

19-21 May 2023 – Santa Cruz Away and Overnight Ride

There are two main options you may choose from:

The Highway 1 route from South San Francisco along the coast to *Mission Inn & Suites* in Santa Cruz or the shorter segment starting in Half Moon Bay at Poplar Beach. This is the route, which historically has prevailing tail winds. Plus corresponding return routes.

The inland route skirts past San Jose, then enters the hills into Santa Cruz, while avoiding Highway 17, which is not suitable for bicycles. A bike path runs in the vicinity, with a 2-mile section of crushed gravel. The return route may be optimal, for those wishing to avoid any potential head winds and benefit from different scenery. It will not return to Half Moon Bay though and is 68 miles long.

| # | Route | Miles | (est.) Climbing (feet) <i>Altitude discrepancies exist</i> | Comments |
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| 1 | Day 1 - Half Moon Bay to Mission Inn along Highway 1 | 48 | 2,700 | Historical tailwinds |
| 2 | Day 1 - South San Francisco Ferry Terminal to Mission Inn via Highway 1 and Poplar Beach, Half Moon Bay | 73 | 6,300 | Board ferry at Main Street, Alameda Meets up at Half Moon Bay with the other riders, if a reasonable time can be arranged |
| 3 | INLAND Day 1 - South San Francisco Ferry Terminal to Mission Inn via San Jose | 75 | 4,800 | Board ferry at Main Street, Alameda Does not go to Half Moon Bay |
| | Day 2 – Santa Cruz - Short and long routes on offer | 48 58 | 2,800 3,600 | Lunch at the <i>Taqueria Los Pericos</i> or the adjoining <i>Big J's Pizza</i> in Corralitos for both groups (with a possible meetup) |
| 4 | Day 3 - Mission Inn to Half Moon Bay along Highway 1 | 48 | 2,700 | May be exposed to head wind |
| 5 | Day 3 – Mission Inn to Daly City BART via Highway 1 and Poplar Beach, Half Moon Bay | 72 | 4,500 | May be exposed to head wind Meets up at Half Moon Bay Return with Daly City BART to Fruitvale |
| 6 | INLAND Day 3 - Mission Inn to Millbrae BART via San Jose | 68 | 3,300 | Does not go to Half Moon Bay Return with Millbrae BART to Fruitvale |

There exists a BART station at Millbrae. Even though it reduces the longer routes by about 6 miles, it is not as pleasant as the South San Francisco ferry, takes 53 minutes longer and requires a transfer. Anybody wishing to participate on the longer route southbound should assemble at the **Main Street Ferry at 0750 on 19 May for an 0800 departure. Consult the TA ride calendar.** Don't forget your Clipper card. Driving to Half Moon Bay from Alameda takes around one hour. Alameda to the hotel in Santa Cruz is 69 miles or about 1 ½ hours by car.

It is estimated that after reaching the South San Francisco ferry terminal at 0900, an average speed of 14 mph will allow an arrival time at the **Poplar Beach parking lot in Half Moon Bay for the meetup with car drivers at 1100 on 19 May** and an arrival in Santa Cruz at around 1500.

The entire group can have lunch with outside seating at the *Sacrilege Brewery + Kitchen* on 730 Main Street, 1 mile from Poplar Beach (opens 1130). <http://sacrilegebrewing.com/> We can decide to start the ride from there, although we will return to Poplar Beach to get on the bike path.

Long distance riders are urged to make arrangements with drivers for luggage transport in advance!

Day 1 - Half Moon Bay to
Mission Inn along
Highway 1

48 miles
2,700 feet

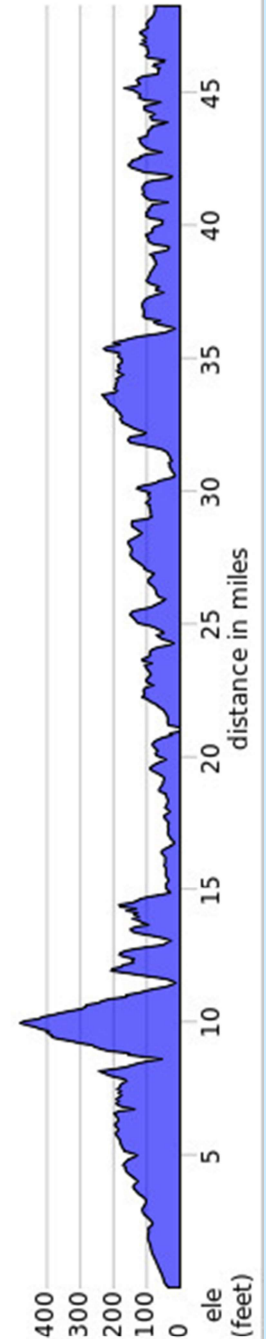
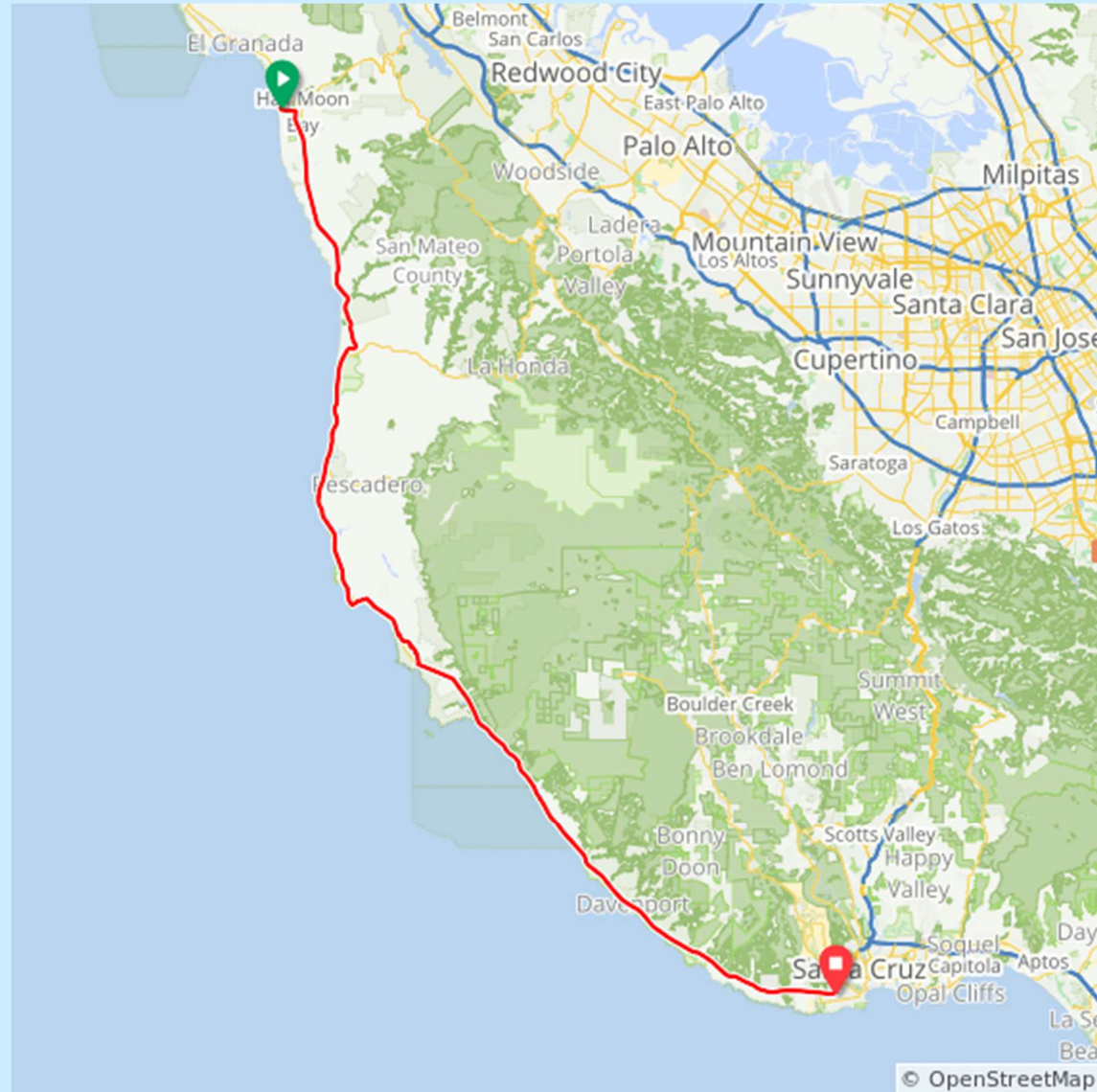
Avoids railroad tracks on
Highway 1 in Davenport

Parking at Poplar Beach

**Meetup in Half Moon
Bay will be at 1100 on
Friday, 19 May 2023**

We may decide to have
lunch in Pigeon Point
Light Station State
Historic Park (Mile 21), if
a member can arrange
food and drink

**Consult the TA ride
calendar**



Day 1 - South San Francisco Ferry Terminal to Mission Inn via Highway 1 and Parking at Poplar Beach

73 miles
6,300 feet

Main Street ferry departs at **0800** and takes 60 minutes for the crossing (\$6.75)

Bypasses tunnel at Devil's Slide

We may decide to have lunch in Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park (Mile 46), if food and drink can be arranged

Avoids railroad tracks on Highway 1 in Davenport

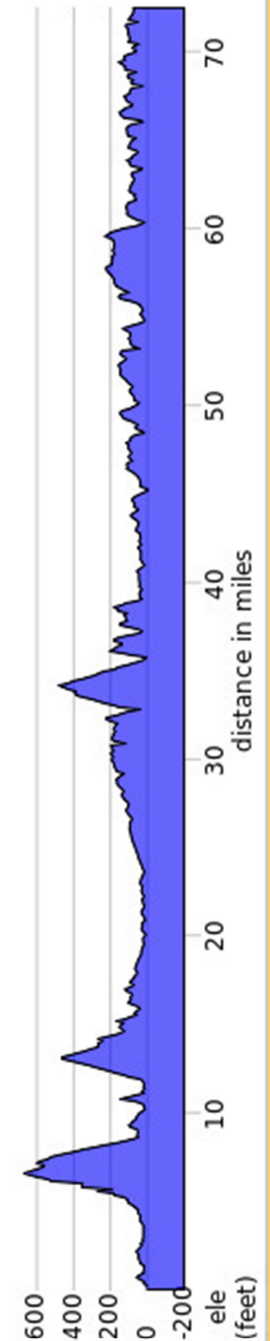
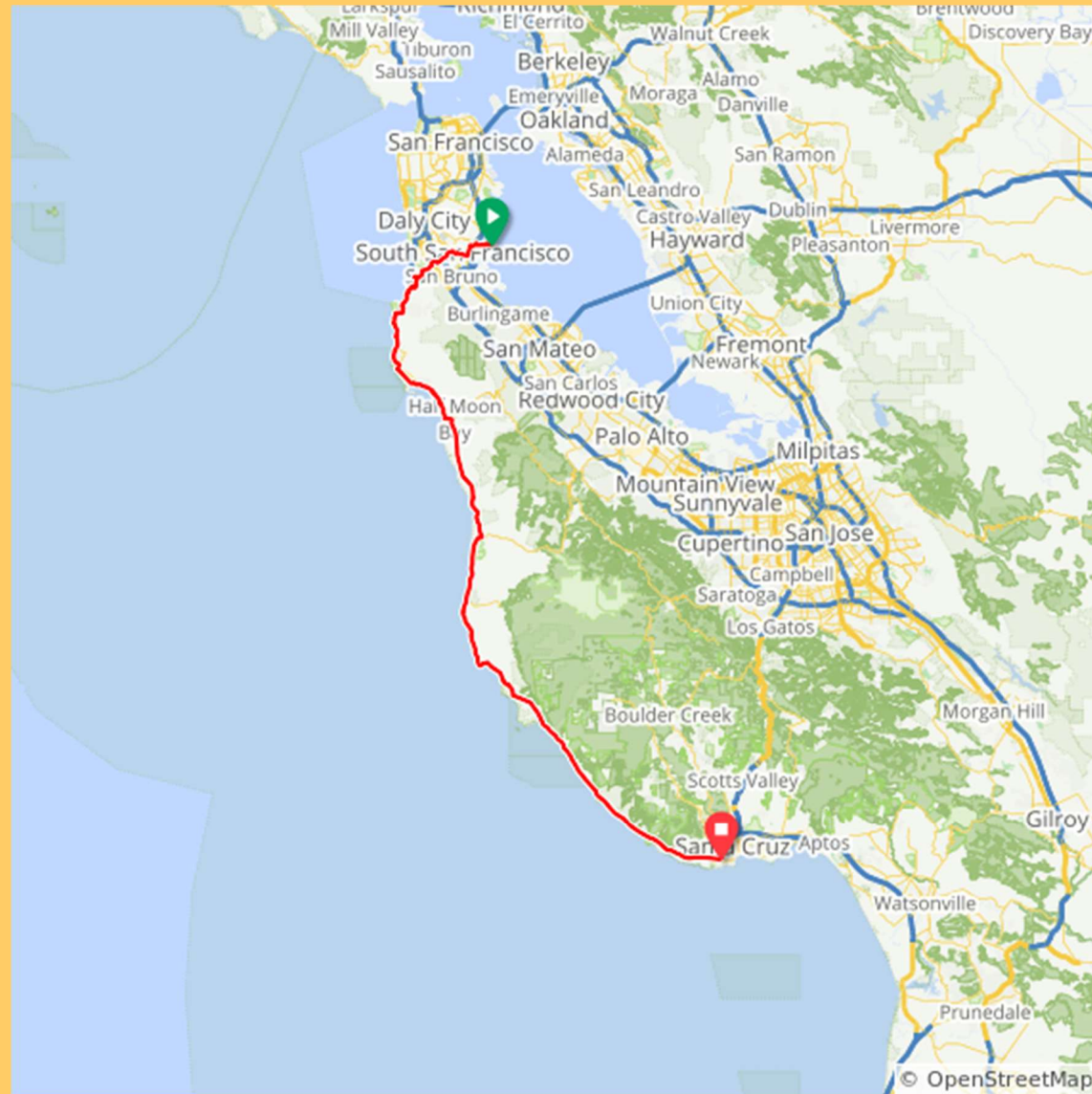
2 Meetup at Poplar Beach (Mile 25) at \approx 1100 if members in carpools leave from Alameda at 1000

If meetup at Poplar Beach is to occur at 0900, ferry riders must leave with the Main Street ferry at **0605**, arriving South Shore Ferry terminal at 0700

Therefore meetup in Half Moon Bay will be at 1100, with ferry departing Alameda at **0800**

**Subject to change
Consult ride calendar**

Sunrise **0556**
Sunset 2015



Day 1 - South San Francisco Ferry Terminal to Mission Inn via San Jose

75 miles
4,800 feet

Main Street ferry departs at
0800

And takes 60 minutes for the crossing (\$6.75)

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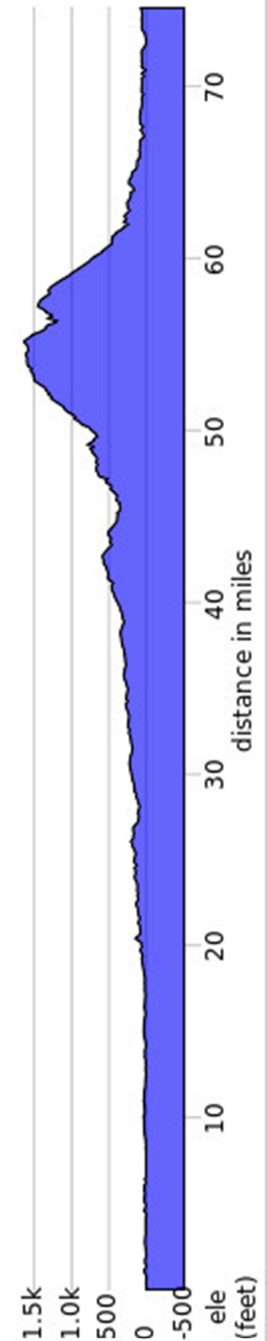
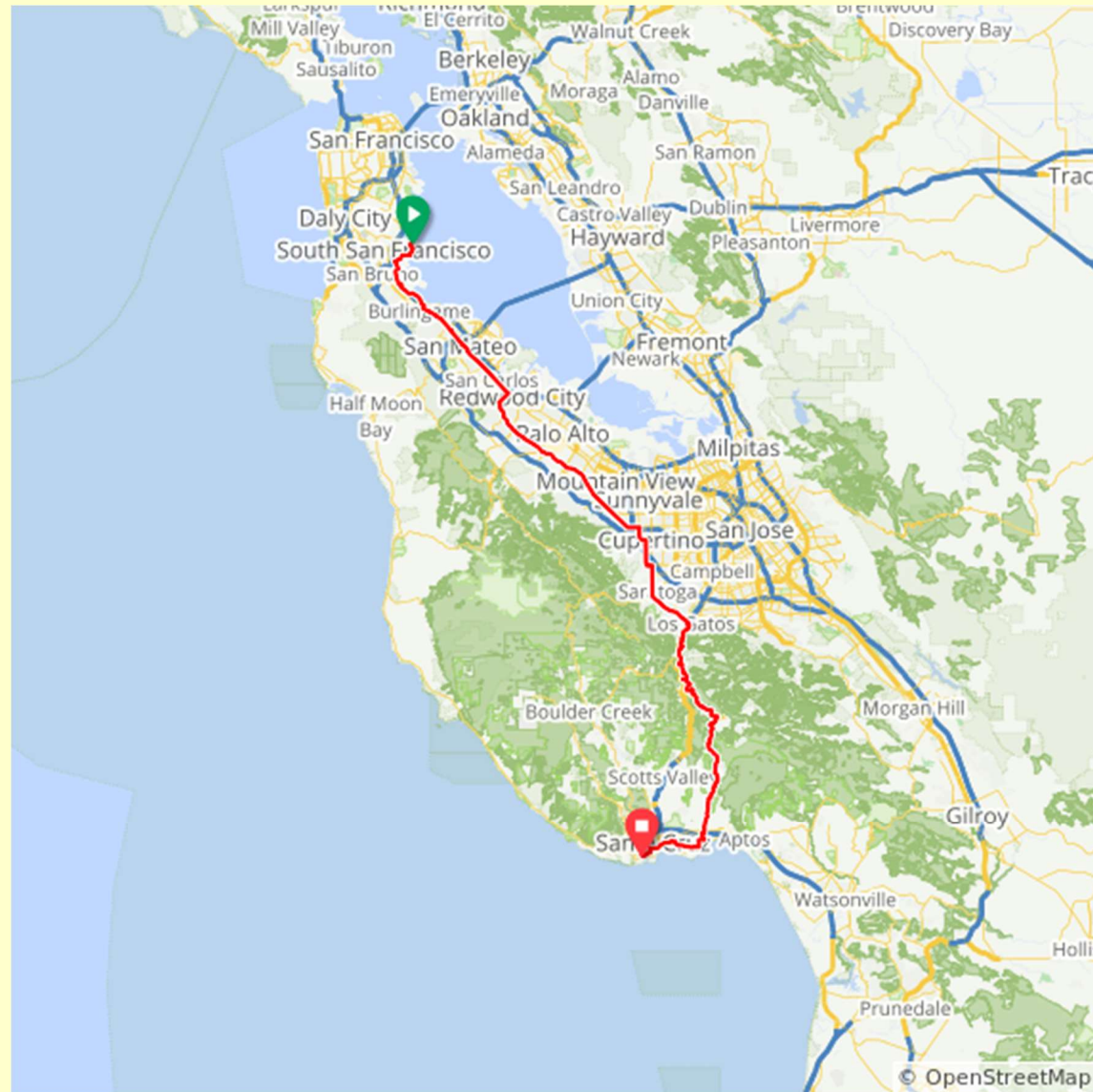
Coffee/Lunch stop at Mile 45, *Los Gatos Café*, 340 North Santa Cruz Avenue (closes 1430)

<http://www.losgatoscafe.com>

May not be the optimal route, since it does not allow a meetup at Poplar Beach in Half Moon Bay

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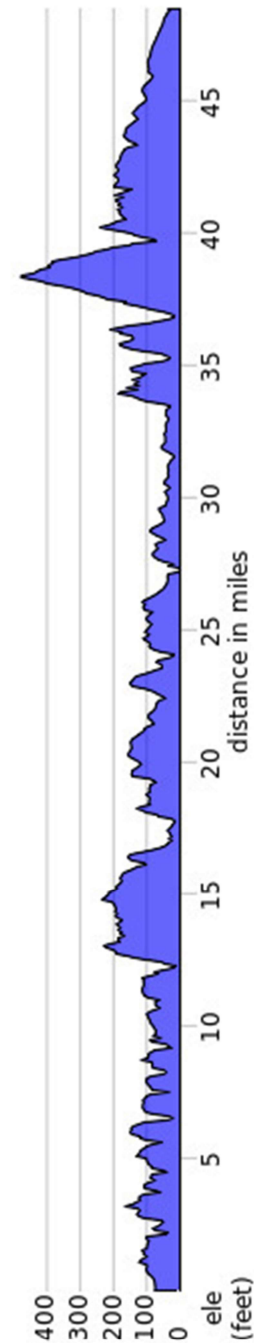
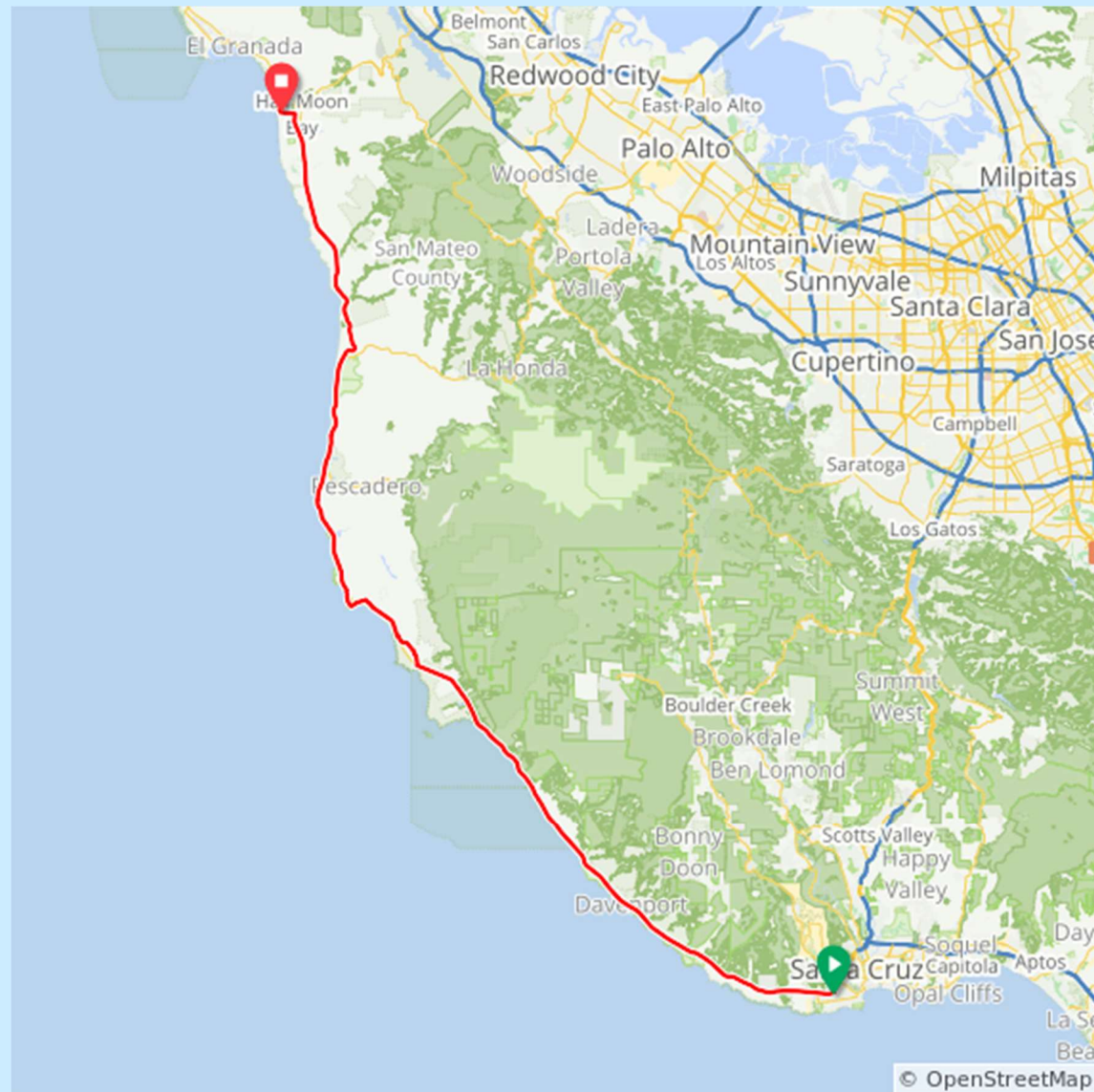
Day 3 - Mission Inn to
Half Moon Bay along
Highway 1

48 miles
2,700 feet

Avoids railroad tracks on
Highway 1 in Davenport

Parking at Poplar Beach

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Day 3 – Mission Inn to
Daly City BART via
Highway 1 and Poplar
Beach, Half Moon Bay

72 miles
4,500 feet

Common start with those
returning to Half Moon
Bay

Avoids railroad tracks on
Highway 1 in Davenport

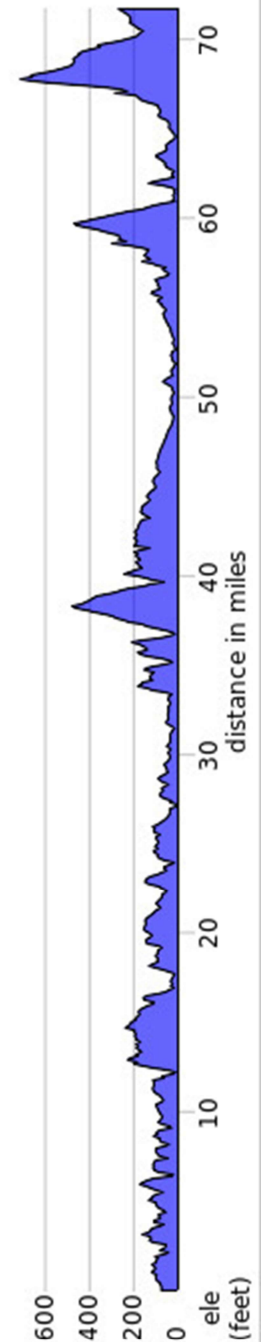
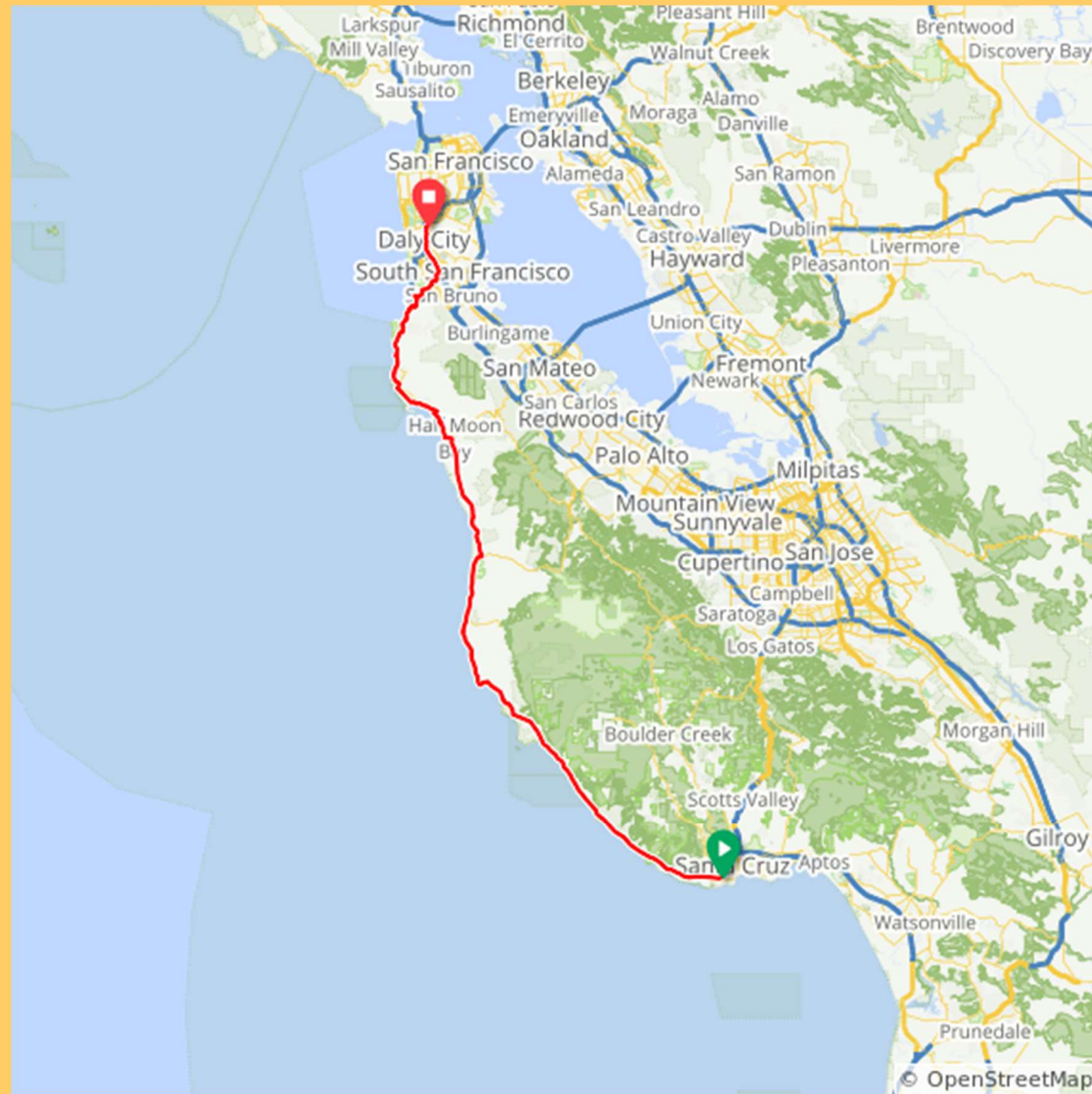
Bypasses tunnel at
Devil's Slide

BART takes 35 minutes
from Daly City to Fruitvale
with no transfer (\$5.00)

No weekend service for
South San Francisco
ferries

Subject to change

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Day 3 - Mission Inn to Millbrae BART via San Jose

68 miles
3,300 feet

Coffee/Lunch stop at Mile 30, *Los Gatos Café*, 340 North Santa Cruz Avenue (closes 1430)

<http://www.losgatoscafe.com>

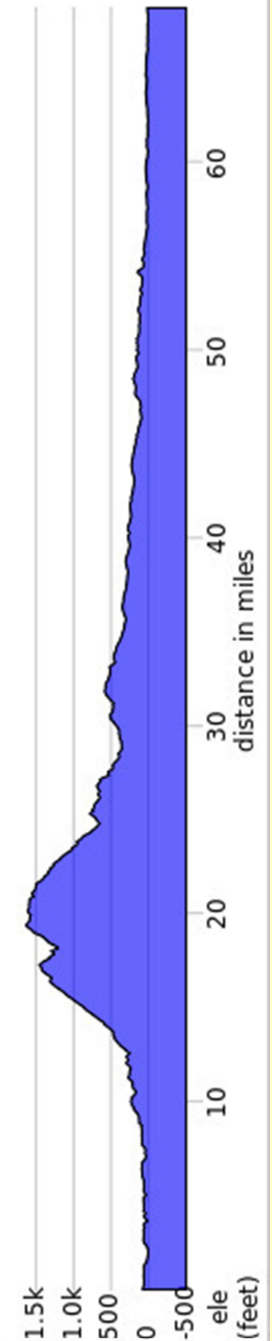
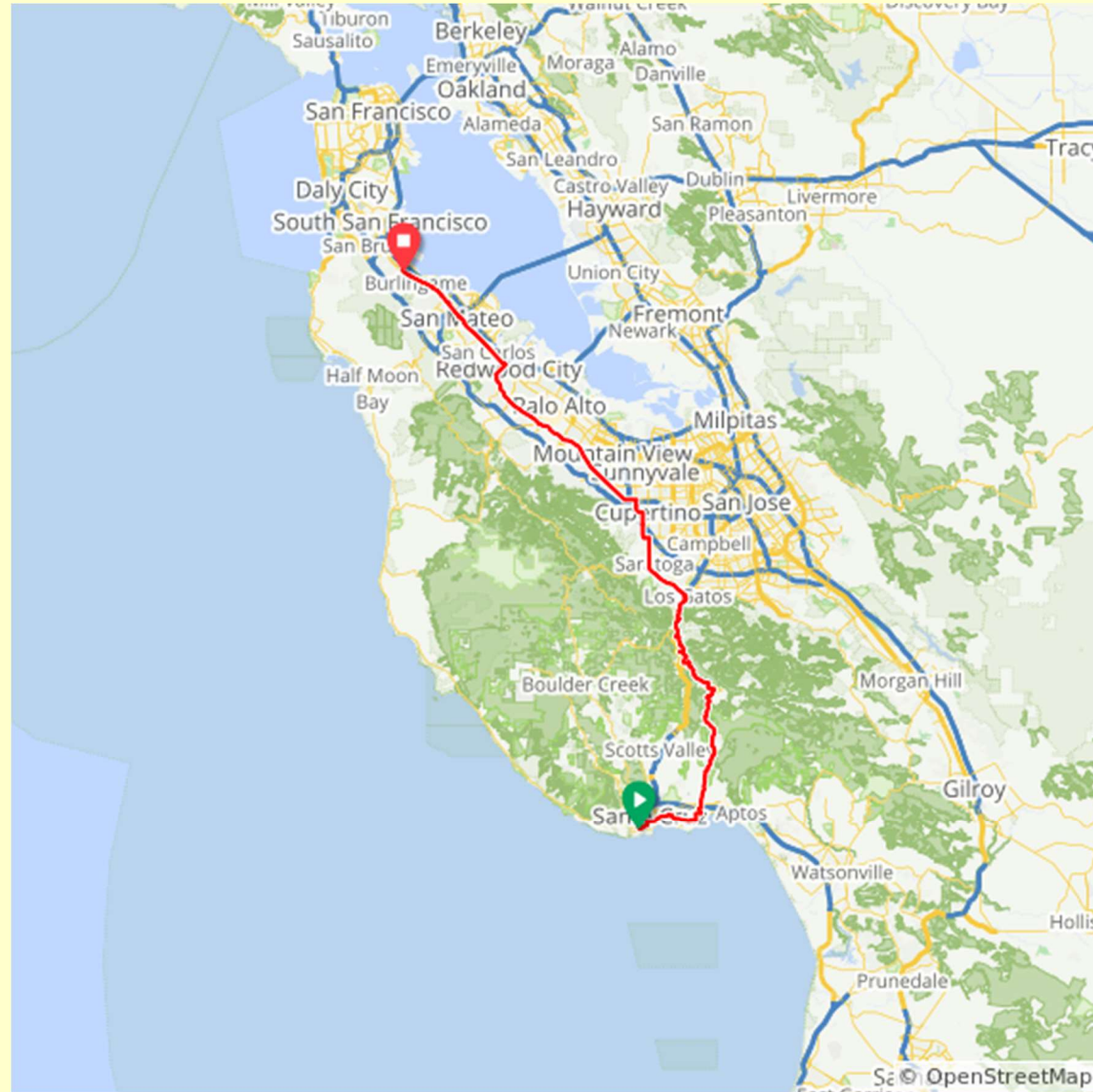
Subject to timing, BART takes 1h 5m from Millbrae to Fruitvale with two transfers at SFO and Balboa Park stations or 57 minutes from Millbrae to Fruitvale with one transfer at Balboa Park station (\$5.85)

No weekend service for South San Francisco ferries

Allows for a different return route and scenery for those who do not need to go to Half Moon Bay

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Long-Term Parking near South San Francisco Ferry Terminal

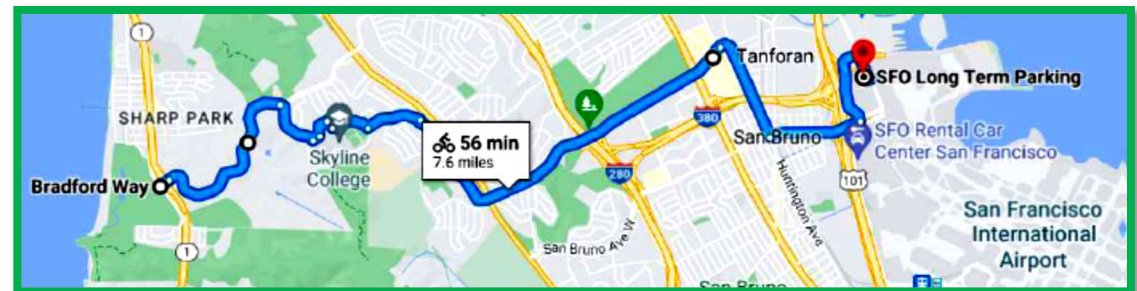
If you prefer to **drive** to the starting point of the longer ride to Half Moon Bay, you may park in the multilevel parking garage at SFO, reserved for long-term parking. You will be obliged to make your own way to the ferry terminal to rendezvous with the members arriving by ferry. The distance is 3.8 miles and meanders along the coast for a full 3 miles on the San Francisco Bay Trail. Verify the arrival time for the ferry, so you arrive on time where the official ride starts. →

Similarly, for the return trip from Santa Cruz, you will eventually depart from the route to return to SFO Long-Term Parking.



On the **coastwise** route via Poplar Beach to Daly City BART, you would turn from Highway 1 at Mile 64.5 towards SFO on Sharp Park Road. It is 7.6 miles to the parking garage. Be certain you know the route in advance! Link:

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/42235286>



← The **inland** return route to Millbrae BART ends very close to the SFO Long-Term Parking, which is a distance of 3.8 miles to the North.

Visit <https://parking.flysfo.com/book/SFO/Parking> and follow the four steps to pre-book your parking for the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Parking Garages. The daily rate is \$25.

Overnight Parking at Poplar Beach, Half Moon Bay [Nominal address is Poplar St and Railroad Ave, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019]



This beachside parking was selected as a meetup point for those arriving by car and other members deciding on arriving on their bikes with the ferry from the Main Street terminal in Alameda. The latter group will take about three (3) hours from boarding in Alameda to arriving at Poplar Beach.

If meetup in Half Moon Bay is to occur at 0900 on May 19th, the ferry group would need to depart Alameda on the 0605 ferry, which is quite early (around sunrise). I would propose a meetup time of 1100, which would correspond to the Alameda ferry departure at 0800:

Carpooling is encouraged!

Ferry Departure **0800** (**meetup at Poplar Beach at 1100**; also last morning ferry for Friday). **Ferry schedules are subject to change**

Poplar Beach is designated as **Day Use**. By prior arrangement, we have obtained six (6) complimentary **overnight parking permits** with the city through Lisa Lopez Rossi, Administrative Services Director, 507-B Purissima St, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, Tel.: (650) 726-8283 or Tel.: (650) 435-8261, www.hmbcity.com, E-Mail LLopez@hmbcity.com. These parking passes will be printed out by Ralph and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Ms. Rossi is willing to meet us at Poplar Beach as well, so I may thank her in person!

Request your parking permit through awayorg@teamalameda.org. Details:

- ❑ No charge will be levied for the two nights, not even the customary \$10 per day flat fee
- ❑ The city has been leaving the gate to the parking lot open 24 hours a day to relieve the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of its duties to open and close the gate daily
- ❑ There will be no reserved parking spots; it will be first-come, first-served
- ❑ These passes are only to be used by those parking their car overnight at Poplar Beach
- ❑ This parking lot is provided with portable toilet facilities
- ❑ This parking lot has a *Dero Fixit* bike repair station at the terminus of Poplar Street
- ❑ Accordingly, our arrival and departure dates are now set and will not change

The only event of note that weekend is the *Coastside Farmers' Market* on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9:00 am—1:00 pm at Shoreline Station, 225 Cabrillo Hwy S.

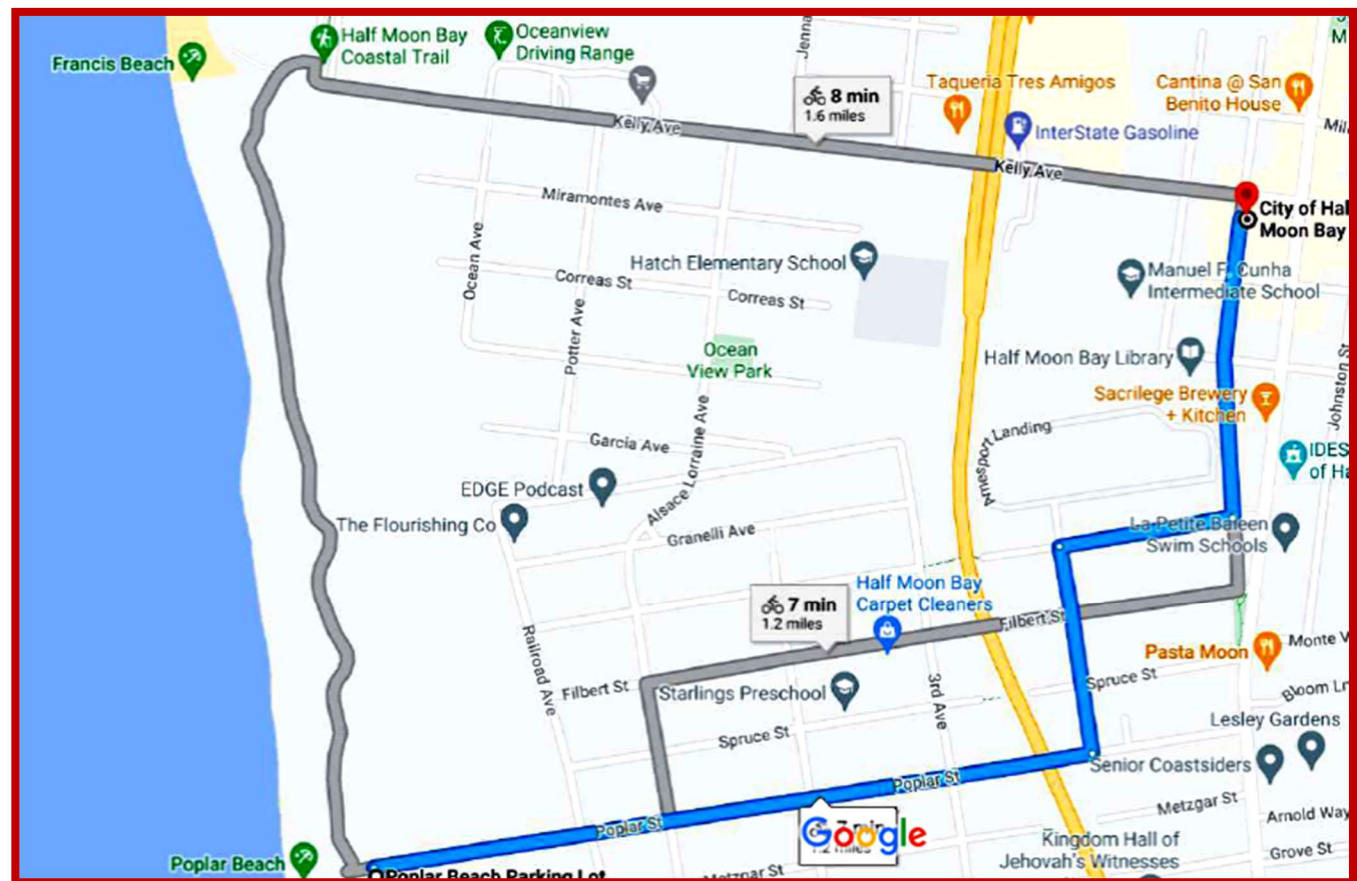
Backup Parking →

If Poplar Beach is full, we will be allowed to park at the City Hall Annex at 507-B Purissima St, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Separate arrangements will be made by Ralph, if this should occur, and must be confirmed.

The annex is only 1.2 miles from Poplar Beach.

The meetup between short- and long distance riders will still occur at Poplar Beach (before proceeding to a possible lunch).



Day 2 in Santa Cruz, 20 May 2023 – Short Route

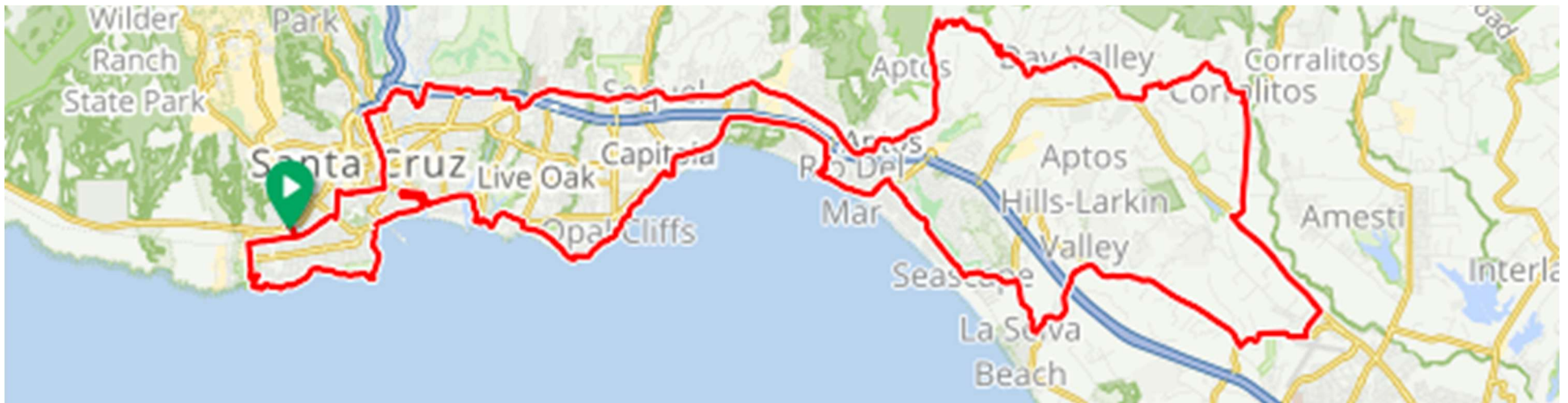
I have devised a 48-mile route, which I believe will work out well, starting and ending at the *Mission Inn & Suites*. It hits all the coastal sights and attractions, while avoiding potential bottlenecks, such as the San Lorenzo River Railroad Bridge.

It then ventures inland into the hillier and scenic section of about 20 miles, with two gradients of maximum 13%. However, overall climbing is restricted to no more than 2,800 feet, something the entire group may enjoy.

Lunch will be at Mile 27.6 at the *Taqueria Los Pericos* or the adjoining *Big J's Pizza* in Corralitos, and may wait for the second group to arrive, if willing to wait an extra 45 minutes. Both eateries are highly recommended. I have taken care to include bike-friendly paved trails where possible.

Average temperatures for Half Moon Bay in May are high of 62°F and low 48°F
For Santa Cruz in May it is 71°F and 48°F

Link: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/42099145>



Day 2 in Santa Cruz, 20 May 2023 – Long Route

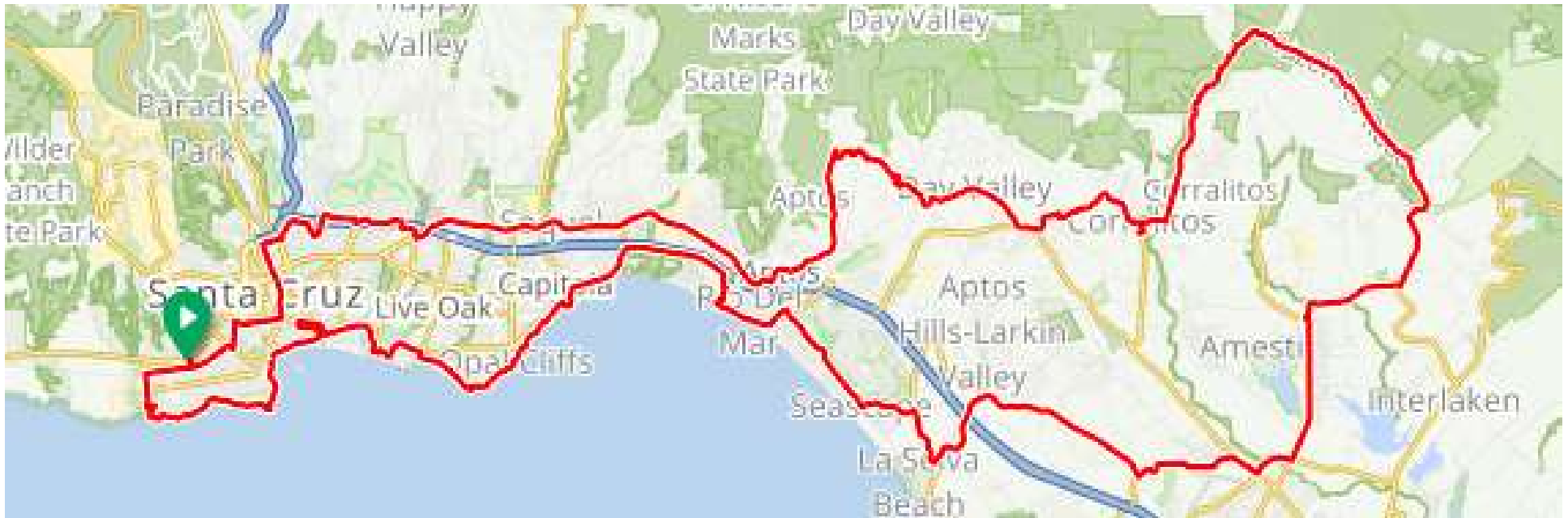
For those wishing for a longer route and a climb, there exists the option for a 58-mile ride with 3,600' elevation gain. The climb up to Byrne-Milliron Forest is 2 miles long with a maximum gradient of 8%.

It deviates from the shorter route at Mile 23.6 and rejoins at Mile 28.1, so both groups, short and long, may start together. Lunch will be at Mile 37.2 at the *Taqueria Los Pericos* or the adjoining *Big J's Pizza* in Corralitos, where both groups may rejoin.

Both eateries are highly recommended on *Yelp*.

This option should satisfy those who prefer a longer day in the saddle and will depend on level of interest.

Link: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/42260760>



Signing Up

Please email at awayorg@teamalameda.org if you have booked a room and how many will be in your party so that we can coordinate. Also, please enter your name, contact details, intended overnight date(s) and any special requests, such as overnight parking permits for Poplar Beach. If you are able to carry some additional bags for those cycling from Alameda, please indicate that as well.

Any rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released one month prior to the date or by 19 April 2023.

Call the *Mission Inn & Suites* at 1 (831) 425-5455 [Rebecca] for reservations and a reduced rate under "Team Alameda". Discounted rate of \$195 for Friday and \$206 for Saturday for room with **one queen bed**, and \$221 for Friday and \$232 for Saturday for room with **two queen beds**.



-- **Away Ride Committee:** Ralph Bruni, Jack Pigott, Laura Merchant, Klaus Schniederger, Mike Castro – 24 March 2023