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Starting Location: Black Star Canyon Road

Finish Location: Trabuco Creek Road and Trabuco Canyon Road

Post-event staging area: O'Neill Regional Park

Saturday, May 14th, 2011

Same-day packet pickup: 6:00 AM

Check-in: 6:45 AM

Start: 7:00 AM

Course Description: 40+- miles, 8,000+- ft. elevation gain

The ride will begin from the end of Black Star Canyon Road at 7:00 AM. You will ride up Black Star Canyon Road to the Main Divide Road and at this point you will traverse the Santa Ana Mountain range via the Main Divide Road hitting all the peaks (including Modjeska and Santiago Peaks) until you get to Upper Holy Jim. After descending Upper Holy Jim you continue on the main divide until you intersect with the Trabuco Canyon Trail. You will then descend down the Trabuco Canyon Trail to Trabuco Creek Road and out 4 miles to the finish line at Trabuco Canyon Road. **You must reach Aid Station 1 located at the intersection of Maple Springs Road and the Main Divide Road (4 corners) by 11:00 a.m. to be allowed to finish the course. You must also reach the bottom of Upper Holy Jim by 12:30 p.m. to be allowed to finish the course.** 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 be responsible for your safety. Your emergency contact will be called and notified that they will be assuming all responsibility for your safety.

Only the Pro open male and female classes will race for prize money, which will be determined by participation. The event is limited to 175 participants and if we sell out, the Pro payout for each age class will be based on total participation. There must be a minimum of 5 participants in each age group or the age group will be combined with another age group.

All those who finish will receive a finishing award.

NOTE: *You must make sure the Aid Station records your number before continuing on.* Finishing times will be posted on our web site within a week after the event.

Terrain Description (remember the fire roads and trails are still open to vehicles and hikers during the event. 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 Main Divide – dirt fire road with many steep climbs.
2. After Santiago Peak you will descend Upper Holy Jim and then continue on the Main Divide.
3. Take Main Divide Road all the way to the last descent down the Trabuco Canyon.
4. Trabuco Canyon Trail down to Trabuco Creek Road – fast technical single track with narrow shale sections.
5. Trabuco Creek Road to the Finish at Trabuco Canyon Road – mostly downhill fire road through stream crossings.

WARNING:

Control your speed on the back side of Santiago Peak and the Trabuco Creek Trail to avoid injury to yourself and others. Vehicles, hikers and mountain bikers will be on the Main Divide Road and Hikers and bikers will be on the Trabuco Canyon Trail. Course Marshals will penalize unsafe riders.

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

Water, Cytomax, Clif Bars, Bananas and apples will be provided at each Aid Station.

“The Traverse” General Information

We are encouraging everyone to pick up their number plate and event t-shirt packets on Thursday, May 12th or Friday May 13th at a location that will be announced prior to the event. This would save all of us tons of time the morning of the event.

If you don't pick your packet up prior on Thursday or Friday you will need to pick it up the day of the race at 6:00 AM.

Camping is available at O'Neill Park for \$15.00 a night **and is available by reservation, which we recommend.** The day use fees at the park where we are staging at are \$5.00. For more information on O'Neill Park see their web site at:

<http://www.ocparks.com/oneillpark/>

We will also have two port-a-potties at the start for your last minute bathroom needs.

Lunch will consist of El Pollo Loco (chicken, rice, beans, chips, salsa and tortillas) and assorted sodas provided by Coca Cola.

WE WILL NOT HAVE SHUTTLES TO THE START – YOU MUST TRANSPORT YOURSELVES. The start will commence at 6:00 a.m. whether you are there or not.

As previously stated, you must transport yourself to the starting area at the end of Black Star Canyon Road. We will be providing a shuttle from O'Neill back to the start at Blackstar Canyon Road between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the people who left their vehicles at the start. The awards ceremony will start at 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE CARPOOL

The park has showers and don't forget to bring a beach chair. See the map on the back side of this sheet for the location of the staging and parking areas. Our e-mail address is countingcoup@warriorssociety.org and our web address is: <http://www.warriorssociety.org>

Check our web site the week prior to the event for the latest news (<http://www.warriorssociety.org/voices/>). You can also email us (countingcoup@warriorssociety.org) for information not posted on the web site.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CHECK OUR WEB SITE OR CALL THE INFO LINE IF IT IS EXPECTED TO RAIN THE DAY OF THE EVENT OR THE DAYS PRIOR TO IT.

IF WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WE WILL EMAIL YOU IF THE EVENT IS RESCHEDULED. FOR THE LATEST EVENT NEWS CHECK OUR INFO BOARD AT:

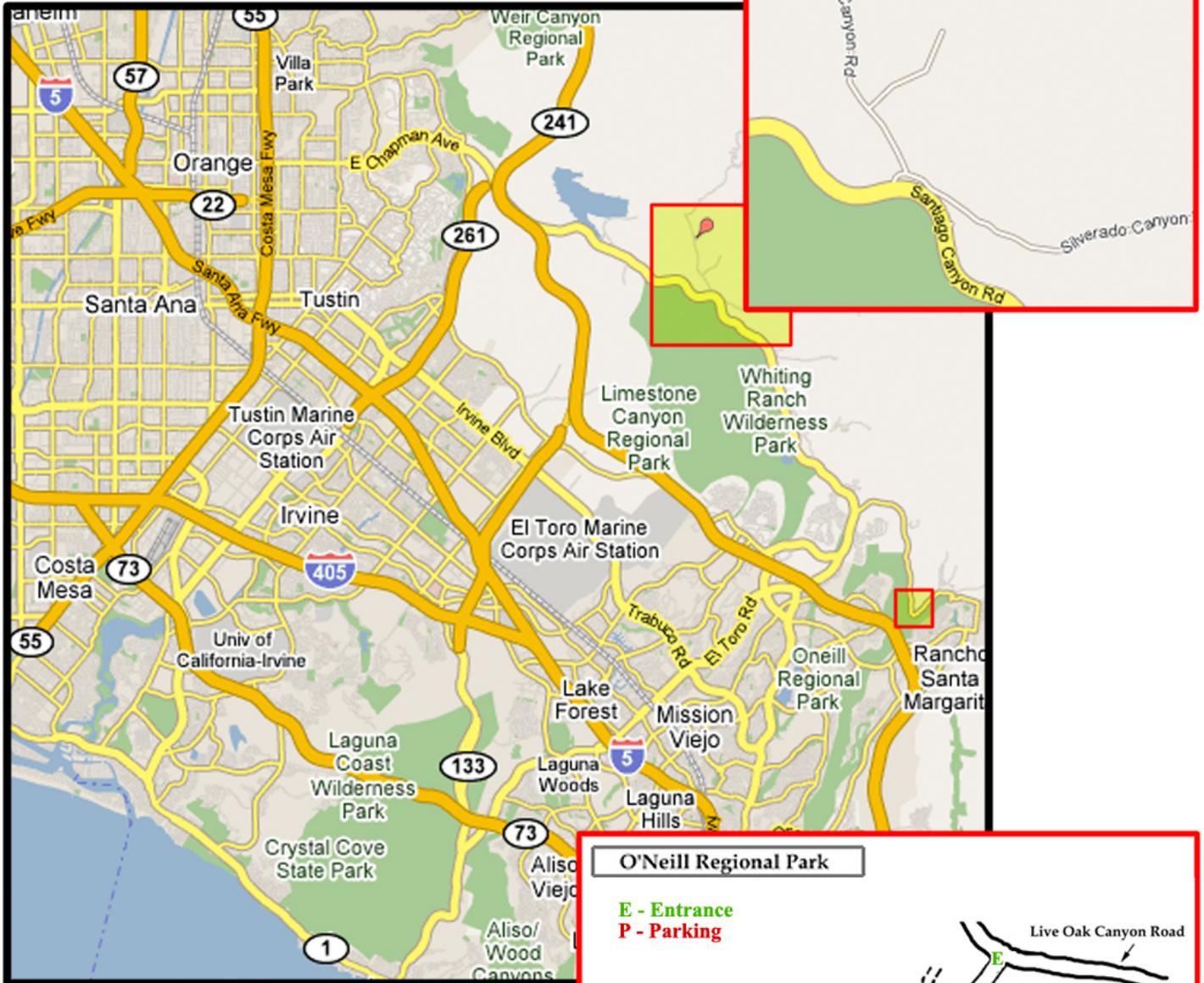
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Traverse Event Staging Locations

START: Black Star Canyon Road

END: O'Neill Regional Park

Event Staging Locations



The park charges a \$5.00 entrance fee. After finishing your event you will ride for 10 minutes back to the staging area at O'Neill Park.

