Tierra Bella Routes Report 2025

Coyote enry Coe State Park Anderson Llagas / Lake County Park Coyote Valley Sporting Clays Willow Springs an Hill Outdoor n Hill 29 Mile - 1 reststop 49 Mile - 2 reststops 73 Mile - 3 reststops Morgan Hill 100 Mile - 4 reststops Community Park Willson Peak le Uvas Ope ace Preserv an Martin Gilroy Coyote Lake-Harvey **Hot Springs CalFire Station** Bear Rand Uvas Reservoir **County Park** Rucker Redwood Retreat Gilroy Premiun Llagas-Uvas Gilroy Gardens

Tierra Bella 2025 had 4 routes and 4 reststops, as shown in the figure.

The routes were almost the same as what was used in 2024. The only change was that the start location was moved from Gilroy High School to Christmas Hill Park.

Old Gilrov

Christmas Hill Park

The four routes are:

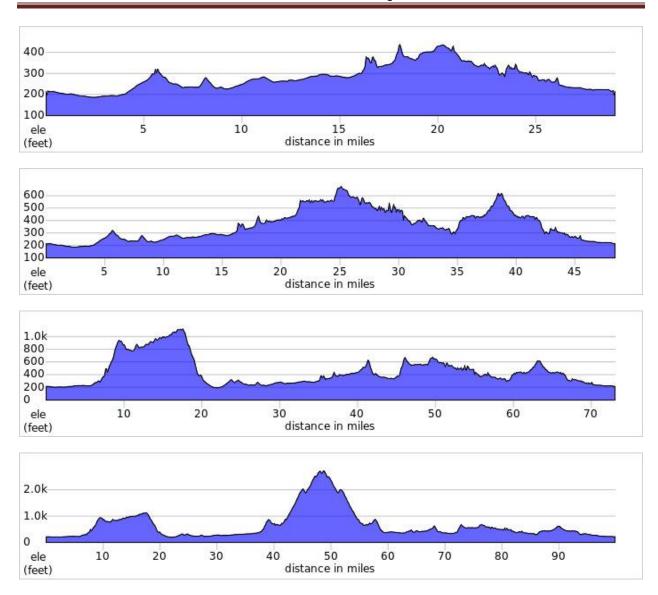
Mt. Madonna County Park

- 29-Mile / 752 feet (Yellow Arrows)
- 49-Mile / 1846 feet (Green Arrows)
- 73-Mile / 3789 feet (Blue Arrows)
- 100-Mile / 7310 feet (Orange Arrows)

Each route has roughly twice as much climbing as the one before it.

Family Theme Park

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The shortest route (29 mile Yellow arrows) stops at San Martin reststop.

The next route (49 mile Green arrows) stops at San Martin and Uvas Reservoir rest stops.

The next route (73 mile Blue arrows) stops at Gilroy Hot Springs CalFire Station, San Martin, and Uvas Reservoir rest stops.

The longest route (100 mile Orange arrows) stops at Gilroy Hot Springs CalFire Station, San Martin, Henry Coe State Park, and Uvas Reservoir rest stops.

The three longer routes had an up and back on Redwood Retreat Rd. If a rider was running low on either time or energy, then Skipping Redwood Retreat would cut off about 9 miles.

A special thanks to Jaap Salm (Safety) and Bryan Patterson (Route Marking) for pointing out places with safety concerns, and suggesting alternate route sections.

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After over 20 years, I plan to retire as Routes Chair, so for the 2026 Tierra Bella somebody else would need to be in charge. For every year, the Tierra Bella has done the Gilroy Hot Springs / Canada Rd loop. For the past 13 years it has gone up to Henry Coe for the long route. Maybe it's time to try some place new. But that would be up to a new Routes Chair to decide.

I have created some Instruction files, which are located at the bottom of my Routes Information page, at http://bikemaster.org/tb/.

- Instructions
 - o <u>Instructions for Color Maps</u>
 - o <u>Instructions for BW Maps</u>
 - o Instructions for Elevation Profiles
 - o <u>Instructions for Riders vs Time</u>

-Donny Axtell

Retiring Routes Chair