

# '08 Century Series

Celebrating Springtime

## Chico Velo Wildflower Century

Sunday, April 27th



Welcome to the 2008 Chico Velo Wildflower Century, named the "Best Century" by *Bicycling & Cycle California* readers.



### Wildflower 100 & Mildflower 65

The traditional Wildflower 100 miler with 4,300' elevation gain takes riders up Old Humboldt Road and down Hwy 32. After climbing up the infamous Honey Run Rd. to the Paradise rest stop, Wildflower 100 milers descend from Paradise to Oroville, then climb back over Table Mountain through Cherokee, finishing the ride back to Chico in the flat, lush valley orchards and wetlands.

The Mildflower 65 (1,900' elev gain) omits the Humboldt Rd and Table Mtn loops.

**Look inside to see other Century rides offered for 2008!**

### Flatflower Route

The Flatflower rides of 30 and 60 miles now go south of Chico. There are zero, zip, nada, no hills. There are no highway crossings. Riders will take the Midway Bike Path Rail Trail to Durham. The 60 milers will continue south to Richvale, the home of Lundberg Family Farms, then loop back north to Durham and then back to Chico. Sacramento Valley almond and walnut orchards give way to rice farms and wetlands of Butte Creek on lightly travelled rural farm roads. Food and drink stops in Durham and Richvale.

### Childflower 15 - A fundraiser for Big Brothers & Big Sisters

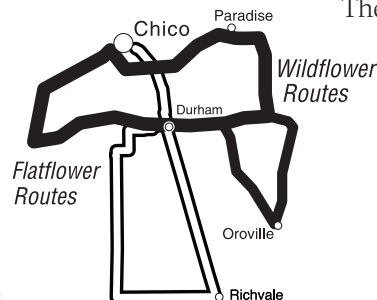
The Parent/Childflower 15 miler takes the Midway Bike Path from Chico to Durham for a rest stop and returns via the bike path, passing by the new Wildflower Century mural. We encourage children under age 9 to have a parent or guardian accompany them. The Childflower has a mass start at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds at 9 A.M. There will be lead and follow vehicles. A dinner ticket is extra.

### Check-in

Early check-in for all rides will be on Saturday, April 26th at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, (exit Hwy. 99 at Skyway/E. Park Ave., head west on E. Park Ave, right on Fair St.) from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. You'll be ready to ride and won't need to duplicate the effort on Sunday morning. **Just hit the course by 8 A.M. to be sure you get to the rest stops before they close.**

**When:** Sunday, April 27th, Rain or Shine. Sunday morning check-in will be from 6 A.M. to 8 A.M. Early check-in for all rides will be on Saturday, April 26th at the Fairgrounds from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. ...**again, be sure to be on the course by 8 A.M.** so you can get to the rest stops before they close! Post ride dinner is served from noon to 5 P.M.

The fairgrounds close at 7 P.M.



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**Join us  
Saturday night  
for the 8th  
Annual Marco  
Polo Dinner**

An "All You Can Eat dinner the night before the Wildflower, from renown local caterer David Guzzetti. Dinner is served from 5:30 -8:00 PM at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. A \$18 prepaid reservation allows you to load up on a variety of BBQ, pasta dishes & salads. Beer & wine available. More info & menu at [www.dguzzettis@hotmail.com](http://www.dguzzettis@hotmail.com)

**Where:** Ride Headquarters will be at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in south Chico, Fair St. & East Park Ave. To get to the Fairgrounds, exit Hwy. 99 at Skyway/East Park Ave., head west, make a right on Fair St. All rides return to the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds for postride festivities including dinner, massage and showers.



Wildflower Jersey

**How much:** All rides are \$45.00. The fee includes entry to all food-drink stops on the course, dinner & shower at the finish, large drink bottle, bandana map and participant's medical insurance. *Registration must be received by April 13th.*

*If you wish confirmation of your registration, please include a self addressed stamped envelope.*

Helmets are REQUIRED!

**Walking Tour**

For those who like to hike while others ride, we are offering walking tour of Upper Bidwell Park. This is a mostly downhill trek, as buses will carry you up the hill and drop you off (at Green Gate) for the seven mile hike back. Hikers will pick-up sandwiches, cookies and drinks before carpooling to the start.

Carpool will leave at 8am from the Fair St./Butte Humane Society office, south of E. Park Ave. & the Fairgrounds.

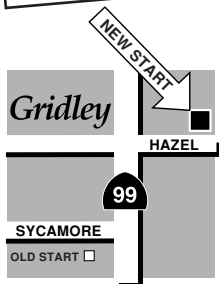
Children under the age of 10 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Dogs must be kept on a leash.

Cost is \$20.00 and includes dinner at the finish at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds.

**Rice Valley Tandem Rally Sunday, February 10th**

**Gridley • Grey Lodge • Sutter Buttes - breakfast, lunch, and dinner ride**

**NEW Start  
Location for  
2008!  
Butte County  
Fairgrounds**



Registration & Start for the Rice Valley Tandem Rally

Captains and stokers saddle-up for this tour of the lush valley flatlands west and south of Gridley, California. The 62 mile route goes to Grey Lodge, around Sutter Buttes, a rolling loop of "The World's Smallest Mountain Range." The 100 miler adds a loop north of Gridley to Richvale. A 40 mile loop begins at Grey Lodge and rides around the Sutter Buttes. Riders must check in at the Butte County Fairgrounds. There will be light breakfast fare, three rest stops plus a Mexican dinner at the finish. Helmets are REQUIRED!

**When:** Sunday, February 10, 2008 – rain or shine. Registration & start between 7 A.M. and 9 A.M.

**Where:** Butte County Fairgrounds, Gridley, CA. Take Hwy 99 to Gridley, turn east at the second signal, Hazel St. Two blocks to the fairgrounds.

**How much:** \$30.00 per rider if you register before February 4th. \$35.00 thereafter/day of ride. Single bikes are welcome.

**Walking Tour**

One of the nicest hikes in the North State is up into the privately owned Sutter Buttes. This hike is of moderate difficulty.

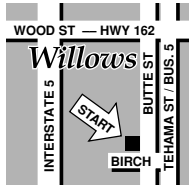
The Sutter Buttes are known as the World's Smallest Mountain Range, rising suddenly from the Sacramento River Valley floor. Access is available only by permission of the land owners and we have arranged with the Middle Mountain Foundation for a 3-4 hour excursion into the Buttes. Hikers will meet at the Memorial Hall in Gridley at 9a.m. to carpool to the trailhead.

Continental breakfast will be provided at the start and a dinner meal at the finish. Cost is \$35.00, \$25.00 of which goes to the Middle Mountain Foundation. Dogs are prohibited in the Buttes because of cattle and sheep grazing.

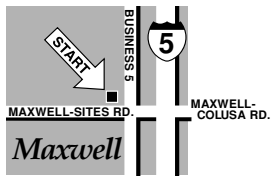
*Walking tour meets at 9a.m. at the Gridley Memorial Hall.*

# Tour of the Unknown Valley South, March 2nd

**Willows • Maxwell • Stonyford • Elk Creek**



Full Century  
Registration &  
Start/Finish.



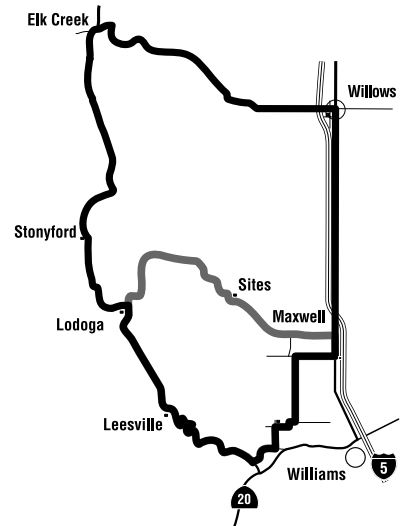
Metric Century  
Start/Finish

A wonderfully diverse route, this ride takes you south along the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge, then westward into the Coast Range where you climb up to Leesville Gap (elev. 1,450') and then cruise down to the tiny towns of Lodoga & Stonyford. Riding on picturesque roads you skirt by Snow Mtn. Wilderness and Stony Gorge Reservoir on your way to Elk Creek. The last leg takes you back to the valley flatlands and Willows. There is also a 65 mile loop beginning in Maxwell, which follows the century route over Leesville, then splits off at Lodoga and returns to Maxwell via Grapevine Summit and Sites. Helmets are REQUIRED!

**When:** Sunday, March 2nd—rain or shine. Registration & start between 7 AM -9 AM.

**Where:** 100 miler starts at the Willows Fire Dept., 445 S. Butte. Take I-5 to Willows. The Metric Century option will register & start in Maxwell at junction of Business I-5 and Maxwell-Sites Rd. (see maps).

**How much:** Fee is \$30.00 per person if you register by Feb. 25th, \$35.00 thereafter/ride day. Rest/lunch stops in the famous Chico Velo tradition. All riders will have entry to the Willows Fire Dept. World Famous Bean Feed at the finish.



# Tour of the Unknown Valley North, March 30th

**Orland • Willows • Elk Creek • Newville • Black Butte Lake**

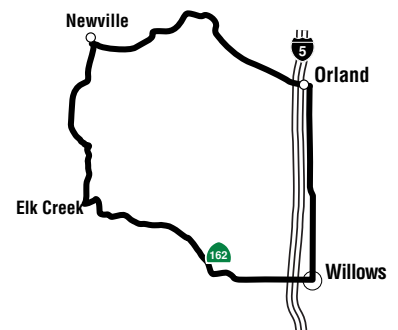
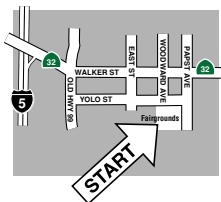
This new addition to the Chico Velo Century Series has been enjoyed by local riders for years.

There is one 72 mile loop offered. The route goes south from Orland to Willows on flat country roads, then heads west to Elk Creek. There's one three mile climb before coming into Elk Creek. The route then turns north along Stony Creek, Grindstone Creek coming out of the Yolla Bollys, to Chrome, Burrows Gap and then into Newville. Turning east, the course rolls past Black Butte Lake and into Orland for the finish dinner at the Glenn County Fairgrounds. Helmets are REQUIRED!

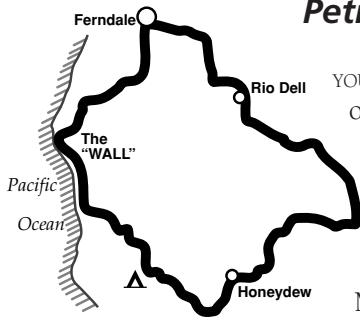
**When:** Sunday, March 30th—rain or shine. Registration & start between 7 AM -9 AM.

**Where:** Glenn County Fairgrounds. Take I-5 to Orland and exit at Hwy 32. Head east towards Chico, turning south on Woodward Ave to the Glenn County Fairgrounds. Camping and showers are available.

**How much:** Fee is \$30.00 per person if you register by March 24th, \$35.00 thereafter. Three food and drink stops on the course, plus dinner at the finish in the best of Chico Velo traditions.



## Ferndale • Honeydew • Petrolia



Route of the  
Unknown Coast  
Weekend

WHAT A GREAT RIDE THIS IS. WE CARRY ALL YOUR stuff and you get to cruise on some of the quietest and most scenic roads in the state. You will be riding through the lush, green Eel River Valley; meandering roads that weave their way through groves of majestic redwood trees; a ride along the beaches of Cape Mendocino; and along the crest of Rainbow Ridge, which has some of the best views anywhere. The climbs on this ride are challenging and there is no sag support. To enjoy this ride to it's fullest, you should be in decent physical condition and self sufficient. Helmets are REQUIRED!

### Day One

The ride begins at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale (about 20 miles south of Eureka), with overnight

camping available for those arriving Friday night. Saturday's 65 miles explores the Eel River Valley, then to the Avenue of the Giants, turning west into the Rockefeller Redwoods and the big climb up over Panther Gap (2,744'). From there it is down to Honeydew and the A.W. Way County Park campground on the Mattole River.

### Day Two

Sunday's ride of 35 miles goes through Petrolia, down to the beach and up the legendary WALL (22% grade) of Cape Mendocino. Once over the top, you drop down to Capetown, then up up the Shadow of the Wall to Malfunction Junction. From here it is a descent into Ferndale and the fairgrounds where your belongings will be returned.

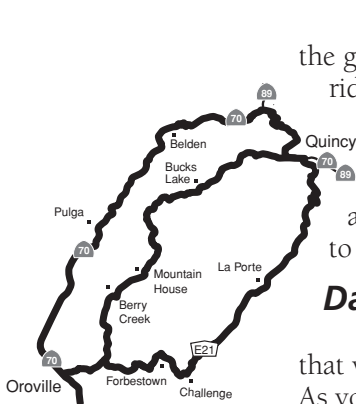
Saturday night dinner is included, Sunday's breakfast is available for a small fee paid that morning. Helmets are REQUIRED!

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS RIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE MAY 1st! PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.CHICOVELO.ORG](http://WWW.CHICOVELO.ORG) FOR REGISTRATION

# Quincy Weekend

# October 18th & 19th

## Oroville • Quincy • Oroville



FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE OROVILLE TO the granite peaks of the Sierra Nevada, this ride takes you from the Sacramento Valley over the crest of the Sierras to the quaint mountain village of Quincy. Be forewarned these are hilly miles and you should be in sufficient shape to complete them.

### Day One

You'll meet in the van in Oroville that will transport your baggage to Quincy. As you begin your ride the foothill oak woodlands will fade into pine & fir forests and mountain meadows. The North Fork of the Feather River flows below you on the north side of the ridge, the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork of the Feather on the south. Descending to Bucks Lake you'll find stores and cafes. Charming Meadow Valley and historic Spanish Ranch brings you into Quincy for your overnight stay. You can camp at the Plumas-Sierra Fairgrounds or

our host hotel. The Plumas County Arts Council will be holding their annual Blues and Brews Festival at the fairgrounds for your listening and beer tasting enjoyment.

### Day Two

Return ride on Sunday offers three possibilities.

1. Hwy 70, Feather River Scenic By Way. The proverbial downhill with a tailwind. Least climbing option.
2. Retrace route from Saturday.
3. Return to Oroville via the Quincy- LaPorte Rd., through Challenge and Forbestown -- the option with the most climbing. Helmets are REQUIRED!

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