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## **ART OF SURVIVAL CENTURY BIKE RIDE**



The 10th Annual Art of Survival Century Bicycle Ride isn't just about pedaling a road or mountain bike through beautiful stretches of the country side. It's also an opportunity to learn about a region that includes Southern Oregon's Klamath Basin and Northern California's Tulelake Basin and Butte Valley area.

What is unique about this event—which is a ride, not a race—is that at each rest stop offers educational components and/or ranger or historian led talks highlighting the cultural history, geography, environmental issues and geology of the area. Along with providing fluids and nutritious snacks at the rest stops, riders will have opportunities to learn about the areas they're passing through.

This year enjoy a breath taking ride through American History. 150 years ago, along the banks of Lost River, sharp cracks of rifles broke the restful silence of the Klamath Basin igniting a tragic war between the Modoc Indians and U.S. Army. This Memorial Day weekend we invite you to join us in “Remembering the Modoc War”. Cycle along the uncrowded backroads of our beautiful Basin in the shadow of majestic Mount Shasta. Witness first-hand where the war started and where many of the battles took place.

Explore Captain Jack's Stronghold, a natural fortress where 55 Modoc warriors held off a U.S. Army force of several hundred troops for six months. Ride along roads where Army soldiers were marched into battle. Talk to historians about the land and cattle barons and their relentless efforts to remove the Modoc from the Basin, the Modoc's desire to stay in their homeland since time immemorial and the plight of the soldiers and settlers friendly to the Modoc caught in the middle.

**Day 1, Saturday, May 27:** Choose from four routes that begin and end at the Malin Community Park in Malin, OR - 100-mile Century, 62-mile Metric Century, 38-mile and family friendly 14-mile road routes plus a 22-mile mountain gravel grinder route in the Medicine Lake Highlands.

**Day 2, Sunday, May 28,** is a Gravel Grinder Mix covering distances of 74 and 54 miles and a family friendly 13-mile route. All gravel routes begin and end at the Butte Valley Community Center in Dorris, CA. Participants will ride along the flatlands of Butte Valley, including the Butte Valley Wildlife Area, farms, ranches and for the long rides to Juanita Lake. Views of snow-capped Mount Shasta and Goosenest Mountain are plentiful.

Registration Fees for Saturday, May 27: Rides are \$75 for the Century and Metric Century, \$55 for the 38-miler and \$25 for both the mountain bike and family friendly events. The cost for Sunday, May 28 rides are \$75 for the 74 and 54-mile and \$25 for the 13-mile ride. However, if riders register for both days they will receive a discount. The cost for all routes will increase \$10 after May 20. Fees include rest stop food and beverages, SAG, delicious post-ride meal both days and SWAG.

Whether riding a bicycle or not there will be plenty of activities during the weekend. The ride committee, along with Rural Klamath Connects, is planning to offer a bus tour of the audio tour “Modoc War: A Homeland Lost” on Friday morning, May 26. For more details and to sign up email [aoscentury@gmail.com](mailto:aoscentury@gmail.com).

A pre-ride reception will be held Friday, May 26 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Malin Broadway Theater in Malin, OR for cyclists to pick up their ride packets, enjoy refreshments, discover new area activities and learn about the Modoc War history, plus tour our restored historic theater and visit with the locals. The committee welcomes anyone interested to attend this reception.

Post-ride meals will be offered both days and are included in the registration fees. The cost for non-riders is \$15 both days. The Malin meal will likely feature locally grown, load-your-own baked potatoes while Dorris will offer yummy lasagna.

For more information and to register visit the website at [www.survivalcentury.com](http://www.survivalcentury.com).