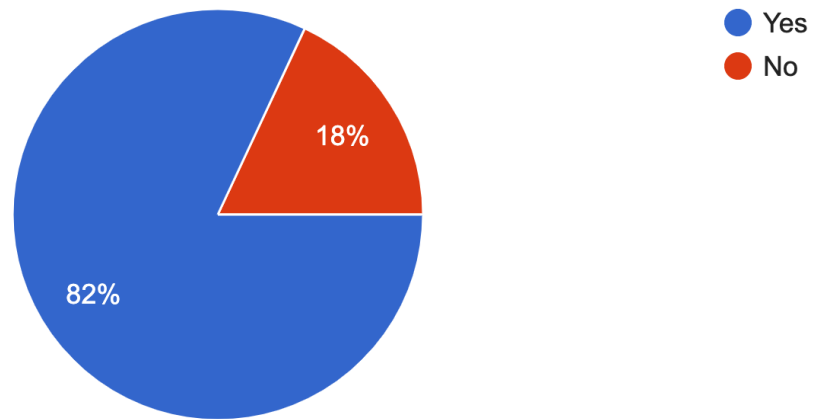


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Long 100K

Is this the first time you have ridden this route?

61 responses

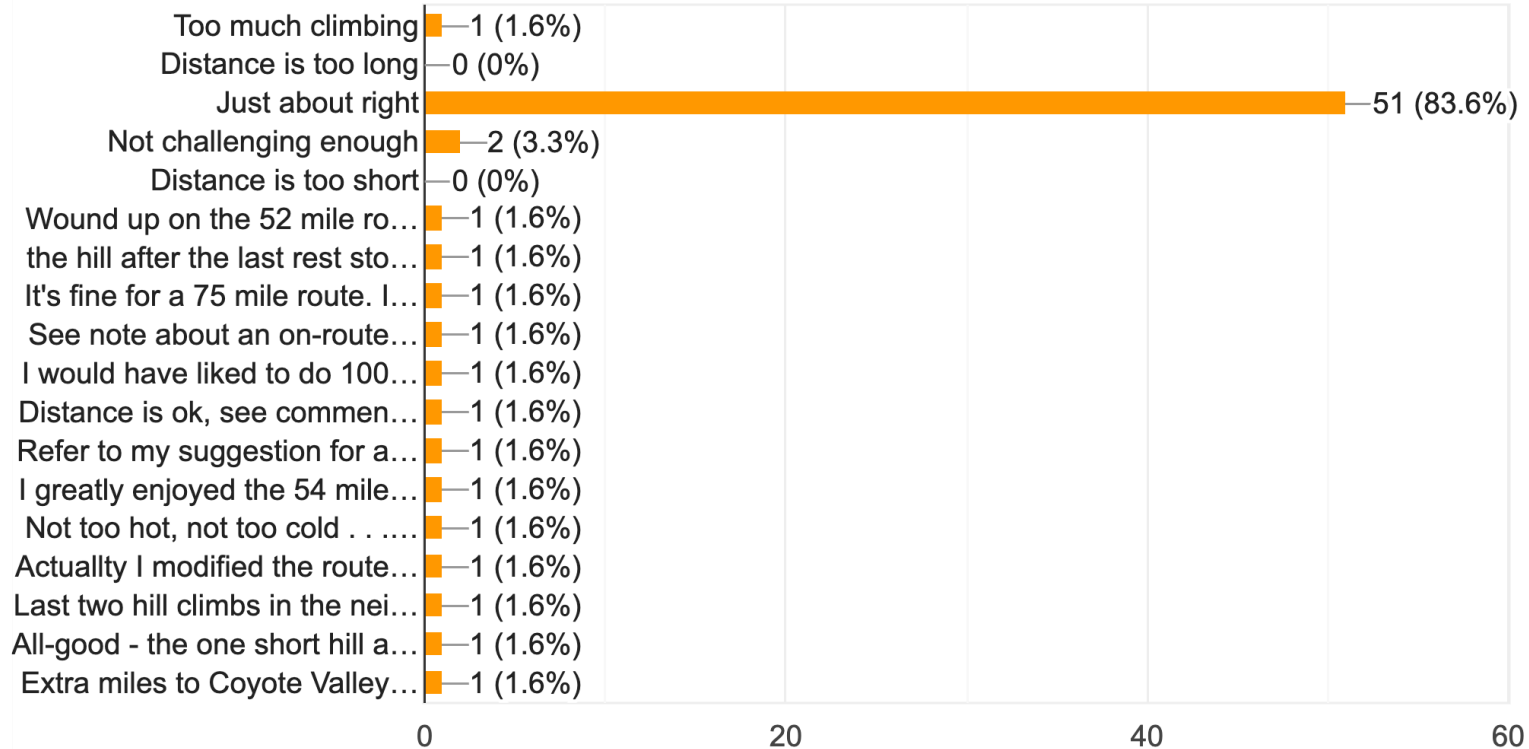


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Long 100K

How do you rate the difficulty of this route?

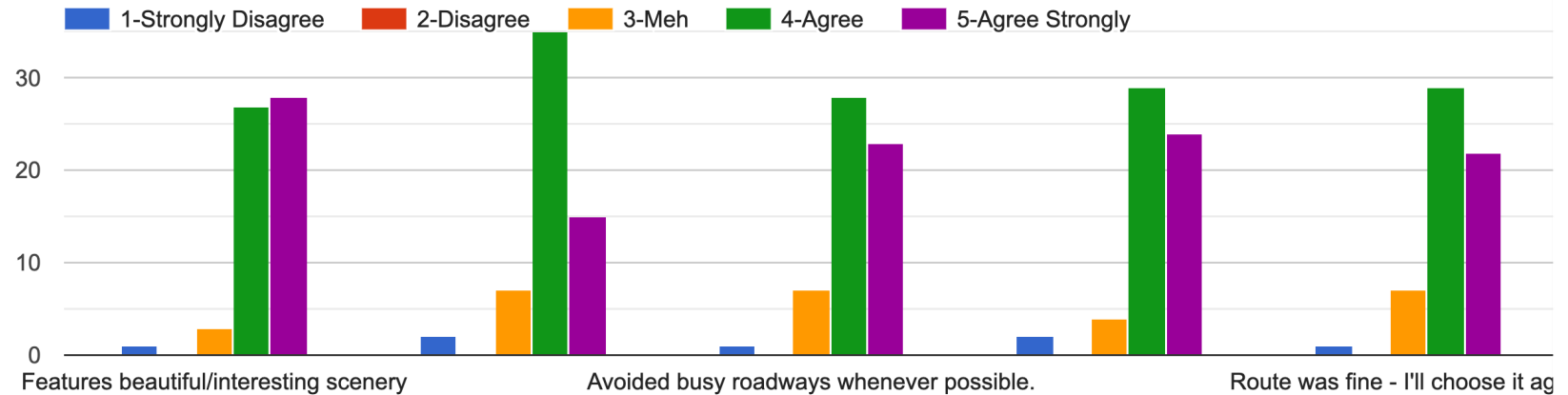
61 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Long 100K

Rate the appeal of this route as to the following features



Choices which don't display well on above graph:

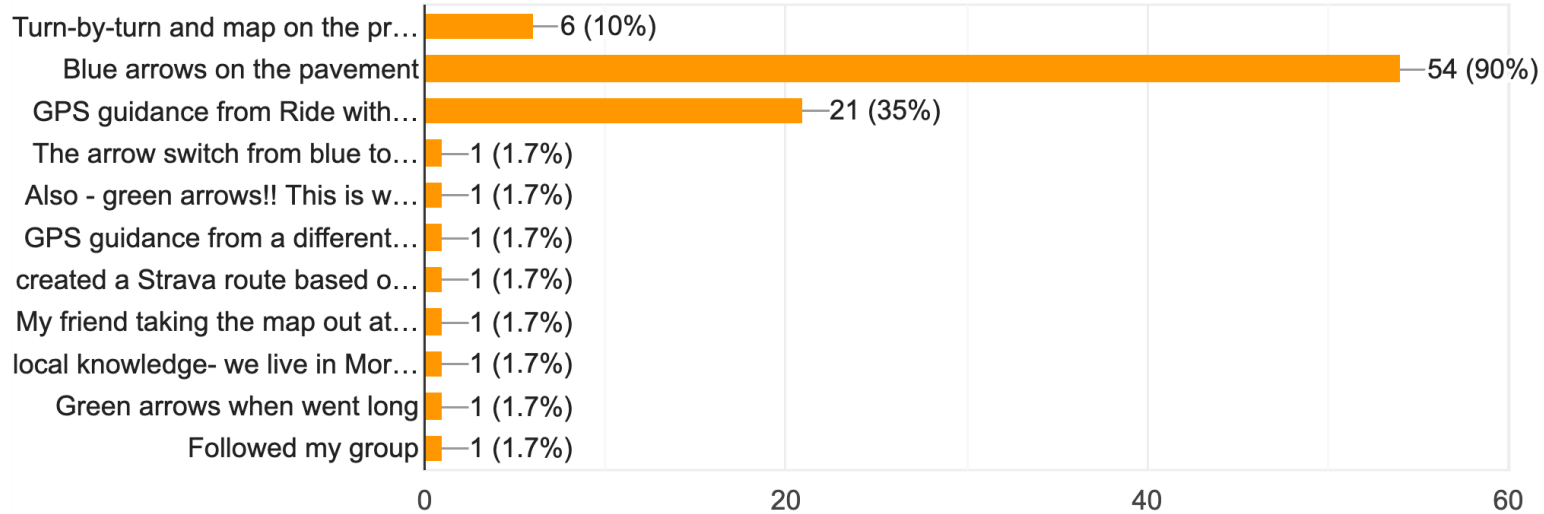
1. Features beautiful/interesting scenery
2. Roadway was in good condition
3. Avoided busy roadways whenever possible
4. Route is good for cyclists
5. Route was fine - I'll choose it again

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Hilly Long 100K

What aids did you use to follow this route? (check all that were used)

60 responses

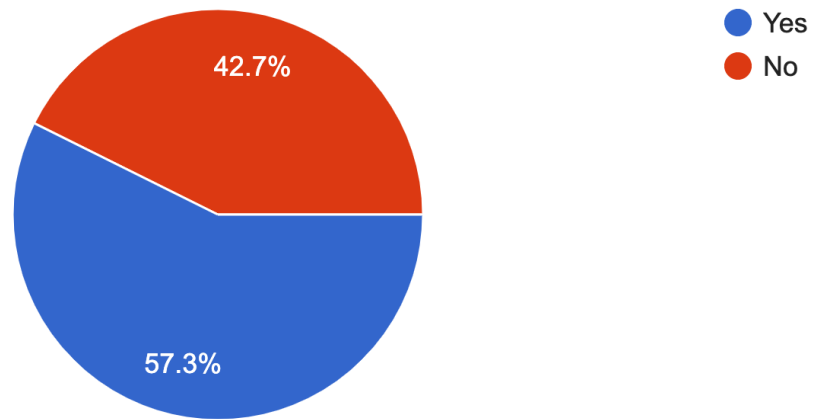


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100 Mile

Is this the first time you have ridden this route?

75 responses

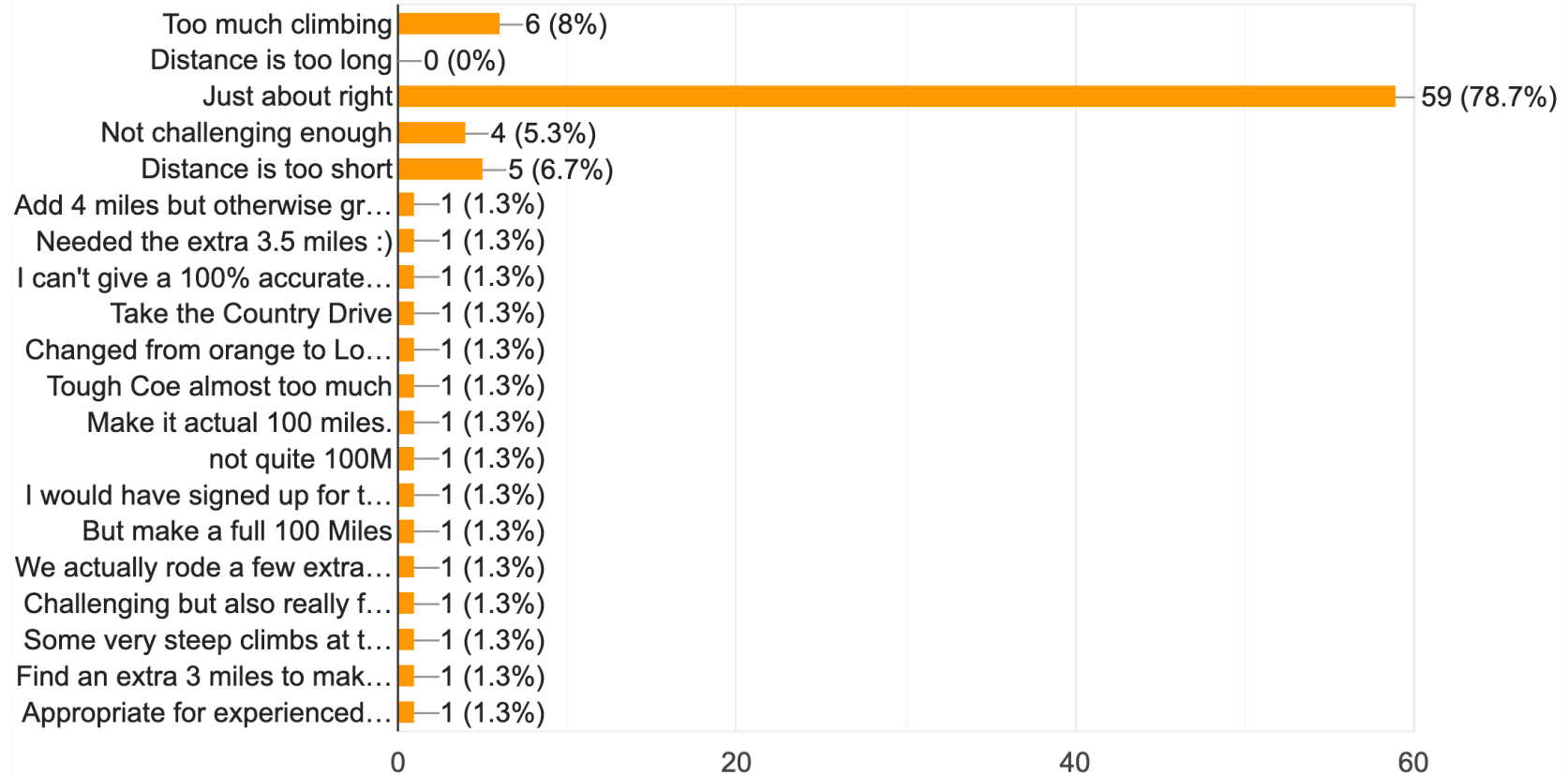


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100 Mile

How do you rate the difficulty of this route?

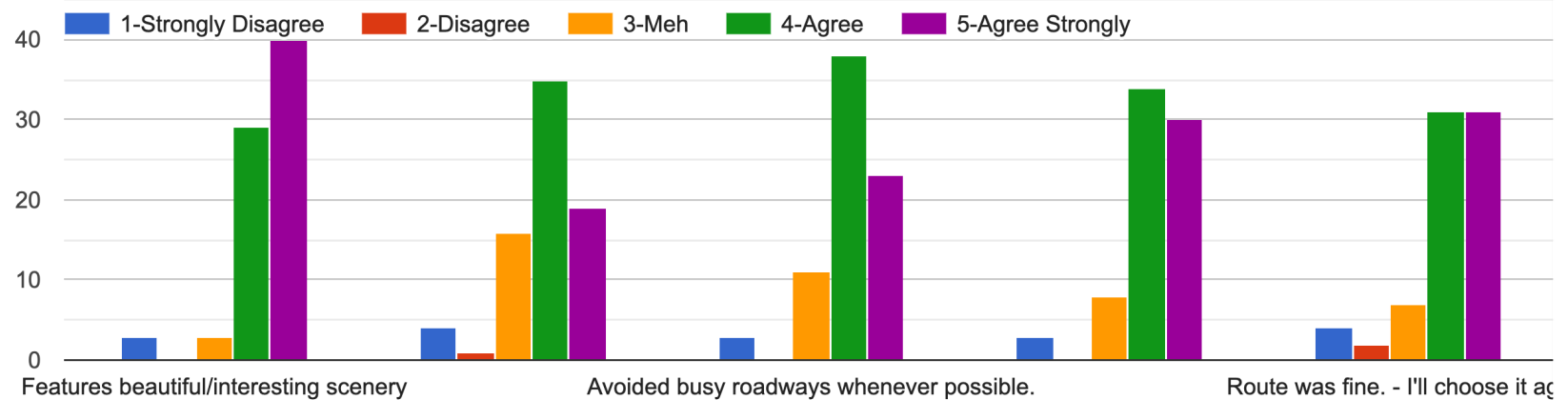
75 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

100 Mile

Rate the appeal of this route as to the following features



Choices which don't display well on above graph:

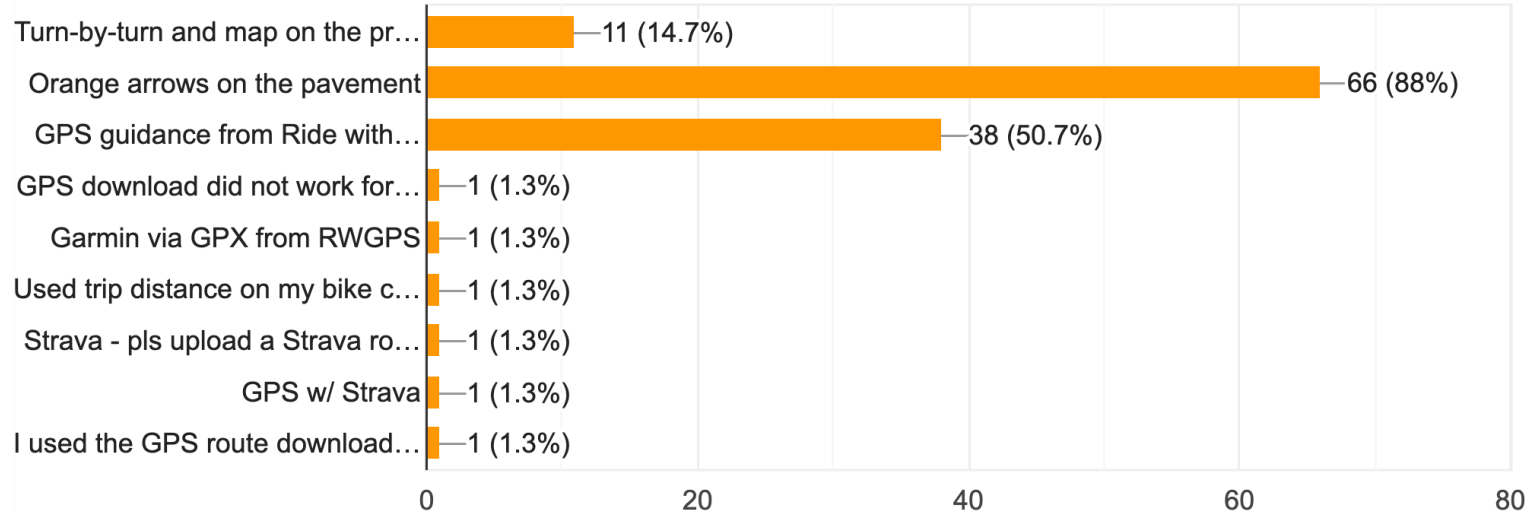
1. Features beautiful/interesting scenery
2. Roadway was in good condition
3. Avoided busy roadways whenever possible
4. Route is good for cyclists
5. Route was fine - I'll choose it again

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 33M

What aids did you use to follow this route? (check all that were used)

75 responses

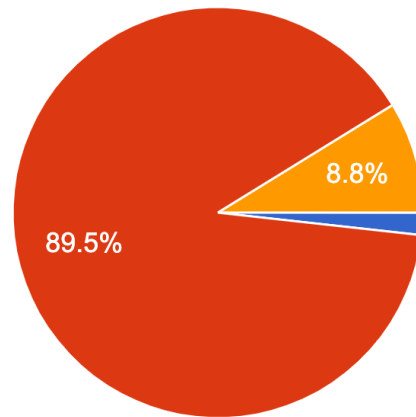


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 33M

How was the spacing of our Rest Stops?

57 responses



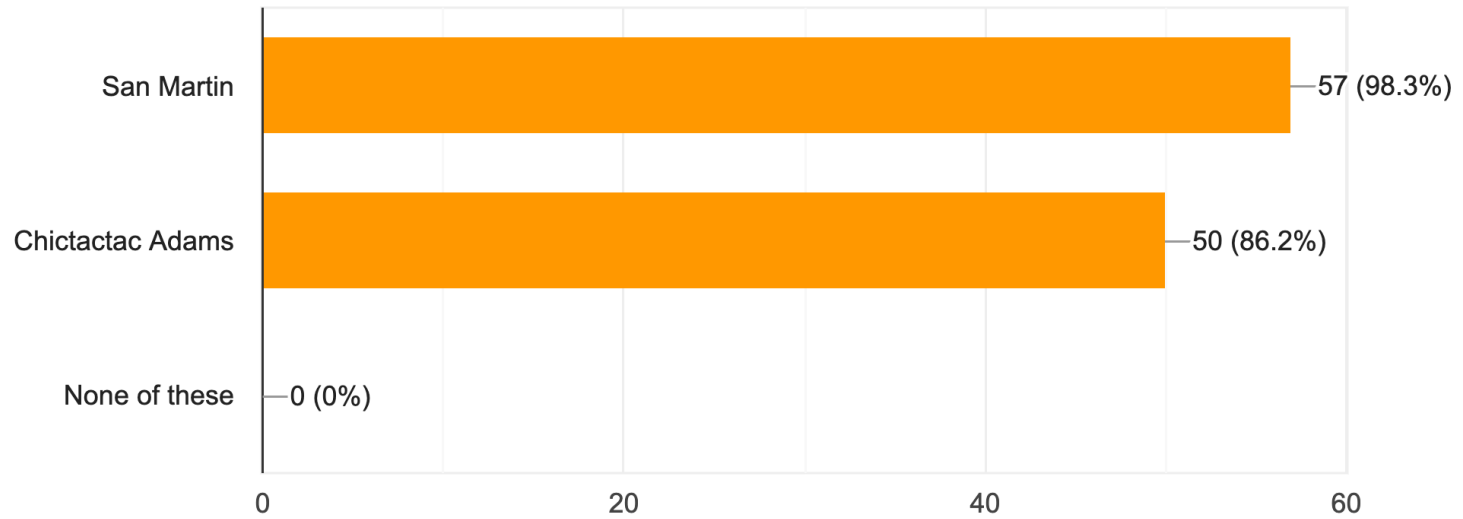
- It was too close to the start or previous rest stop.
- It was just about right.
- It was too far between.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 33M

Which of these Rest Stops did you visit?

58 responses

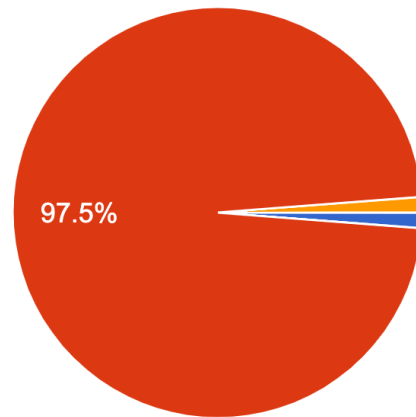


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 100K

How was the spacing of our Rest Stops?

163 responses



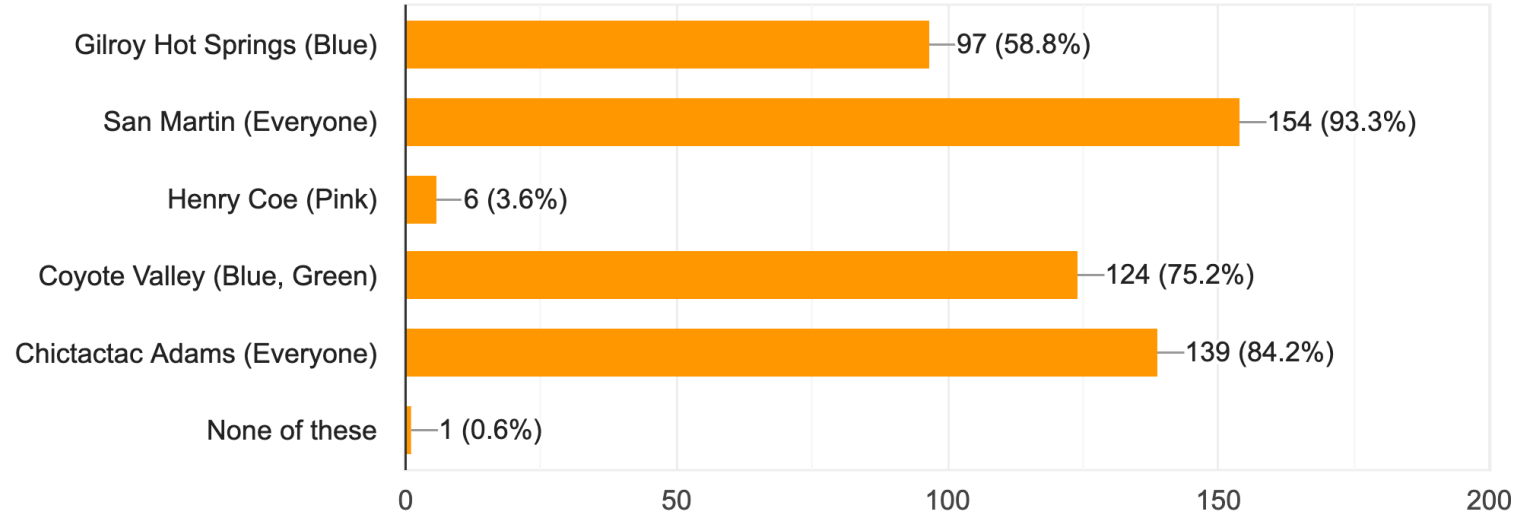
- It was too close to the start or previous rest stop.
- It was just about right.
- It was too far between.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 100K

Which of these Rest Stops did you visit?

165 responses

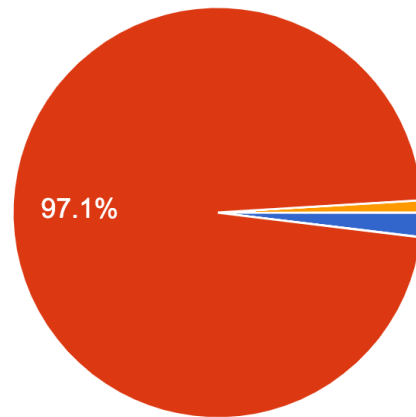


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 100M

How was the spacing of our Rest Stops?

104 responses



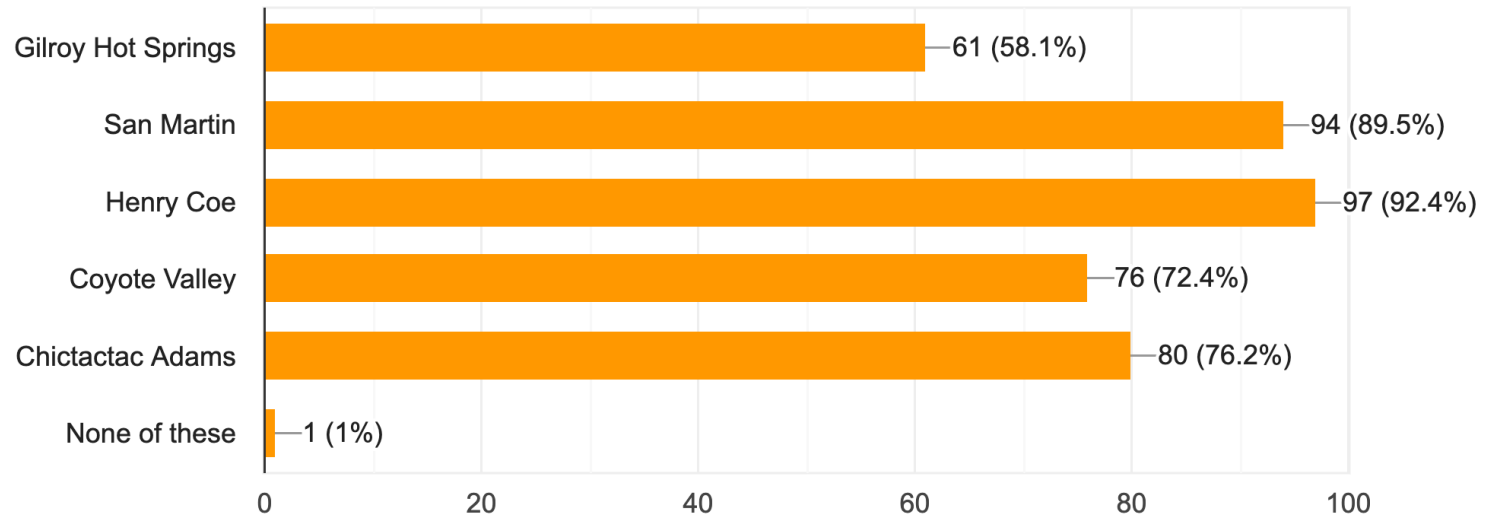
- It was too close to the start or previous rest stop.
- It was just about right.
- It was too far between.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Rest Stop Evaluation - 100M

Which of these Rest Stops did you visit?

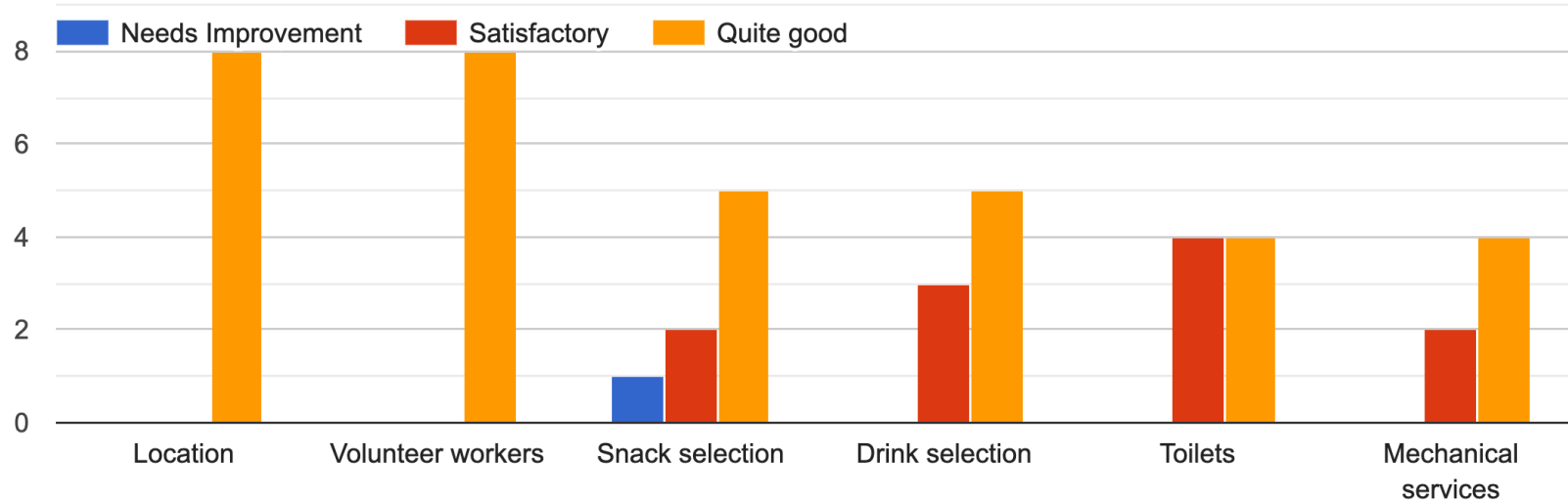
105 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Gilroy Hot Springs Rest Stop

Rate the Gilroy Hotsprings Rest Stop's facilities



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Gilroy Hot Springs Rest Stop

What additions or changes, if any, would you like to see made at this rest stop?

7 responses

None--overall very good

I guess your club spoiled me in the past... with sandwiches, soup, better selection of snack. I know (covid, health department) but. your sags were such that other rides would compare to the tierra bella.

None

Just fine. Good volunteers.

Great spot, just too close to the start (mile 13) but not sure you can change anything about it- beautiful area too

Glad you had muffins for snacks. Miss all the fresh baked goods. Like the gatorade as well

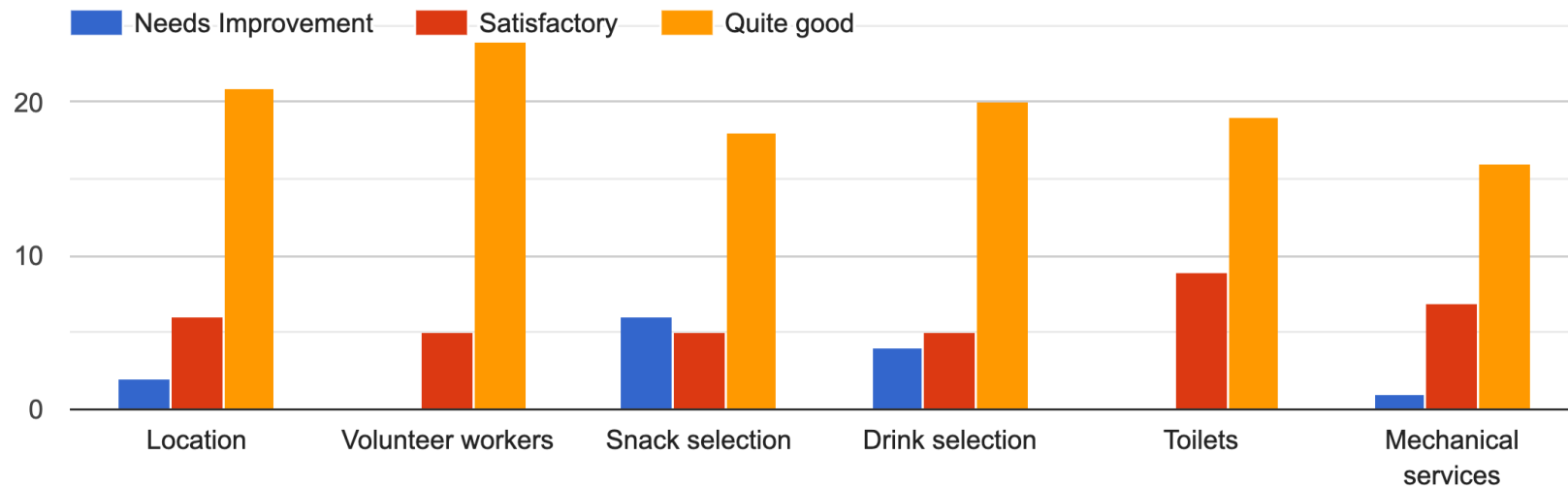
Nice to have warm coffee at the stop, it was a bit chilly, as expected.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

San Martin Rest Stop

San Martin Rest Stop

Rate the San Martin Rest Stop's facilities



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

San Martin Rest Stop

What additions or changes, if any, would you like to see made at this rest stop?

20 responses

A little more shade or access to shaded area would be good.

Keep it open longer for the 100k riders coming down from Coe.

Just someone giving route directions out of the rest stop

They closed one full hour early. We were there at 12:30 PM and it was posted on the route sheet to close at 1;30 PM. The chairs and most of the bike racks were put away and they were breaking down the tent. There was no food. This is unacceptable!

We got there and most of the food at run out .

Better food.

I just wanted to say that the volunteers at this rest stop were super friendly and fun.

It seemed further than in past years for the first stop.

None

Perhaps more seating & shade

I'd like to see a stop within the first 10-12 miles.

Turkey Wraps should be brought back. The packaged fruit bars were so-so.

Loved the music. Ramen food option was a treat at Coe Headquarters.

At 16 miles, it was too far from the start. I needed the port-a-potty at 7.5, Douglas and Crews I think.

It would be nice if the San Martin rest stop could be kept open for just a little bit longer to accommodate riders coming down from the Coe climb on the "Very Hilly" 100k. When I got there I was just about out of water/Gatorade, and one of the volunteer workers gave me a couple bottles of water that she had in her car as everything else had been taken away. I got there at about 1:55 because in my mind I thought I

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

San Martin Rest Stop

recalled seeing that it would close at 2PM. (I think the map indicated it would close at 1:45, though I only noticed that after the fact).

None! This station was amazing!

The San Martin had speakers and cheerful but loud music playing. Perhaps turn the volume down a bit to accommodate older riders sensitive to loud music.

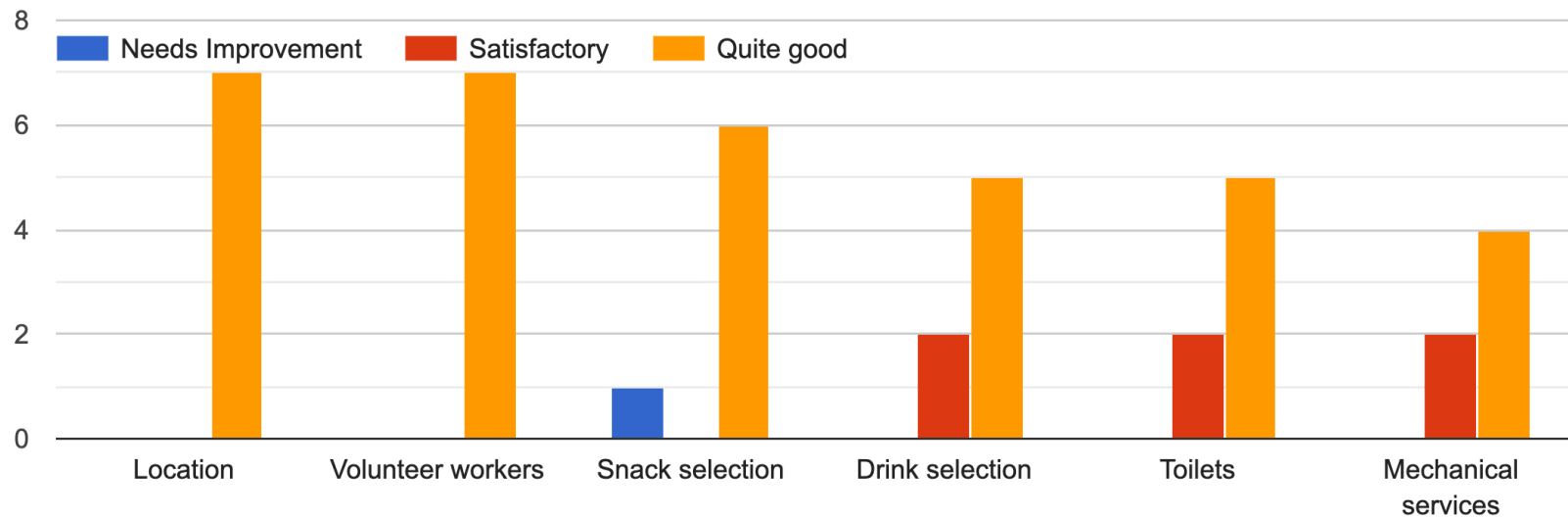
There was almost nothing left on the return trip off Henry Coe.

When I went thru there, it was very slim pickings on the snacks.

Very nice rest stop with fun people cheering on the riders! They had a theme! Nice work!

Henry Coe Rest Stop

Rate the Henry Coe Rest Stop's facilities



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Henry Coe Rest Stop

What additions or changes, if any, would you like to see made at this rest stop?

4 responses

None. It was perfect.

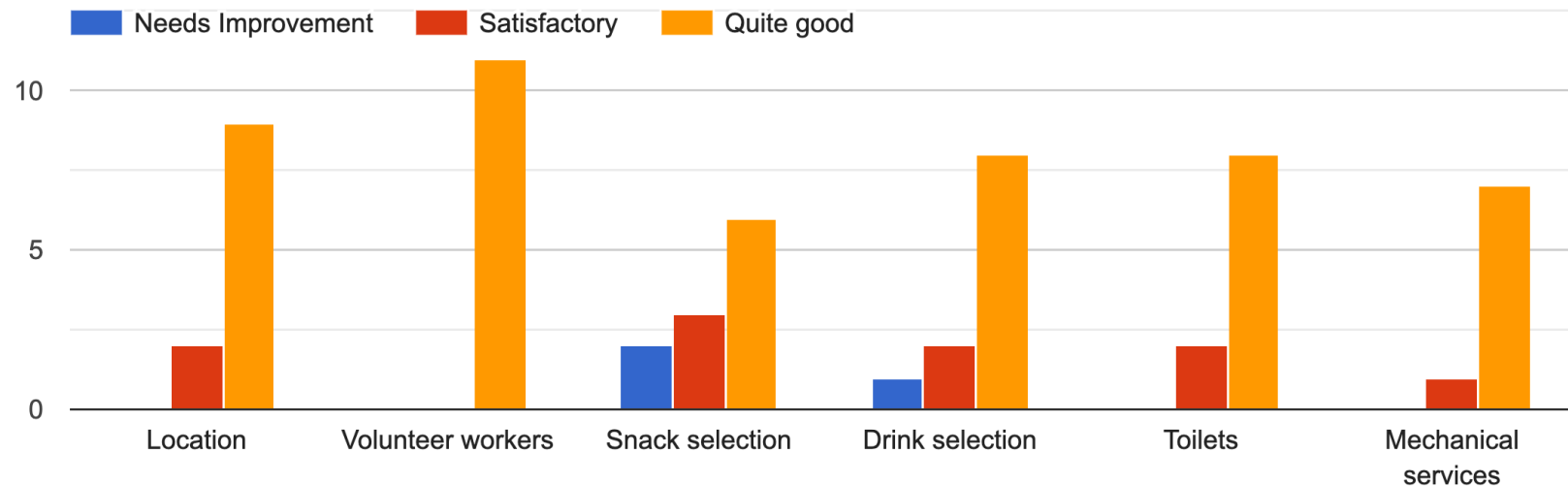
Friendly folks. The potatoes were delicious!!! The gatorade was just what I needed to refuel for the trek back.

It would be nice to have bananas !!!

none

Coyote Valley Rest Stop

Rate the Coyote Valley Rest Stop's facilities



What additions or changes, if any, would you like to see made at this rest stop?

5 responses

I just wanted to say - this was a really nice setting!

I love real food on long rides and the chicken wraps were most welcome

At all rest stops, need bike racks at the toilets, especially at Gilroy Hot Springs

We arrived before the aid station was set up/

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

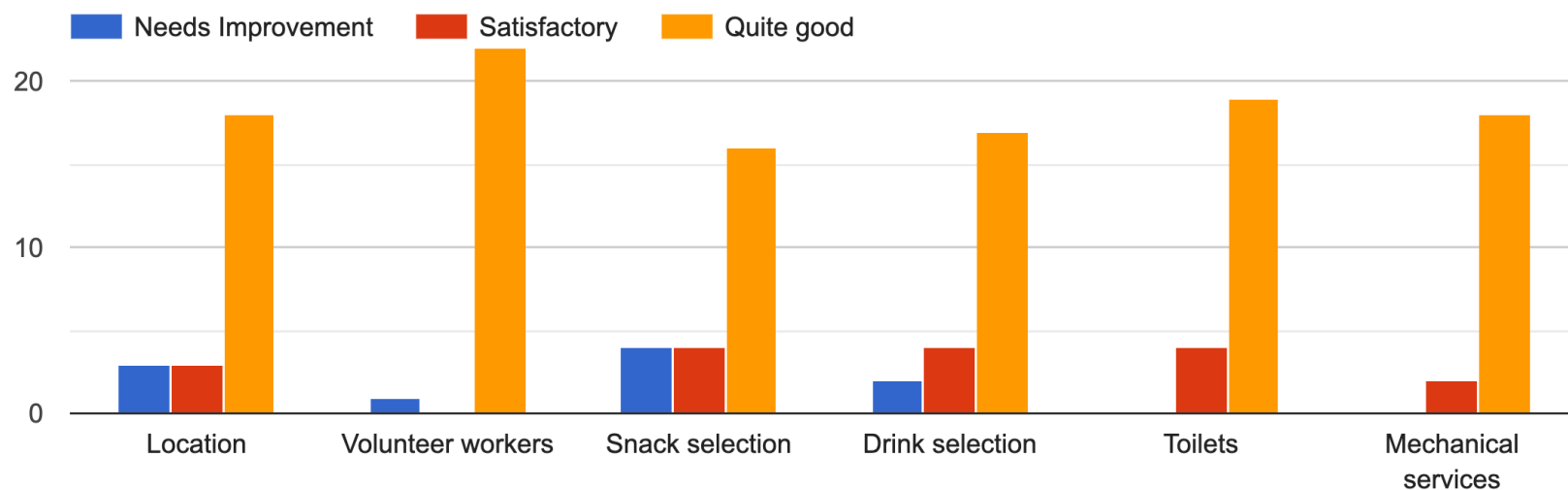
Coyote Valley Rest Stop

Offer PB&J

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Chitactac Adams Rest Stop

Rate Chitactac Adam Rest Stop's facilities



What additions or changes, if any, would you like to see made at this rest stop?

18 responses

A little too close to the finish but overall a great stop.

San Martin had the most options like peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, etc. Maybe make it consistent to all rest stops.

It was excellent! Thank you!

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Chitactac Adams Rest Stop

Keep this location, the park is very neat!

None. Keep the bananas flowing.

Provide a no-sugar drink in addition to Gatorade. I can't do sugar, and get tired of just water.

This stop saved me. This was my first ever long bike ride and I didn't get enough liquids in so I started to cramp up big time. No way in hell would I been able to get up that last incline towards the end. I got enough fluids and a few bananas at this aid station to power through.

This was the 5th rest stop for the 100 mile ride, only 10 miles before the end. This rest stop wasn't really necessary (for our group)

None

The rest stops were good and the staff friendly

This was a confusing re-start due to the U-turn, the volunteers did a POOR job of communicating the need to "go down the road, then U-turn, they were to busy congregating at the enter/exit and not in the shoulder with the sign and flags to properly direct us. My grandson (a very skilled rider) was nearly hit by a car due to their laziness. Ugh!

needed more substantial food near the end to make it over that last tough hill

I didn't see soda at the rest stop. I really wanted to grab a coke to power the last 10 miles!

I'd like to have soda there.

My riding partner desperately wanted a Mountain Dew (read caffeine) at this stage of the ride

Quite a few. Please see my notes in individual questions.

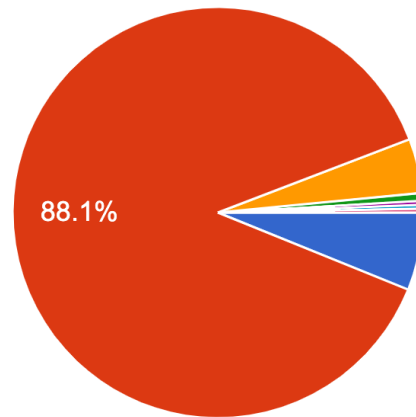
Would be nice if there were more "substantial" food options here, like PB&J sandwiches.

try to make it a little closer to Henry Coe rest stop for the pink route and a little further from the college.

SAG, Safety & Communications

Did you see any SAG vehicles during your ride?

327 responses



- No, I didn't notice any, and didn't need help.
- Yes, I saw one or more pass by, but didn't need help.
- Yes, I received assistance from SAG.
- I needed help, but resolved my situation without SAG.
- just at the start, did not need
- I was impressed with how often I saw...
- SAG Angels we're plentiful on the 33...

Any comments about your experience with SAG?

66 responses

N/A

n/a

No

N/a

nothing. all good.

Used SAG at the beginning to add to tires.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Nice to see them so you knew they were there if something happened.

I didn't need help from SAG wagons.

I didn't use it but it's good to have for a peace of mind

No interactions aside from waving to the drivers.

I notified a SAG driver of a rider who needed help and they quick to respond. Thank you

It was nice to know they were out there, just in case I needed them.

Did not need/use. Got lucky.

Very friendly

None

THANK YOU GEORGE!!!! He was great. Give him a big bonus.

Very visible

They were everywhere as far I know.

I didn't have to make contact with them directly, but it made me feel safe and comfortable while climbing

Coe to know that they were monitoring things. That is typically where things can go wrong.

They were good

glad they were there to help

(SAG) Roger helped me with a flat tire on my Mtn Bike. Roger was so friendly and nice and had great tips to changing out to a new tube. Roger was well prepared with a standing pump and helped us and made sure we were good to go before we continued on the trail.

Chuckasauras from RAAM and I had a fun chat, and it made me laugh when he drove by me and called me out on his intercom.

Sag seemed more than adequate.

Highway patrol was very appreciated

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Saw them but didn't need any help.

Excellent. Quick support

Not applicable

CHUCK the tire fixer ROCKS. Radio guy was patient and helpful in trying to help me...thankful they even answered. Did suggest that maybe SAG bike repair van be identified in the information to riders prior to event. SAG does many things but it seemed like the bike repair guy was a needle in a haystack i was HAPPY to have found!

I appreciated being given a phone number but didn't need to use it

Didn't use it.

appreciated the friendly help

Good job

I saw quite a few. Helped me feel safe. Thank you.

Excellent job. Kudos to all the SAG drivers.

I thought I saw SAG every 4 miles. Great route coverage!

Kenneth (I think was his name Colorado license plates, blue Ford SVT) stopped and helped me fix my flat, despite making him late to his assignment, saved the ride for me. Can't thank him enough!!!!

Saw plenty of SAG vehicles but did not need.

Took a LONG time to get to me but they were super nice!

They helped me with a broken spoke on the 2019 Ride. They were great.

My SAG experience was great. My drivetrain began making a "clunking" sound and "just not right" feel just before the last big climb on Country Drive. I was about ready to call the SAG phone number when a SAG vehicle came by and stopped. I explained the situation and they took me and my bike back to my vehicle at Gavilan, no questions asked.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

NA

I expected more SAG support on the climb to Henry Coe

Glad to see the

While I didn't need to use any SAG services, they seemed very friendly, making sure to wave as they came by. Liked that they were clearly marked vehicles as well.

They are working very hard.

No

Nice to see the vehicles frequently passing, and the radio network. Felt secure.

I didn't need their assistance, but I was grateful for their presence

I saw many SAG assists. I didn't need one since I was riding w an afternoon SAG volunteer :D

Should be more SAG on Henry Coe climb. Never saw one on that climb.

I'm so glad they are there!

Super nice and helpful! I had removed the tire from the bike and the flat tube and he replaced the tube and pumped it up. He tried to adjust the brake so it did not drag, but unfortunately it did drag for 20 miles.

My friend waited about 25 minutes for sag support for flat tire on a disc break wheel. A few other sags didn't have property tools. The fellow that came was very helpful.

Not needed, but will utilize if I had to

Mark vehicles on the front. We had to send riders ahead because we had no cell service but someone contacted them for us

Great support

They were present. Thank you!

They were everywhere... very reassuring!

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

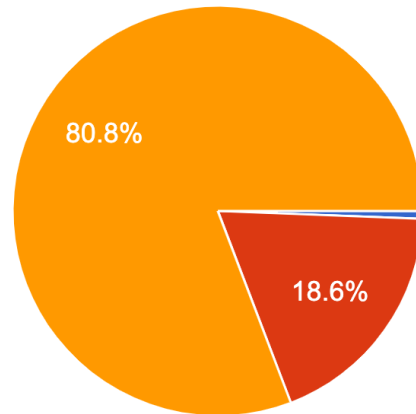
Glad they were out there. Confidence booster.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Did you notice ACTC volunteers providing directions along the roadside?

328 responses

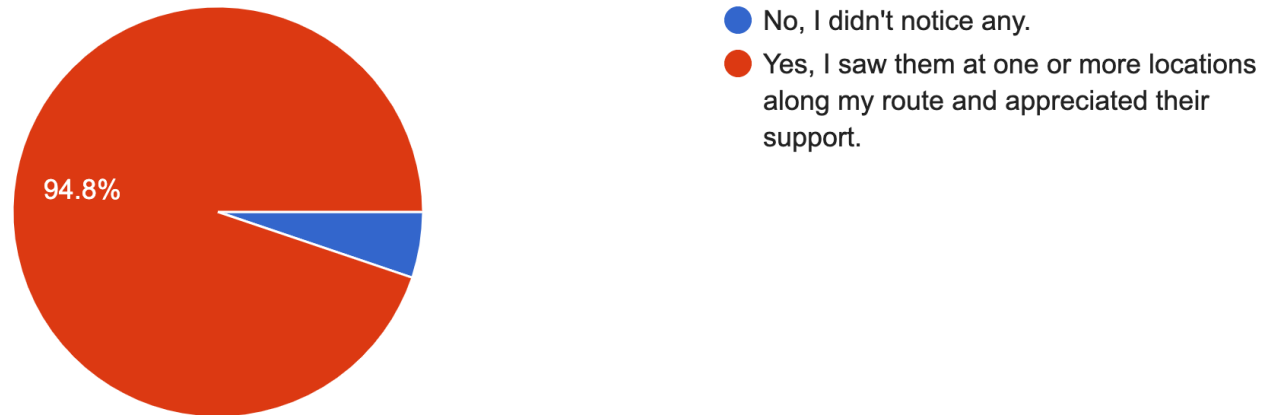


- No, I didn't notice any.
- Yes, I saw them at one or more locations along my route.
- Yes, I saw and appreciated their directions and encouragement.

SAG, Safety & Communications

Did you notice CHP or Sheriff officers providing support and traffic control at various critical points along the route.

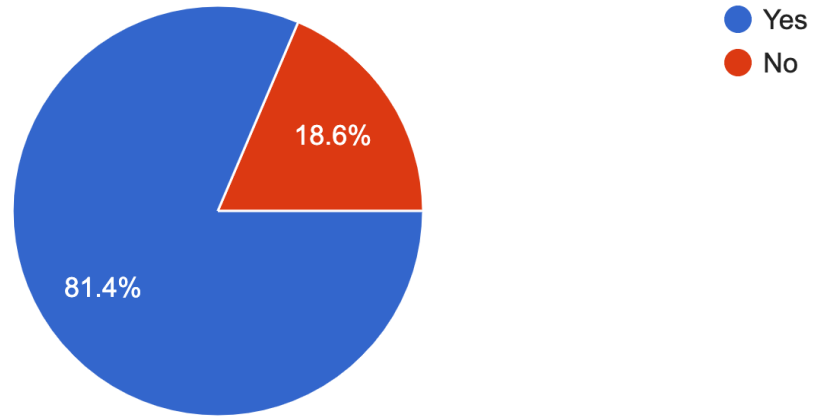
328 responses



SAG, Safety & Communications

Were you notified of the updated Emergency SAG phone number?

328 responses

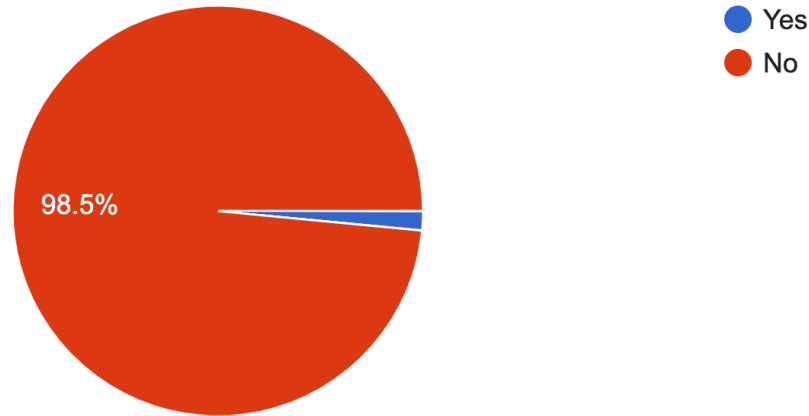


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Did you use the Emergency SAG phone number?

328 responses



Describe your experience with the emergency call

4 responses

It was fine. I think the unexpected makes any specific planning hard. I think everyone was trying to be supportive and get help accordingly. When you're the one needing help- flustered some, and calling for help with a flat- really I was hoping someone would come because selfishly i wanted to finish my ride! I am thankful to everyone. Being friendly and helpful to do their best, and as said CHUCK made my ride a success. He was friendly enough for me to learn what to do, and that made my experience a learning one. He should have a decent pump (so that would be a given and the club should have that in all the BIKE REPAIR SAG vans, but the C02 cartridge he had helped). You will never know what situations will

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

arise but this seemed basic. My lack of knowledge didn't help and my friend didn't have disc brakes so she was guessing too. Expensive bikes aren't something to just experiment on so i was glad SAG/Safety were candid as I was with just not trying to wrench things we weren't sure about. Chuck knew and we didn't and it showed!

Flat rear tire (large nail). My replacement tube had been used just the day before & I hadn't bought another - my bad! SAG was great.

It was not me who called because I did not have service.

Excellent dispatch for pick up

Additional suggestions for safety and ride support?
nothing really
The last part of the 74 mile route was crazy, make it 73 and avoid that crazy last route and the last horrible 2 hills that were too steep for road bikes, at least not at miles 68
Great job!
The support is amazing! I will definitely ride next year.
I liked the new course better than the one I rode in 2019.
None. Everythings were more than I expected. Love the even
Gilroy Hot Springs + Henry Coe, no need for the Chattac loop.
Again, try to avoid Hwy 152 on future rides if possible or have the county reduce the speed limit for cars dramatically.
Blue arrows were wrongly set up. Even in this survey they are mentioned but are wrong.
N/A

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Some sections of the route can be altered like taking Thomas Grade etc
NA
No. Appreciated the support and warnings at all the dangerous crossings/intersections
I encountered one biker who had a flat - and he was with an ACTC staff member on the side of the road. The SAG was called. I checked if the biker needed anything - and he asked if I had a pump - to check his tube. I was surprised that the ACTC staff member didn't have a pump. The staff person was very nice. Maybe all ACTC staff could carry some basic tools in the future?
The last rest stop could come a little earlier
Spend less time on the busier roads after 9am. I think you do very well here, but if it can be improved.
Felt like I was riding through town more than I'd like
None
Yes - there were two big busy roadways we had to cross. I think police should be there to stop traffic so cyclists can cross. It felt very dangerous.
N/a
It was a great ride! My husband did the 56miles and I did the 33 miles. There was a stretch where I was alone, although I could see other cyclists from afar. Then, somewhere along Santa Teresa, a pickup truck slowed down next to me and an older man rolled down the windows and yelled "I hope you have life insurance!", implying I was probably going to die! He drove away. I didn't mind him but that part was scary! Other than that, I had an amazing time and would definitely do this again. :)
On the Chitactac Adams Rest Stop - where riders need to make a u-turn - Needs a police officer or Sheriff or a volunteer to slow down cross traffic
No, I think ACTC did a great job.
Fantastic ride - my fifth one and my first with my wife! She's still recovering but she enjoyed it.
Good route modifications from previous years and rest stops provided excellent service. Didn't need it he assistance, bike mechanics seemed to be very useful to those that needed it
during a couple of long sections I felt I missed a turn, could have benefited from more signs

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

I felt very safe and supported, thank you. I wasn't aware of the SAG number, but it would have been nice to have just in case. I did register a few days before, so maybe I missed an email.
Best ride ever
Lotsa fun. Glad I/we had tailwind since we combined, accidentally, 33 mi and metric century route!,
Thank you to all the volunteers on the course and at the end.
Again, mark the ALL the courses. Switching from blue arrows to green with only a small note on the paper cue sheet, and volunteers not aware of it, was a huge mistake.
N/A
No
This was well planned, route is well supervised at spots with hazards. good job!
It was a great event, and I will return next year! In the meantime, I plan to ride the Coyote Valley portion of the route so that I don't make a wrong turn next year. The Gilroy Hot Springs area is gorgeous!!! Thank you for all your efforts and help! I greatly appreciate it!
Saw many volunteers and the route seemed very safe.
None
Wow, there were some CRAZY drivers making insane passes on corners, blind rolling hills, speeding. There were several instances that were very unnerving. Perhaps the CHP can enforce automobile traffic. Yes, I get it. People do not want to be delayed by cyclist, but the possibility of a major incident was by driver irresponsibility should not be tolerated. Maybe you can pass this along to the CHP :-)
I was very impressed by the volunteers marking dangerous spots with signage and actual people at those spots giving shout outs to beware. Very cool and thank you.
None at this time
None
Best route ever! Good job, thanks

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Great route. Big mountain was a bit much for me but I expected it for the most part. Pretty route. Steep hill at mile 90 was a bit much.

Perfect! Can't wait to do it again! Best ever!

There were no volunteers at the corner of Watsonville and Redwood Retreat and as a result several of us rode all the way to the end of Redwood Retreat road. It was a beautiful addition and nice to add some extra K's. The volunteers at the intersection of Burchell and Bluebell Dr were causing problems. They had good intentions and were nice. However, that is a dangerous intersection and the routes were splitting. The guidance should have been clear, simple instructions and instead were confusing, superfluous commentary, and lots of shouting. This resulted in riders criss crossing and trying to make sense of which way to go. In the process I was clipped by a rider who made an abrupt turn. I fell and as a result was unable to finish the ride. Damage to my bike will be several hundred dollars. SAG was very helpful.

Road Marking was excellent

Safety was first rate - lots of flag wavers and CHP at dangerous turns - well done

I had forgotten to bring my water bottles (duh), so needed water before I reached the end of the climb; it would have been helpful to have water available towards the end of the climb...no ride provides this, I know.

Nice country roads but not all drivers are aware of how much clearance to give cyclists

It was nice to see the highway patrol supporting the busy intersections, and I think the partnership with the TierraBella Staff was a good one. I felt safe at the crossings and those working those intersections doing a GREAT JOB keeping riders safe. The single file alerts were good too. Safety: I realize too that there was no check in- as there was back when I did the century- so question is- how do you know who is on the course with no check in? If riding with people you're good to go, but single riders. Think a simple check in is WORK, but I would think knowing who is out there matters. Just a thought. I get how it's about personal accountability, but would hate for something to happen in hindsight with a little planning up front. I came across many solo riders at the pit stops.

The U turn after the last test stop was awkward.

Thank you

People on downhill on Canada sometimes distracting

SAG, Safety & Communications

nope
Nice
Henry Coe did a road resurfacing in 2021 but after they put gravel on it (why...?) the road quality is now really bad again and not great for bikes
Maybe 1 rest stop too many
Not sure what service/CHP support? Volunteers were great
Thanks
some intersections have no stop signs for cross traffic, worth noting. Also people speed like crazy on country roads.
Can't think of any.
None
Just the busy road section after you come down Canada Rd with the narrow shoulder and road edge is a bit sketchy
A little more information about the degree of the hills. Maybe on a scale of 1 to 10 for pain
Uvas road is really nice - especially coming South. A few "Special Event - Drive Slowly" signs might be helpful.
I fell at a stop sign by Chictactac rest area while clipping on my bike shoes.
The on pavement directions for the u-turn on the blue route were not clear. But we enjoyed the bonus ride up to Fernwood and back.
The little short cut was very creative. But preheat it could have been cleaned up a bit? Rocks chat, etc
Super to see the police presence and large number of volunteer helping at busy intersections
None
You provided a good safe ride

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Great job - look forward to next year
Bring back the Grim Reaper! It sends the right message on the 100k downhill
Have a clothing drop off SAG site and pick up after ride.
The busiest roads had the widest shoulders. Great route planning.
Great support and road safety- thank you
Great work, flag wavers!!
Keep the ACTC volunteers. They were AMAZING and the best part of the ride!
nope all good
I've always loved this ride, this year was best ever!
Continue using the road arrows. They were great.
I didn't bother to write down the new SAG number. Maybe next time if it changes, text it to all the mobile phones (we did provide those, didn't we? I forget, actually).
Some volunteers didn't know which color is for the century ride.
Tough call. Sections on 152 are suboptimal but as someone who rides these routes daily, no real alternatives to getting back to Canada road.
The flagman at CA-152 alerted bicyclist to go slow when turning onto 152. Maybe you should also place signs on 152 warning motorists that bikes were entering the road?
I already stated that the ride was unsafe- busy roads with no bike lane, getting across highways with no lights
I thought everything was well handled.
I ride a recumbent trike, one of at least 4 on the ride this year, and I worried that if I did need to be picked up that the SAG vehicles might not be able to handle a trike.
N/A
No

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

Post a sign that states cross traffic does not stop. There were a few of these intersections, but I only saw one that had a sign.
N/A
Keep up the good work.
Everything was good, no additional comments.
The turn around after the nicatactac seemed more dangerous than going straight across.
Thanks
There may have been one or two spots where markers could have been placed, but we stayed the course and all was well
great job again
I was very satisfied with the event. Thank you!!
No
Excellent support at the major intersections, SAG vehicles along the route, and cheerful volunteers at the rest stops who kept everything running. So nice to start 2022 this way. Thank you to the Club, the volunteers, and the police staff who made this an excellent day of riding! See you in 2023 :-)
None at this time
My lack of training and trying to ride with people that were so fast one of them was riding a one speed was my downfall. So it was all on me.
This was if not one of the safest events I've every participated in. I've participated in over 20 tri's and running events! Truly admirable efforts for all! Excellent planning and coordinating! Thank you.
Would be great if Hammer Nutrition supported the ride and provided their products at the rest stops.
See you next year!
Great job!!
Can't think of anything.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

SAG, Safety & Communications

You do it well. Thank you.

I love following the pink arrows and not pulling out my phone or map. Its just super.. And those arrows after the turn showing you are on the right path are superb for us nervous types.

I ride a lot, but quit doing centuries at least a decade ago. It was fun to ride the TB after about 20 years of not riding it. Oh, and the food at the end was quite good, loved the catering.

The last 2 short climbs on the blue route spoiled the ride!!!! Too steep! Others warned us of this. Anyway if rerouting it for next year?

Keep up the great work

No

perhaps rolling road closures at timed intervals along the route.

I've done this ride probably a dozen times already. I got to the college, went up to the restrooms where we "always" go, and they were locked. The other restrooms were locked. And no one was around to answer questions. I finally stumbled upon the Porta potty's at the hill. Wasted about 15 minutes before getting started. It would have been nice to know this Ahead of time. And better yet, would have been nice to have real restrooms. No one is going to get Covid from sharing a restroom.

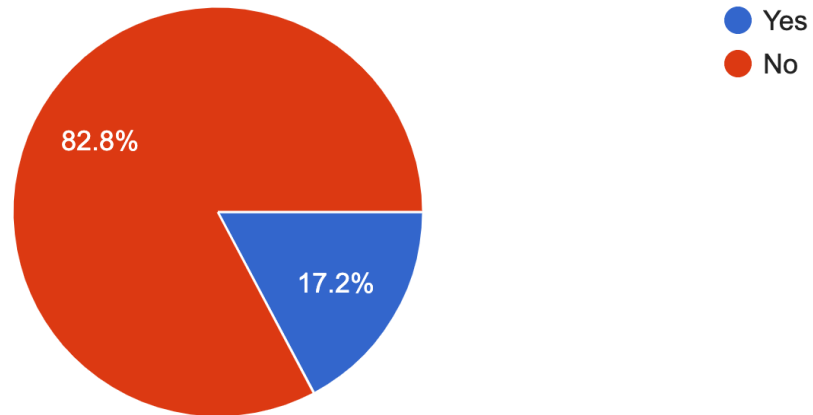
loved the party atmosphere at San Martin stop!

Should have had the student center open so supporters could have a decent place to wait and have internet, rest, shade and seating.

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

Did you register another family member?

325 responses

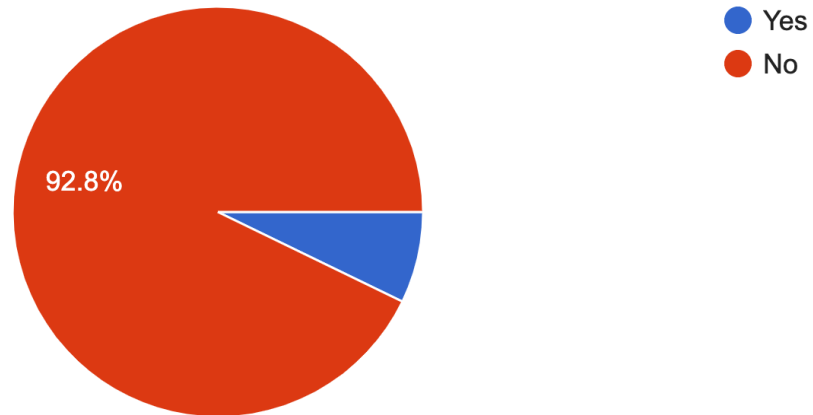


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

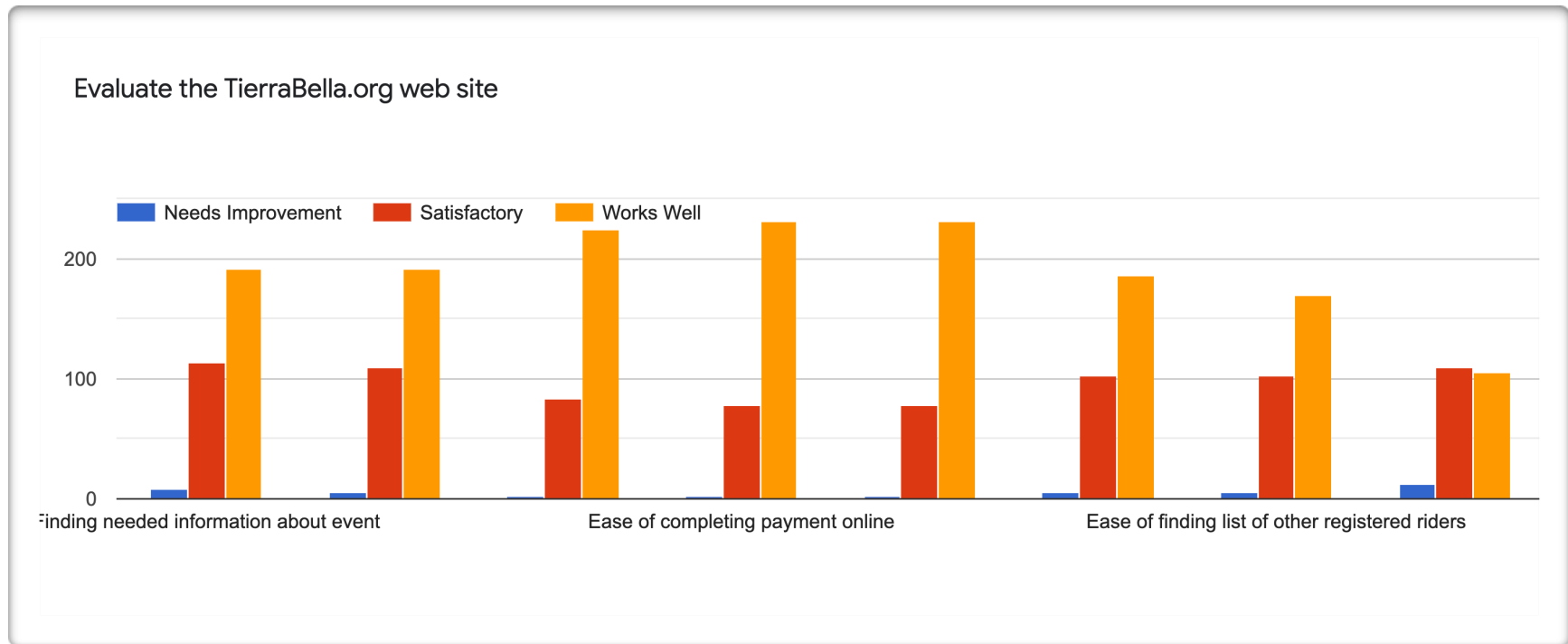
Did you register as a member of a Team?

320 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process



Choices which didn't appear well on the above graph:

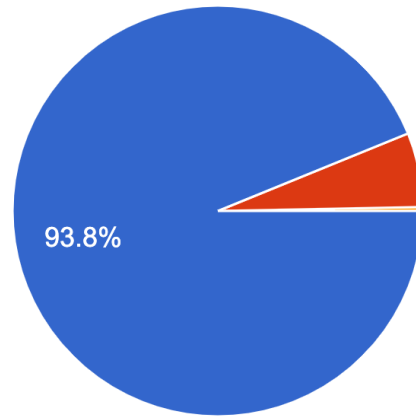
1. Finding needed information about event
2. Getting answers to questions in FAQ
3. Ease of entering registration information
4. Ease of completing payment online
5. Receiving confirmation of completed registration
6. Ease of finding your name in the registered rider's list
7. Ease of finding list of other registered riders
8. Ease of qualifying for a Team Rider discount.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

Did you receive your rider packet by mail?

325 responses



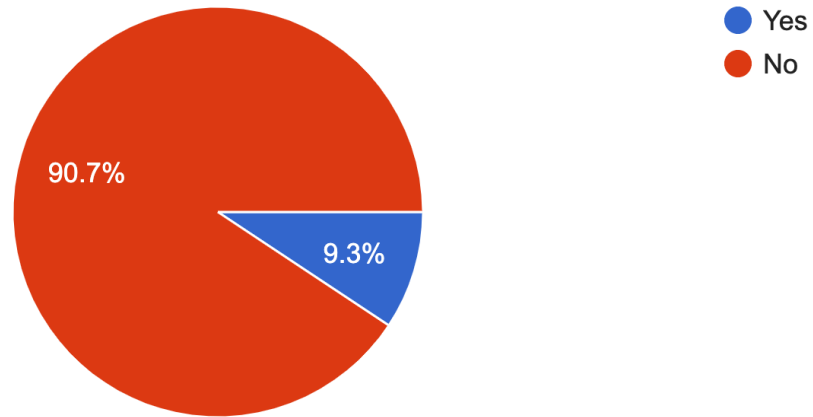
- Yes, It came in the mail before the event.
- No, I had to pick up my materials at Gavilan because I registered after April 15
- No, even though I completed my registration before April 1.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

Did you request help from Rider Assistance before starting your ride?

322 responses

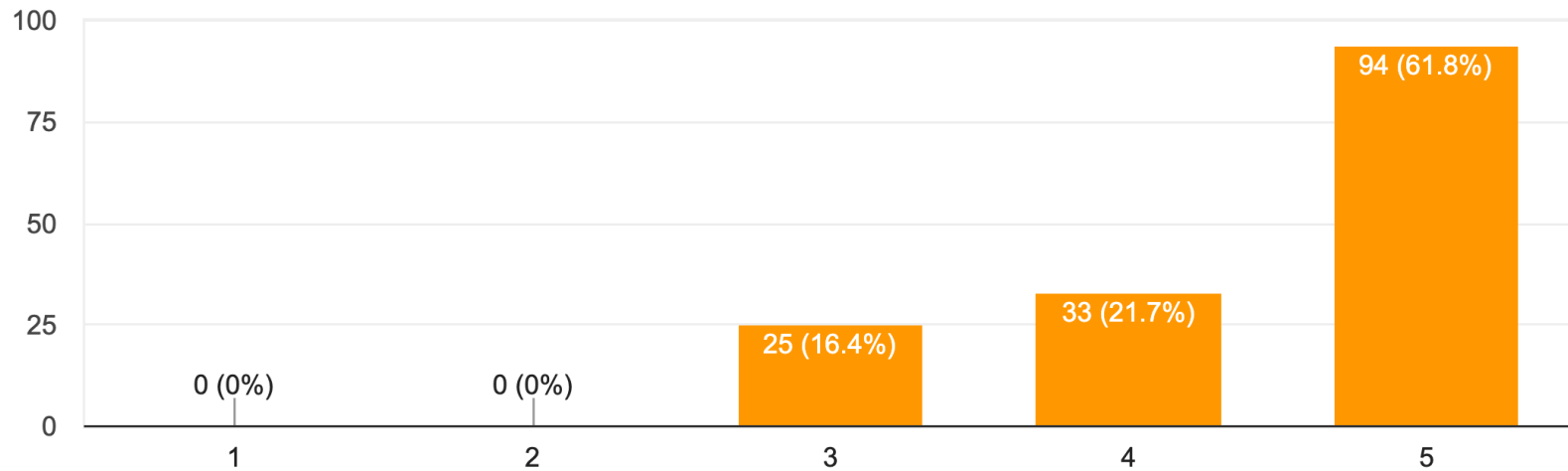


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

How satisfied were you with Rider Assistance?

152 responses



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

What improvement would you like made?

62 responses

None

NA

N/A

None, look forward to next year!

None. I entered Satisfied but would have said N/A if there'd been such a box

None. The rider assistance are excellent.

Did not use rider assistance

Arrows....

Kudos for sending the registration package upfront. Allowed me to join without using the car.

More SAG visibility on the climb to Henry Coe Park

This is a one-time comment - but I registered 2 years ago and ACTC rolled my registration forward seamlessly. So I didn't experience the registration experience this year, but kudos to a good job managing all the prior year's registrations until we could ride!!

Why so many routes this year?

No super steep hills at end

Add elevation climb in feet for each step on route sheet

I was hurt and bleeding before the .25m before the San Martin rest stop. No one was available for first aid to bandage my arm (which was exposed) and my hip (which wasn't and probably wouldn't have been possible to fix - unless a medical person. Every rest stop should have a EMT with basic first aid supplies available.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

One of our Team member's registration was mistakenly transferred to another rider and we had difficulty resolving the issue on the spot thereby delaying our start time by at least thirty minutes.

The blue arrows were missed!

More signs in parking lot to get to start of event

see earlier suggestion regarding optional 100 miler

didn't seek help but was there to see

This page in the survey needs a "not applicable" button added because some of these questions were not applicable to me.

None best Tierra bella yet. Also food was very good and great music, thanks to the DJ

Make me smart enough to put the route sheet and green wrist band back in the envelope before going to the ride. I neglected to do so and had to ask the very nice lady at Rider Assistance for new ones.

Having people in the parking lot with all of the route maps was helpful and meant that I did not have to go to rider assistance.

No suggested improvements, just wanted to comment that I was pleased that my registration from 2 years ago was retained and handled so smoothly.

Plant base options snacks

mass start for 100M at 7 am

make it 100 miles; have hot food a bit longer (although for stragglers)

Not sure if my comment goes here or not. I did Hilly Long route 75miles. Blue arrows did not continue all the route, we did blue arrows to San Martin and then green arrows back to Gavilan college. We followed the step by step on the blue paper. I had a green wrist ban.

The map on line is incorrect IMO.

More knowledge of the degree of hill climbs

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

I don't know

Separate registration from jersey ordering! it was stupid, I had to register before I could order one. I had trouble with paying for my jersey order so I went out of the program. Turns out I would have had to register again before I could order the jersey. So, no jersey.

Rider gear drop off SAG support and pickup after ride.

Very good as is.

You should have "N/A" selection in this survey for stuff that's not applicable.

Better route planning

Might as well send the out the rider's number along with the packet

We, my friend and I road together, couldn't figure out which way to go out of the 2nd rest stop. Yellow and green look too much alike- we might have taken a wrong turn or two. Yellow with stripes might help.

Take the hill out at mile 68. Way too steep, ha.

More red vines!

Space out rest stops better and makes sure they are well stocked. Skip last two steep nonsense hills

Food info on the site would be nice

Official photographer would be nice. May have not been possible this year due to coming back from COVID.

N.A.

Rider assistance topped off tire pressure before the ride - thank you!

I didn't use Rider Assistance. Not sure, exactly, what it is.

If you could prevent the rain in the preceding two weeks I could have trained. Get on the ball!

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

TierraBella.org Website & Registration Process

The QR code (and mention of how to access it) for Ride With GPS was very non-obvious. I spent about 20 mins trying to find the information on the app before giving up and starting to laminate the paper copy, whereupon I stumbled across it.

Can't think of anything

The only recent event I have to compare with is the D.R. Your team has checked all the boxes in my opinion.

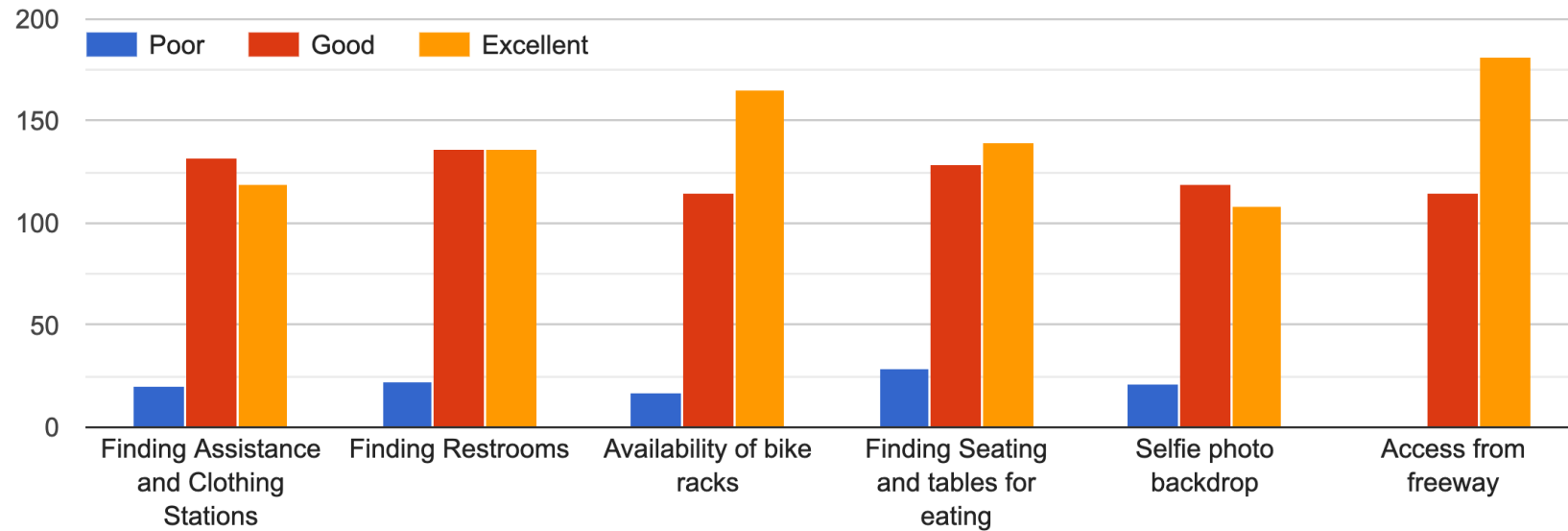
The 75 mile route description was a bit confusing on the website map. OK on the packet and on the road
Please see above

Not applicable

Send the packet sooner. I live far away and was on vacation to get to the ride when the packet arrived at my house.

Gavilan College Cafeteria & Post Ride Hot Meal

Evaluate the Gavilan College Facilities

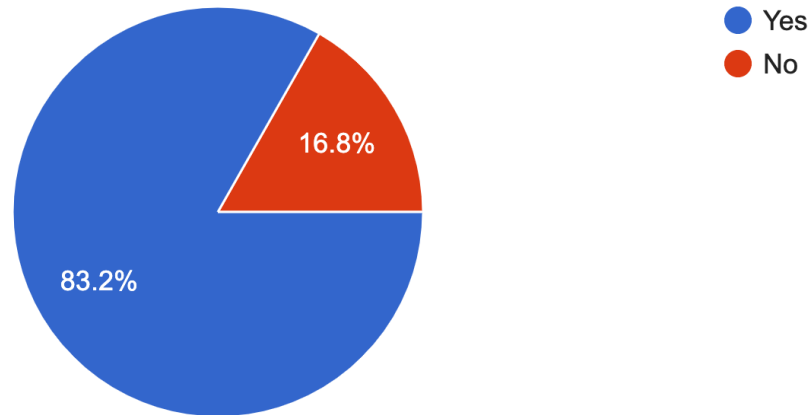


[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Gavilan College Cafeteria & Post Ride Hot Meal

Did you receive your hot meal after completing your ride?

328 responses



If "No," Why did you miss your meal?

52 responses

Returned to starting point at about 1:30 and did not see where the event was. Was there a separate location? We returned to vehicle and never saw the post-ride celebration anywhere

I wasn't hungry but did grab a coke.

I wasn't hungry and was too dirty.

Did not feel like the food being offered

Not interested

Headed home (Palo Alto) for dinner friends.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Gavilan College Cafeteria & Post Ride Hot Meal

brought my own meal

I finished early

Not hungry

One of my friends peeked in before he met us at the car. He said it was like before and the food - while adequate - wasn't interesting enough to walk back to the building. I'm sure it's fine - it just wasn't as interesting as some meals I've had after some other rides. I'll still do this ride - it's just that the current meal isn't a highlight.

In a hurry.....

Nothing was there when I finished after 5:00

I was injured and had to quit at mile 50

We needed to leave, didn't have time

Didn't see where it was

got back later than expected due to incorrect mileage on pre-ride documentation for very hilly 100K route. Left asap for home.

I was a little bummed--although a first-world problem--about missing my last 20 miles.

I left directly after completing the ride

I forgot about the meal and was lazy to walk back.

I was more tired than hungry.

My stomach was bothering me and I wanted to get home

Had to go home and finished near 5pm

Quality seemed poor and not in need of a hot meal at 4.00 PM. Plenty of food at rest stops. In our view, this cost can easily be avoided. Just serve drinks and you could even charge for those

Had to get home.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Gavilan College Cafeteria & Post Ride Hot Meal

Went home

I live close by and needed to return home.

just beat from the last hills and went home

Wasn't hungry

had to leave

Didn't like the meal in previous years, also I can only eat a tiny bit immediately after a big ride.

I had plans later with family not at the event.

Wasn't hungry and wanted to go home

salad and ice cream was all I wanted.

There was no option for plant-based (vegan), everything had some sort of animal component.

I didn't know about it.

I didn't find where you can get the meal at Gavilan College

Not hungry. Did not want to eat the calories I had just lost.

I didn't see anyone or know where it is

I had to go home

Didn't want to eat what was being offered

not hungry

Arrived right before closing

Went straight to local restaurant - was craving a cheeseburger!

Didn't need it

Came too late

I thought it canceled I didn't see food or tables or signs

Went home instead

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Gavilan College Cafeteria & Post Ride Hot Meal

I had to get home

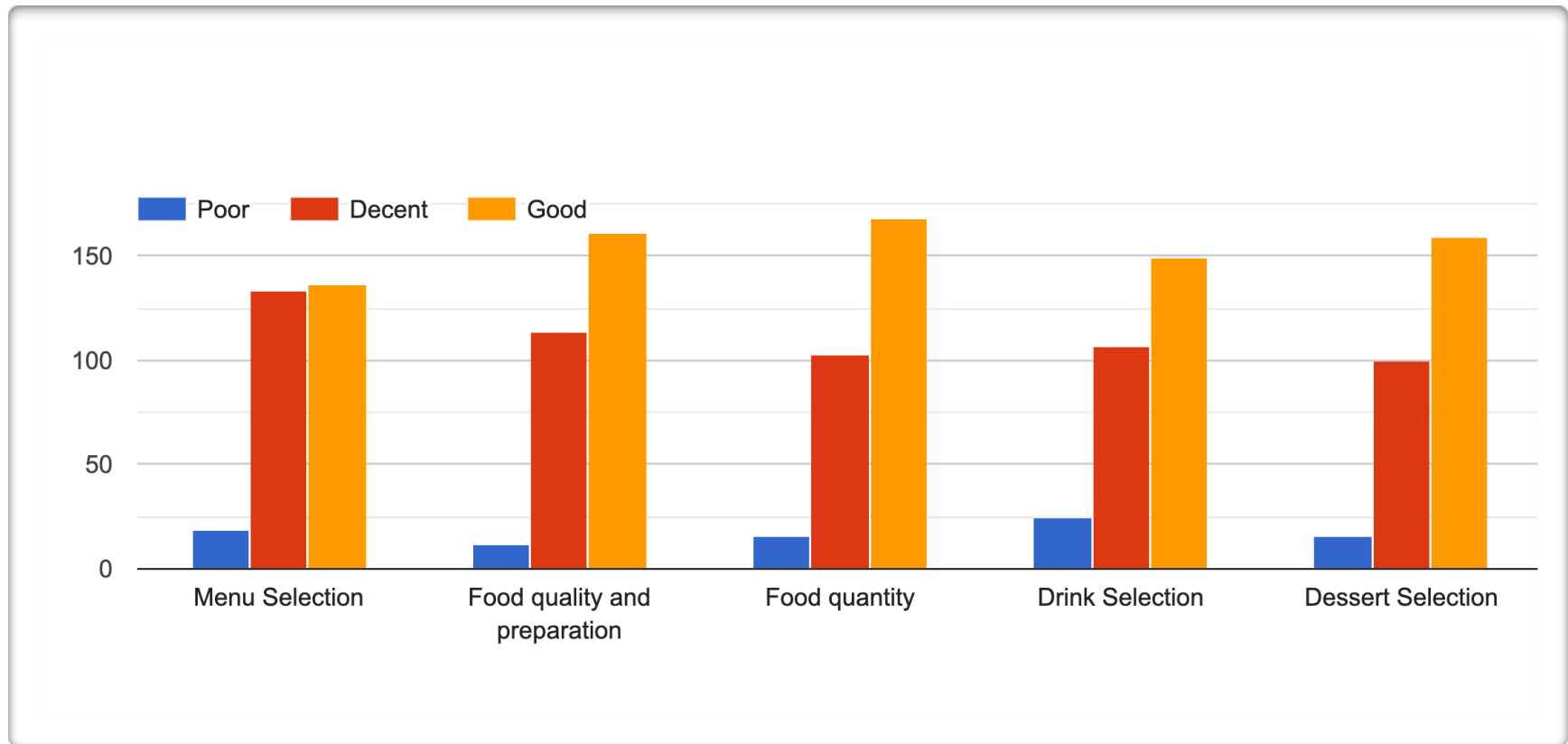
Too Early to Eat, and No Beer.

We were on the wrong route and did not get back in time!

Came in early and didn't want to wait. (i started my 33 miles ride at 7, and not at 9. It was my choice and thus not your fault.

Left ride early due to partner sickness

Food Selection Evaluation



[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

What improvements would you like made?
vegan options marked would be helpful, thank you
Better lunch
None :-)
Washrooms closer to food area.
Close too early. I came at ~5Pm and it's almost close.
If Southwestern, the ability to serve myself
The rice was so incredibly salty I couldn't eat it. Like, really, really salty. They must have accidentally dumped a cup or more of salt in there.
None
It would have been nice to be able to serve myself.
Would prefer hot chocolate, milk, Organic Drinks , fruit juice as alternative to high fructose soft drinks
More vegetarian food. I got in late and took the last portion of the veggies for the tacos. There was a ton of chicken and beef left.
More cheese available for tacos
Since I didn't personally go in to see the meal - I don't feel qualified to rate this.
Soda is horrible for you!! It shouldn't be a choice. I would have liked some bubbly water however
Sparling water, more vegetarian options like tofu or beans
It was fine
Better tortillas
Vegetarian entree
The food was very poor quality and not worth eating . We were expecting better food for the registration fees charged to us . Please look into the food that Icare classic provides

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

The bike racks were too short for either of our bikes - we are both over 6ft, but I don't recall this problem before
Maybe offer more selection than just the salad and mexican dish like burgers, hotdogs, etc.
Better quality food
More make your own sandwiches (not wraps)
The corn tortillas were not so great-dry/crunchy and not very tasteful
Healthier drinks and dessert options!
A green light for a second helping or clearer opportunities to request a second meal would have been fantastic. I had to pick up some food on the way home for recovery.
Much improved over years past
I was good with all the choices
It would be nice if there was a protein on the pasta such as ground meat or chicken.
Diet soda
None
Beer!
None of these questions are applicable to me since I skipped my meal.
Brownies were very small but delicious.
Availability of a nice cold beer :)
I am required to rate the above even though I did not eat after the ride

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

I'm sure menu selection for any event is never easy! Appreciate even having the post ride meal. Unfortunately, menu served was my least favorite. Thankful for the salad and rice though. Dessert was specific- maybe just chocolate chip cookies or candy from the pit stops which always tempt me but i never eat during any ride. After it would be nice. Thanks for the opportunity to give improvements, but this is a challenging task in itself. Sure cost is a factor. I would say pasta with different toppings, salad, and bread...but that's me! Healthier in my mind. And I know a meal is a meal, but honestly after 75 miles that wasn't appealing. Felt like i would have to ride to burn it all off- lol. Thanks though!

I know at the end you do clothing input- and yet there is no option to give input so i re-entered to put it here. Have a sleeveless jersey option like the Wildflower ride and I would get the jersey everytime! I only wear sleeveless and know many other women do to. That would be my suggestion for clothing!!!

Better food options, such as a salmon dinner with rice. Some of us can't eat meat or beans or tortillas

None

A little more variety

Hot coffee?

Food doesn't taste good

Perhaps allow a second helping?

Back to pie a la mode

vegetarian options

Larger drink selection. Maybe greater food variety.

Food Trucks

Prefer pasta

More obvious drink signage.

Gluten free option

The was limited seating in the shade.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

I don't know
More dessert, maybe cookies or cupcakes.
Upgraded food ... perhaps more choices of mexican food
I liked the changes to the 100 mile route, but I find the flat straight parts rather dull. I wasn't interested in the jersey because I have 6 already & the design was not a wow. The survey needs a place for general comments.
What is a Meh?
Better food, all the rest stops were perfect, this was a little disappointing
Beer, please. Plant-based option, please. I bring my own PB&J, but it would be nice to have something more.
None
It was really good food- much appreciated
I was unaware.
How about some shredded pork or chicken w/ BBQ sauce?
The meal was adequate. My tortillas fell apart as I opened them so I couldn't use them as they were intended. The food was ok.
The Gatorade drink was weak
Heard food was good, but I did not eat.
A bit more food would have been nice. And a slightly bigger dessert piece. I like ice cream after a ride.
Beer
Post ride hydration and recovery beverages would be preferred to soda. Ice cream and brownies were ok. . . fruit would have been nice.
The hot food was not of good quality. Better tortillas would help a little, better meats also.
I thought food was better 4-5 years ago.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

WATER- all we saw was sodas. I never drink sodas so in a way it was a treat.
Apple Pie or Berry Pie with the Ice Cream
After the ride, we were only able to eat outside on the picnic tables. But the wind came up quite strongly and it would've been nice to have an option to come inside to make eating a bit more enjoyable. Items were blowing around and beverage containers could blow over, etc. 'Need a way to get out of the wind when it's that strong.
A vegetarian option, something to drink other than soda- sparkling water maybe
Have pre-prepared Tacos/burritos instead of self assemble or have shells on plates before fillings. Corn shells were dry and split open making assembling/eating difficult
More food variety
The food and drinks at the rest stops and at the end of the ride were outstanding. No need for improvements.
Nothing I can think of.
provide vegetarian/vegan options, beverages other than sugary sodas
Chocolate milk?
Post ride food could be better
Maybe come up with a local featured item like garlic ice-cream or fried artichokes or something to drum up more excitement and motivation for people to finish the ride.
Beer and something better - like a bbq
Dessert wasn't available
Better quality ice-cream
i could only find sodas (which I don't consume). Water and healthier drink options would be appreciated
Longer open hour because I rode slow ;)
Choice of black beans in addition to refried beans. Veggie and meat burritos would be great.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

Veggie options like veggie burgers or tofu, etc. more beverage choices. I don't usually drink soda. Was hoping for more Gatorade or juice or sparkling water
Can't comment - didn't partake of the post ride offerings
I have no suggestions at this point
The tortillas had something wrong with them. They tasted like dirt. Everything else was good.
none very Yummy!
In the morning, I couldn't find a regular bathroom that was opened as I really needed one. Would have been great if there were several regular bathrooms available early in the morning.
A beer at the end of the ride would be nice!
See previous comment re: beer. :)
I could have easily eaten a second plate
More non-soda drink options. Tossed salad so vegis are distributed. Tortillas fell apart. Very limited shade seating except for on the ground.
Not the tastiest meal.
None
Maybe a more potent hot sauce ?
Total Nitpick - The taco bar was awesome and *very* tasty but it was setup "Backwards" they had meat/rice/beans first then tortillas at the very end after everything was already piled on the plate! It was sorta weird. Tortillas first (optional for those that don't want) then pile on those tasty tacos!
See above
The food was OK this year, not great. I'd say I prefer the food from previous years more.
Greater size portions. The large grey haired woman ruling the area, was very rude to my girl friend when she kicked her out of the cafeteria around 8AM when she went in there, to rest in a safe area, seated and out of the sun, like she has, every year in the past, when we had the event over the last 10 years. Her rudeness and bullish approach is in excusable, and needs to be properly addressed.

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Food Selection Evaluation

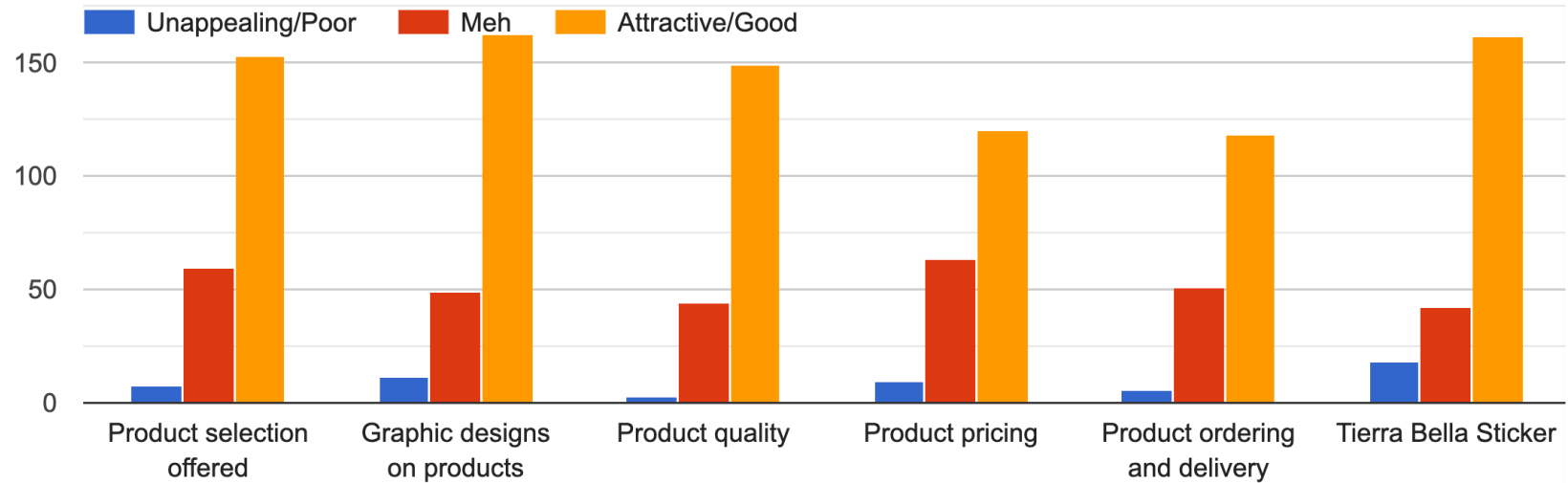
By this time I cared more about ingesting calories than the gastronomic experience. :-)

More food for both dinner and desert, the portions seemed a little skimpy

[Go to Table of Contents](#)

Tierra Bella Clothing & TB Sticker

Evaluate Tierra Bella Shirt, Jerseys & Sticker



[Go to Table of Contents](#)