

The Return of MADERA:

31st MADERA COUNTY STAGE RACE

Possible new TT course; Check website and other sources in final two weeks

Part of the 2018 NCNCA Women's Race Series for Women 35+ and 55+

March 2-4, 2018, Madera County, CA

Note: Cat 1/2/Pro Start on 2nd with the Ben Hur Hillclimb; all others on 3rd

NO RACE DAY ENTRY

**Road Race and Time Trial start/finishes and parking may change;
check website**

Bike Reg online entry: <https://www.bikereg.com/madera-county-stage-race>



Presented by Velo Promo & Golden Chain Cyclists; Under USAC Rules & Permit 2018-528

This is a stage race of 3 days, four races for Cat 1/2/Pro and **2 days, 3 races for all other riders** listed below Category 3 start at Stage 2, the Sharon TT, not at criterium. Any category's race may be cancelled mid-event if too many road violations. **Be Sure to pick up the race bible at registration: it includes further information and possible changes of stages, prizes, etc.**

This is a Timed stage race FOR ALL CATEGORIES; riders must complete each stage to go on to the next stage

Registration: Cat 1/2/Pro (10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Friday March 2 at Chowchilla River crossing on Road 613, just north of Raymond, CA (35020 Road 613, Raymond, CA 93653) and **Category 3:** (8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.), Saturday March 3, Road 22 at Santa Fe Drive, east of Chowchilla. (24184 Santa Fe Dr, Chowchilla, CA 93610 - see Directions) **All other categories** (including Wm 1/2/Pro): Saturday March 3, 7 a.m. to 30 minutes before their scheduled criterium start, IN CHOWCHILLA: At the corner of Montgomery Lake and Genoa Lake, on the east side of Hwy 99 at Ave 26/Robertson, just behind the Save Mart.

Directions: Category 1/2/Pro: (Stage 1) Take Avenue 20/20 ½ exit from Hwy 99 between Madera and Chowchilla, head east, and turn within ½ mile onto 20 ½ - this becomes Avenue 21 and then Road 600 all the way to the town of Raymond. In Raymond, turn left on Road 613 – at County public works yard - and head out 6 miles to the river: park in parking lots before bridge. (35020 Road 613, Raymond, CA 93653) **Category 3:** Stage 3/Reg: Hwy 99 east from Chowchilla on Ave 26 to Santa Fe, then right (south) 1/3 mile and left again on Santa Fe to parking and registration. (24184 Santa Fe Dr, Chowchilla,

CA 93610). **For all other categories** (including Wm 1/2/Pro): Stage 2/Reg:) IN CHOWCHILLA: At the corner of Montgomery Lake and Genoa Lake, on the east side of Hwy 99 at Ave 26/Robertson, just behind the Save Mart.

Stage One: Ben Hur Hillclimb Time Trial Cat 1/2/pro Only. Friday March 2. 10 mile hillclimb TT, using Ben Hur Road from the Madera/Mariposa county line to the top, at Silver Bar Road. One minute starts, course is rolling for 6 miles, and steep climb for 4 more. First rider at 12 noon. Start is ½ mile west of the parking area.

Stages Two and Three: Madera Criterium and Sharon Time Trial, Saturday March 3. Races held concurrently; be sure to be at the right site at the right time. **Criterium course** was new in 2016: **Chowchilla** Criterium: A 0.9 mile loop of flat city streets in an yet-unbuilt subdivision: New course: Triangle shape with two long straights and a series of chicanes (R-L-R, R-L-R), clockwise. Good to Excellent pavement, some botts dots/reflectors. Streets: Montgomery Lake, Genoa Lake, Mission, Vente, Conadria, Verdona, Kadota, Fig Tree and Montgomery Lake. **Time Trial is planned as same as in 1998-16 BUT MAY BE CHANGED TO MERCED COUNTY; UPDATES TO FOLLOW: Currently** a 10 mile flat loop, east of Chowchilla. Roads: Avenue 26, Road 26, Avenue 24, Santa Fe Drive. Start at Avenue 26 and Road 22. The best route between the two courses is Ave 26. Time Trial starts at 60 seconds for Category 1&2&Pro and 3; 30 second starts for all others. No services at Sharon TT site.

Criterium Schedule:

TT Schedule*

Category 4 45 minutes: 7:30 a.m.	Category 3 1st rider: 9:00 a.m.
Category 5 40 minutes: 8:20	Cat 1/2/Pro 1st rider 9:45 a.m.
Wm 4/5 & 35+ 40 minutes: 9:10	Mst 45+1/2/3 1st rider: 10:30 a.m.*
Wm 1/2/P, & 3 45 minutes: 9:50	Category 4 1st rider: 12 noon.*
Mstr 35+ 4/5 40 minutes: 10:40	Category 5 1st rider: 12:40 p.m.*
Mstr 45+ 4/5 & 55+ 40 minutes: 11:30	Women 1st rider: 1:10*
Mstr 35+ 1/2/3 40 minutes: 12:50	Mstr 35+ 4/5 1st rider: 2:50*
Category 3 60 minutes: 1:40	Mstr 45+ 4/5 1st rider 3:40 *
Cat. 1/2/Pro 70 minutes: 2:40	Mst 55+ 1st rider: 4:30*
Mstr 45+ 1/2/3 40 minutes: 4:00	Mst 35+ 1/2/3 1st rider: 5:00*

*Note: Start times for TT after 1/2/Pro may be changed; check at criterium registration for info.

Stage Four: Daulton Road Race Sunday March 4. Same start/ finish & parking area as last 14 years, but check website for changes or at race registration on Saturday). Current reg site on Hensley Road just north of Road 603, east of course loop. Directions and info in Race Bible (pick up copy at race registration)

First Flight:

Category 1/2/Pro	85 miles	5 laps	8:00
Mst 35+ 1/2/3	68 miles	4 laps	8:05
Mst 45+ 1/2/3	68 miles	4 laps	8:10
Category 4	68 miles	4 laps	8:15
Mst 55	51 miles	3 laps	8:20
Women 35+*	51 miles	3 laps	8:30

Second Flight:

Category 3	68 miles	4 laps	11:00
Category 5	51 miles	3 laps	11:05
Women 1/2/P	68 miles	4 laps	11:10
Women 3	68 miles	4 laps	11:15
Mst 35+ 4/5	51 miles	3 laps	11:20
Mst 45+ 4/5	51 miles	3 laps	11:25
Women 4/5	51 miles	3 laps	11:30

*Women 55+ will be picked out for NCNCA Women's Series Points

Course: 17 mile mostly flat loop with a series of short hills on one side. Mostly good pavement except 2 1/2 mile rough pavement section). 2/5 of course is closed to traffic.: Open sections are one-lane racing required!!! Finish Line is at the top of the next to last climb, NE corner of the course, near Lake

Hensley. Road Loop: Road 600, Ave 21, Road 28 ½, Road 602, Road 603, Road 600, All northeast of Madera and East of Chowchilla. Parking and Check in at Lazy E Ranch, below the Hensley Lake Dam, on Road 407, just north of Road 603, Raymond, CA 93653, More info in race bible at registration. Be sure to pick one up!

<u>Events</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Prize value</u>	<u>places</u>	<u>limit</u>
Category 4	\$100	\$100	6	75
Women 3	\$100	\$100	6	50
Mst 35+1/2/3	\$100	\$200	6	75
Category 5	\$90	0	6	50
Category 3	\$100	\$200	6	75
Mst 35+ 4/5	\$100	\$100	6	75
Mst 45+ 4/5	\$100	\$100	6	75
Wm 35+	\$100	\$100	6	50
Wm 1/2/Pro	\$100	\$499	10	50
Women 4/5	\$90	\$100	6	50
Mst 45+1/2/3	\$100	\$200	6	75
Mst 55+	\$100	\$100	6	50
Category 1/2/Pro	\$100	\$499	10	75

How to Enter: **NO RACE DAY ENTRY; No entry after Wednesday 2/28**

---via **On-line** at www.bikereg.com, from now to February 25 2018 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Feb 26-Feb 28, the fee is \$10 additional. **No entry of any kind after 11:59 pm February 28 (no matter whether your field is full or not)**. You'll need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk.

---**By Mail:** You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if Postmarked by Friday February 23 to Velo Promo/Madera, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. **No post entry**. Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form. Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race. Mail in entries will not be processed until after the opening of online reg.

---**At Race:** **No entry at the race**, this is a pre-entry race only.

2018 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses are available only for Cat 5 or Women 4/5 . Entry fees include \$1 NCNCA and \$3.75 USAC per day insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

Credits: Credit for another VP race will be given if we are notified at tech@bikereg.com by 5 pm PST Wednesday 2/28 that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions for cancellations (you can't have another rider replace you for your entry). **Send e-mail for credit to tech@bikereg.com**

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$USAC surcharges per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for USAC surcharges, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required

Rules/Notes: Free lap in criterium; bring wheels. Timed stage race for all categories. Road Race is mostly half of roadway; disqualification &/or event halt for centerline violations. **Follow Vehicles and course marshals needed: Get an entry discount (partial refund at race reg) for providing same.** **Contact velopro1@sonnet.com for info**

More Information: May be available at (209) 533-4996 Email (best) : velopro1@sonnet.com website: www.velopromo.com .

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