

Northwest Tandem Rally 2006

Rules of the Road, Ride Information & Safety Notices for Sunday, July 2, 2006 Rides

Safety is our top concern. We want you to have a safe and enjoyable weekend in the Mid-Willamette Valley and appreciate your help in making the ride safe for participants, volunteers, neighbors and motorists sharing the roads and Corvallis with us this weekend:

1. All participants are required to follow State of Oregon Vehicle Code regulations. A summary of these is in your packets. Participants creating unsafe or unlawful conditions may be asked to leave the event.
 - a. Oregon Vehicle Code stipulates bicyclists must ride single file when a motor vehicle is approaching and at no time may a bicyclists ride more than 2 abreast - NWTR '06 Road Use Permits require enforcement of this law. Please help us have a safe and enjoyable event. Ride single file at all times if possible. Ride double file only when passing other bicyclists or when there are no motor vehicles approaching or you are being passed by other bicyclists
 - b. Use bicycle lanes where provided and road shoulders where safe and appropriate
2. All participants must wear US CPSC, ANSI and/or Snell approved bicycling helmets during event rides
3. Use cue sheets, event maps, regional cycling maps and pavement arrows (please note colors are not necessarily the same for the entire route) to follow our designated routes. **Cue mileages +/- ~5%.**
4. Communicate with other bicyclists - alert other riders with common bicycling verbal or hand signals to road hazards or situations including but not limited to: "on your left" (when passing), "car up," "car back," "pothole," "railroad tracks," "slowing," "stopping," "standing" for those really skilled tandem teams!
5. Bicyclists passing other bicycles - let the people you are passing know in advance of your intent to pass and wait until it is safe and lawful to pass; bicyclists being passed move as far to the right as possible.
6. Follow instructions of NWTR '06 volunteer corner marshals and volunteer flaggers and local law enforcement - ***do not proceed into an intersection or section of road without positive confirmation it is safe from the volunteer or officer - applies to mass start and rest of event.***
7. Let SAG (support and gear) vehicles know you are ok with a "thumbs up" or need assistance with a "thumbs down" hand signal. SAG/Emergency cell numbers are noted on cues and maps. We have plenty of SAG support; volunteers in vehicles and motorcyclists from CMA. Please, no private support vehicles.
8. Rest stop open/close times based on riders leaving CHS between 7:00-8:30am; **courses close at 5:00pm**
9. Start early, keep hydrated/fueled and take sufficient rest - relax and enjoy the rest and lunch stops!
10. It's grass seed harvest season in the mid-valley - be alert for farm vehicles and truck traffic

Notices: Sunday, July 2nd, Departure from Corvallis High School rear (southeast) parking Lot

- Depart between 7:00am-8:30am from intersection of parking lot and 11th Steet
- Short & Hilly Long Rides turn right on 11th & right on Pierce Way following Mass Start Route to Philomath
- Flat Long Route turns left on 11th, then right on Buchanan (which becomes 5th) to Left on Van Buren & east out of town - use caution when crossing Van Buren Bridge over Willamette River
- Irish Bend Covered Bridge at OSU - **Must use; Bypass closed** since cues done - watch for bumps at edge
- Short splits from Hilly Long at Decker Road and Hwy 34 (Alsea Hwy); use caution with left turn
- Hilly Long only - Alsea Falls Recreation Site Bike Corral - 9:30am-1:30pm. Take a short walk to view Alsea Falls. While this is not a supported food stop, there are park bathrooms and drinking water available.

Other Route Specific Safety Notices:

- Short Route - **watch for uneven pavement (raised lip) on descent on Decker Rd** - approx. mile ~18/18.5
- Short and Hilly Long rides - use caution when passing through narrow gates/posts on OSU Campus Way to 53rd Street and Midge Cramer Path from Benton County Fairgrounds side to Reservoir Avenue
- Hilly Long Ride - **use caution on Hwy 34 (Alsea Hwy) during narrow climb up to Mary's Peak Rd** - stay right - **very windy with hairpins and blind corners** and shadowy with tree canopy; **fast descent follows**
- Hilly Long Ride - **use caution when descending to Alpine from South Fork Road summit.** Control speed. Windy, tight and blind corners and tree canopy shadows. Follow corner marshal guidance on the descent.