



1st CHERRY LAKE CHALLENGE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2026

TUOLUMNE, CA

A Recreational and Fun (But Challenging!) Fall Road Bicycle Ride in Tuolumne County, CA

Date: Sunday October 11th, 2026 USAC permit 2026-16366 (no USAC license necessary)

Location: the town of Tuolumne, in Tuolumne County, just east of Sonora, CA

Registration: Online at www.bikereg.com/Cherry-Lake-Challenge . Registration Opens on September 3, 2026 and Online closes on October 7, 11:59 p.m. but will still be open Ride Day Oct 11. Day of Reg and check-in opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 8:30 a.m.

Fees: The entry fee for this inaugural event is \$50 (plus BikeReg service fee) before October 5. For registration October 5-7 or on Ride Day, add \$10.

Ride Choices: A) Out to Reed Creek and back route on Buchanan and then Cottonwood Road (total 45 miles)
B) Out to Cherry Lake and back, including loop through Skunk Hollow and up Cherry Oil Road (total 74 miles)

Potential addition for either route of an out and back on Niagara Creek Road for the best of Fall colors

Route: The ride starts in downtown Tuolumne, at Bay Ave and Cherry Valley Blvd, and heads up through town onto Buchanan Road, where it enters Stanislaus National Forest. Plenty of great views, probably lots of fall colors, several strenuous climbs and fun descents through green forests and regrowing post fire lands , including crossing the North Tuolumne River, the Clavey River, and Reed Creek. Quiet roads and a short view of Cherry Lake on Ride B, the 74 miler.

We plan to have follow vehicles, rest and refreshment stops, and a good meal at the finish back in Tuolumne. This is our first time with this course, though the ride director has directed the Strawberry Fields Forever ride in Monterey Bay for the past 5 years. Your suggestions (critical and laudatory) are welcome, so that we may improve the ride in 2027.

The Cherry Lake Challenge is a production of the Golden Chain Cyclists with the help of Velo Promo and local volunteers. Income from the ride goes this first year to the production itself, while in the future we hope to raise funds for local cycling and youth activities in Tuolumne County.

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