

# AFCT-NEW MEXICO ANNUAL RIDE SCHEDULE 2018

## MAY

### **Gila Inner Loop Bike Tour:** 12-13 May 2018

*Location:* Silver City, NM

*Details:* Scenic 2-day tour of Gila National Forest with overnight camping and SAG support; low mileage, decent climbing. We pedal the Gila Inner Loop Scenic Byway, which has some moderate to steep ascents and descents through the Gila National Forest and crosses the Continental Divide two times. The altitude ranges from 5,800 to 7,500 feet and the terrain varies from arid rolling hills to evergreen forest. Motor vehicle traffic is low which makes the ride both safe and enjoyable. After leaving Silver City, we will pedal through historic Pinos Altos, past Signal Peak, the Ben Lilly Monument and on to Lake Roberts. We spend the night in the Gila wilderness at Camp Thunderbird. The next morning we ride down the Mimbres River valley, past the Chino open pit copper mine, and back to Silver City.

*Routes:* 40/33mi Total ride is 73.5 miles (approximately 40 miles Saturday, 33.5 miles Sunday).

*Register:* \$80 TBA

*Packet Pickup:* TBA

*Start:* 0800 Walmart Parking Lot (West Side)

<http://tourofthegila.com/race/registration/>

### **Santa Fe Century:** Sun, 20 May 2018

*Location:* Santa Fe, NM

*Details:* Diverse scenery and elevation. High desert to grassland of open plains; rolling hills to short/steep climbs. Miles of history pass under your wheels as you bicycle down the ancient Turquoise Trail through the old mining towns of Madrid and Golden, across the mineral rich Ortiz and San Pedro Mountains, onwards through the Galisteo Basin to the old village of Galisteo, and back into scenic Santa Fe

*Routes:* 20, 50, 103 mi

*Register:* \$40 (untimed 100 mi), \$35 (50 mi), \$25 (20 mi); online reg opens January 1 2018

*Packet Pickup:* Sat 1700-1900, Sun 0600-0830

*Start:* 0700

[http://santafecentury.com/The\\_Rides/Registration/index.html](http://santafecentury.com/The_Rides/Registration/index.html)

### **McDonald's Citizen Tour to Silverton:** Sun, 26 May 2018

*Location:* Durango, CO

*Details:* This one started it all! Take off with the train, traveling over two 10,000ft mountain passes enroute to the historical mining town of Silverton. There are four aid stations with food and water along the route. There is no technical support on course. 27 miles of the route to Silverton is a closed road.

*Routes:* 50 mi

*Register:* \$99(field limit 1900 riders) Price increases to \$109 on 1/1/18.

*Packet Pickup:* For those who register by March 15, 2018 from outside of Durango, packets and bib numbers will be shipped by May 10, 2018 to participants mailing address. Otherwise they will can be picked up at final packet pickup.

*Start:* 0800

<http://www.ironhorsebicycleclassic.com/Mcdonalds-Citizen-Tour>

## JUNE

**RoughRiders200:** Sat/Sun, 23/24 Jun 2018

*Location:* Angle Fire, NM

*Details:* Ride one or two days; day one passes through Taos, Sipapu and Mora with 6,000ft of climbing; day two is the “Enchanted Circle” which climbs Palo Flechado and Bobcat Passes with 6,200ft of climbing; 1 Jan Registration opens online

*Routes:* 50 mi out/back, 100mi, 150 mi or 200mi

*Register:* \$65 (50 mi), \$85 (100 mi), \$140 (150 mi), \$155 (200 mi)

*Packet Pickup:* 23 Jun 1200-1900, 24 Jun 0600, 25 Jun 0600

*Start:* 0700 both days

<https://www.roughriders200.com/registration.php>

## JULY

**RAGBRAI:** Sun-Sat, 22-28 Jul 2018 **\*\*Joint ride with AFCT\*\***

*Location:* TBA, Iowa

*Details:* Ride across Iowa; total distance/elevation = TBA mi/TBAK ft. 7-day trek across Iowa from Missouri river to Mississippi river, featuring the oldest, longest, and largest recreational bicycle tour in the world!

*Daily Mileage:* TBA mi

*Register:* \$175 + AFCT Uniform and Admin - \$485/\$500

*Packet Pickup:* at camp

*Start:* 0600

<http://www.ragbrai.com/>



## AUGUST

**Hotter'N Hell Hundred:** Sat, 25 Aug 2018 **\*\*Joint ride with AFCT-Texas\*\***

*Location:* Wichita Falls, TX

*Details:* A Texas Classic – largest single day 100 mile bicycle ride in the nation. Weekend full of events including MTB race, USAC Criteriums, HHH endurance ride and half marathon trail run.

*Routes:* 6, 25, 50, 75, 100 mi

*Register:* \$35 until 31 May, \$40 (1 Jun – 19 Aug), \$45 after

*Packet Pickup:* Thur 1500-2000, Fri 1300-2200

*Start:* 0700

[www.hh100.org](http://www.hh100.org)

**Tour de Kirtland:** Sat, 19 Aug 2018

*Location:* Kirtland AFB, NM

*Details:* On base around perimeter, 4 laps

*Routes:* 49 mi

*Register:* \$30

*Packet Pickup:* TBA

*Start:* 0700

## SEPTEMBER

**Tour de Tahoe & Big Sur:** Sun/Mon, 9/10 Sep 2018 **\*\*Joint ride w/ AFCT\*\* PTDY**

*Location:* Tahoe, NV

*Details:* Bike big blue. Shoreline route around Lake Tahoe with 4,000ft of climbing, course circumnavigates the highways clockwise around Lake Tahoe in both Nevada and California. It includes a challenging 800-foot climb to a rest stop overlooking Emerald Bay and a 1,000-foot climb to Spooner Junction. There are also many short rolling ascents and descents totaling over 4024 vertical feet of elevation gain! The altitude ranges between 6,300 feet and 7,100 feet above sea level and the ride is recommended for conditioned recreational bicyclists, not for beginners. Participants must be at least 14 years of age (no children, please) and must be experienced in riding roadways.

*Routes:* 72 mi

*Register:* \$25 (20 mi), \$40 (35 mi), \$45 (50 mi), \$50 (100 mi) last year

*Packet Pickup:* TBA

*Start:* 0645 Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

<https://www.bikethewest.com/tour-de-tahoe/>

**Tour de Ruidoso:** Sat, 22 Sep 2018

*Location:* Ruidoso, NM

*Details:* Challenging ride beginning at 6,900 ft elevation touring through scenic routes around Ruidoso. This is a mountainous route for intermediate/advanced cyclists; several climbs 8%.

*Routes:* 20, 45, 63, 100 mi

*Register:* \$20 (20 mi), \$40 (45 mi), \$45 (63 mi), \$50 (100 mi); Reg before 30 June for \$10 off  
*Packet Pickup:* TBD  
*Start:* 0800 MCM Elegante Lodge  
<http://toureruidoso.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=7692>

**Chile Pepper Challenge:** Sun, 30 Sep 2018

*Location:* El Paso, TX  
*Details:* Over 900 cyclists line up for an epic ride through the scenic and historic Mesilla Valley over country lanes covered by pecan orchards and lined by New Mexico's world renowned chile fields.  
*Routes:* 10, 20, 40, 64, 100 mi  
*Register:* **\$30-\$45**  
*Packet Pickup:* **23 Sep 1600-2000, 24 Sep 1200-1900, 25 Sep 0630**  
*Start:* 0700 Grace Gardens, El Paso  
<https://elpasobicycleclub.com/chile-pepper-challenge/>

## OCTOBER

**Gila Monster Gran Fondue:** 14 Oct 2018

*Location:* Silver City, NM  
*Details:* Long distance, timed cycling event w/ fun/competitive edge. Course follows the iconic Tour of the Gila "Gila Monster" road race, covering some of the most stunning routes in NM.  
*Routes:* 32, 50, 70, 103 mi  
*Register:* \$100 last year, 110 after 7 October  
*Packet Pickup:* **TBA**  
*Start:* 0800  
<http://tourofthegila.com/gran-fondue/>

**Day of The Tread:** Sun, 28 Oct 2018

*Location:* Albuquerque, NM  
*Details:* **TBA**  
*Routes:* 9, 12, 26, 50, 64, 80, 100mi  
*Register:* **TBA**  
*Packet Pickup:* **TBA**  
*Start:* 0815  
<http://dayofthetread.com/>

**Tour of Las Cruces:** **TBA [Sun, 28 Oct 2018]**

*Location:* Las Cruces, NM  
*Details:* great group ride sponsored by ZiaVelo Cycling; they do a fantastic job maintaining a 20 mph average allowing large peleton to remain in tact; last 13 mile straight away is a hammerfest

*Routes:* 62, 50 mi

*Register:* \$40 last year

*Packet Pickup:* TBA

*Start:* 0800

<https://ziavelocycling.com/tour-of-las-cruces/>

## NOVEMBER

**El Tour de Tucson:** Sat, 17 Nov 2018 **\*\*Joint ride w/ AFCT\*\***

*Location:* Tucson, AZ

*Details:* El Tour attracts 9K+ cyclists every year. Course profile ranges from flat to rolling to moderately hilly against backdrop of majestic Sonoran Desert.

*Routes:* 28, 37, 54, 76, 106 mi

*Register:* \$125 (Feb/Mar), \$130 (Apr), \$135 (May), \$140 (Jun), 145 (Jul), \$150 (Aug), \$155 (Sep), \$160 (Oct), \$165 (1-13 Nov), \$180 (14-20 Nov)

*Packet Pickup:* Thu 15 Nov 1000-2100, Fri 16 Nov 1000-2100 Tucson Convention Center

*Start:* 0700

<http://www.perimeterbicycling.com/el-tour-de-tucson/>