

Vision Quest

Starting Location: Black Star Canyon Road
End at Trabuco Creek Road and Trabuco Canyon Road
Post-event staging area O'Neill Regional Park

Saturday, April 7th, 2012
Event day packet pickup: **4:30 AM**
Check-in: **5:15 AM**
Start: **5:30 AM**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: 56.5+- miles, 11,500 +- ft. of elevation gain

The ride will begin from the Blackstar Canyon gate at 5:30 AM. You will ride up Blackstar Canyon Road to the Main Divide Road, across the Main Divide Road to and down the Silverado Trail (Motorway) to Aid Station #1 at Maple Springs. At this point you will follow Maple Springs Road to the Main Divide and Modjeska Peak and Santiago Peak and then down to the Holy Jim Trail. You will then ride down the Holy Jim Trail to Aid Station #2 at the parking area at the base of Holy Jim Canyon. You will then continue up Trabuco Road to the the West Horse Thief Junction. You will hike up the West Horse Thief Trail to the Main Divide Road. From this point you will ride across the Main Divide Road to the Trabuco Trail and down the Trabuco Trail to the Trabuco Creek Trail and Road. You will follow Trabuco Creek Road to the finish line at the intersection of Trabuco Creek Road and Trabuco Canyon Road. **NOTE: *You must make sure the Aid Stations record your number before continuing on.***

CUT OFF TIMES

The first cut off time is 9:30 a.m. at Aid Station #1 at the bottom of the Silverado Trail and Maple Springs. The second cutoff time is 11:30 a.m. at the Main Divide and Maple Springs Road. The third cutoff is 12:00 p.m. at the bottom of Holy Jim Trail at aid station #2 The fourth cutoff time is at 12:45 at the bottom of the West Horse Thief Trail. If you do not make the cutoff times and refuse to return to the staging area you have violated the terms of your participation and the Warrior's Society will no longer responsible for your safety. Your emergency contact will be called and notified that they will be assuming all responsibility your safety.

TERRAIN DESCRIPTION

Remember the fire roads and trails are still open to vehicles and hikers during the event, also expect the fire roads and single track trails to be rutted and in bad condition if we have a rainy winter. There may also be snow on the course. If you are unfamiliar with the area please use extreme caution). For a more detailed description of the trails, refer to Randy Vogels book, "Mountain Biking in Orange County California."

1. Blackstar Canyon Road to the top of and down the Silverado (Trail) Motorway to Aid Station #1 – dirt fire road with many steep climbs until you go down the Silverado (Trail) Motorway, which is technical singletrack.
2. Aid Station #1 to Santiago Peak – uphill climbing on pavement with stream crossings, then dirt fire road.
3. Santiago Peak to the Holy Jim Trail – steep, technical downhill dirt fire road.
4. Holy Jim Trail to Aid Station #2 – downhill, technical single track with stream crossings.
5. Holy Jim Trail to base of the West Horse Thief Trail – dirt road then technical singletrack w/stream crossings.
6. West Horse Thief Trail to the junction at the Main Divide Road – steep hike-a-bike.
7. The top of West Horse Thief Trail to the top of Trabuco Canyon Trail – dirt fire road.
8. Trabuco Canyon Trail, Trabuco Creek Trail to Trabuco Creek Road – technical downhill w/stream crossings.
9. Trabuco Creek Road to finish line at the intersection of Trabuco Canyon Road: 4 mostly flat miles on a dirt road. You will then ride approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile back to the staging area at O'Neill Park

WARNING

Control your speed on the Holy Jim, Trabuco Canyon and Trabuco Creek Trails and ride down in a safe manner. Hikers and bikers will be on this trail and you will be responsible for harm caused to yourself and others. Course Marshals will penalize unsafe riders.

Note: Use extreme caution when riding across the stream crossings, they can be slippery and have potholes in them which could result in injury if ridden into.

AID STATION 2 BAGS

If you want to bring your own supplies to Aid Station 2, we must be able to throw away any left over contents and the bag they are in. All bags will be thrown away after the event. **No Aid Station bags, disposable or not, will be taken to Aid Station 1.** Your Aid Station 2 bag must be dropped off at the registration table when checking in.