

# Statewide Motorized Trail System 2 or 3-Day Adventure Bike Tour \*

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**Sept 28-29-30**

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***Start/Finish in Bishop Ca. Each Day***

***Uses only City, County, & State roads, with as Much Dirt as Possible***

***Experienced riders on big Adventure Bikes capable of graded dirt roads***

***Novice riders on Dual Sport bikes or small Adventure Bikes***

Enjoy 2 or 3 days of riding the many miles of fun roads that are Adventure Bike options of the Statewide Motorized Trail System (SMTS). See page two for a history of the SMTS.

Saline Valley Loop goes to Lone Pine for lunch and gas. Then over Cerro Gordo and through Saline Valley back to Big Pine, then back to Bishop.

Crowley Loop goes to Mammoth for Lunch/Gas and back.

Benton-Toms Loop goes through the Volcanic Table Lands to Benton for gas, then past Casa Diablo to Tom's Place for Lunch. After lunch through Round Vly and past the Tungsten hills back to Bishop.

- Adventure Bike friendly, mostly graded roads, some paved roads
  - V-Stroms, 950s, & GSs all welcome, Knobbies recommended
  - Perfect for first timers through intermediate Dual Sport riders
  - Great ride for DRs, KLRs, XRLs and all other 650 bikes
- No rider Limit, Walk-Up entries accepted
- Each rider receives a T-shirt
- Download of Garmin GPS tracks available at Sign-in
- Standard Dual Sport type Roll Charts
- Saline Valley Loop 230 Mi, 125 Mi max on gas
- Benton-Toms Loop 104 Mi
- Shower room available on Sunday, don't ask for late check out
- Thursday & Friday night sign-in 8-11 PM @ Ramada Limited
- Friday & Saturday morning sign-in 7-8 AM also @ Ramada Limited

\* Because of restrictive BLM regulations, an organized Dual Sport ride is not practical. However you can purchase our Dual Sport Roll Charts through the mail and organize your own ride. These charts may obviously be used any time you want. The charts may not be purchased at any organized Adventure Bike tour. See Page 3 for details.

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# Statewide Motorized Trail System or SMTS

## **History of SMTS**

*The Statewide Motorized Trail System (SMTS) was the brainchild of Russ Sanford, founder of MORE (Motorcycle Owners, Riders, and Enthusiasts).*

*In 1974, legislation created the California Recreational Trails System mandating that “the director shall cause to be prepared, and continuously maintained, a comprehensive plan for the development and operation of a statewide system of recreation trails” and “shall prepare a guidebook, including trail maps, describing the system”.*

*In 1980, legislation appropriated \$250,000 for an “OHV Recreation and Trail Study” that funded EDAW, Inc. to prepare a Statewide OHV Trails Plan that contained a Needs Analysis Report, a Trail Inventory Report, an Implementation Workbook, and a Draft Principal Report.*

*EDAW came up with a great plan showing corridors that could contain OHV trails from Mexico to Oregon and from the Pacific to Arizona and Nevada. These trails would be like the Pacific Crest Trail.*

*In 1984, the OHMVR Commission adopted the EDAW Plan, along with a numbering system. The intent was for the BLM and USFS to implement the SMTS by simply marking existing open trails to form a long distance point to point trail network following the general alignment of the EDAW plan.*

## **Friends Of The Trail**

*Everything was in place for government to implement the system. There was a detail plan and there was plenty of Green Sticker money. In order help expedite the implementation of the SMTS by government; several motorcyclists formed a supporting organization called the **Friends Of The Trail** or **FOTT**. The friends held several meetings a year for several years. The meetings included representatives from Angeles and San Bernardino forests, the Desert District and state BLM offices, and State Parks.*

*We were told that the problem was that “Motorized Trail” sounded too harsh and if we would just change the name to the warmer and more friendlier Backcountry Discovery Route all would be wonderful and we would be accepted by all the tree huggers. In desperation, we tried this.*

## **Government Achievements**

*In the 10 years following the spending \$250,000 OHV dollars for the plan, the BLM did not designate one single SMTS route, the USFS only designated three, and the state never prepared a guidebook.*

*So much for government providing opportunities for OHVers. You can read a more complete history of the Statewide Motorized Trail System at [www.SMTS.Info](http://www.SMTS.Info).*

## **New Technology Solution**

*After the total failure of government to implement the SMTS, along came the Internet, GPS, and the popularity of Dual Sport bikes. With these innovations, the Friends realized that “we don’t need no stinking government to mark the SMTS”! We could develop and publish our own system!*

*We would simply ride it with a GPS and post the tracks on the Internet.*

*A General map of the system can be viewed and printed from [www.SMTS.Info](http://www.SMTS.Info) and the latest GPS tracks can be downloaded from [www.GPSXchange.com](http://www.GPSXchange.com).*

## **FOTT Trail Work**

*The Friends started looking for obscure old trails that could be reopened and used to connect more heavily used trails and eliminate paved roads. Members went out with picks, shovels, and rock bars and cleared miles of old trails. Examples of old trails in Inyo forest that were reopened by FOTT are Woodcutter’s trail and Black Canyon. The work on these trails took several years, with a progress of only 0.1 mile per man per day. The really good news is that Inyo forest recognized all of these trails in their new Travel Management Plan and they are all on their new OHV map. Another trail that was opened by FOTT was the Slate Range trail.*

# 2012 SMTS Entry Form DualSportWest.com

COUNTDOWN USE ONLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Bike \_\_\_\_\_

In emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_  at event, or  by phone at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- I will be riding alone and will be responsible for my own safety.  
 I will be riding with the riders listed below and we will be responsible for each others' safety.

I understand that this self guided tour uses only state and county highways. I understand that my vehicle must be street-licensed, meet all vehicle code requirements, and comply with state liability requirements.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL (If none circled, you get XL)

Check the appropriate box:

- Mail 2-day\* entry if postmarked before 9/9 \$80 No refunds after 9/9  
 Mail 3-day entry if postmarked before 9/9 \$95 No refunds after 9/9  
 Late Fee if postmarked after 9/9 or Walk up Add \$10 to above

\* You MUST enter for 3-Days if you want to sign-in Thursday night or Friday morning to cover additional insurance cost.

Check the two or three loops you want to ride.

- Saline Valley Loop  
 Crowley Loop  
 Benton-Toms Loop

SEND:  Entry Form,  Check payable to Countdown, &  Business size self addressed stamped confirmation envelope

To: COUNTDOWN, 3785 Meadow Wood Rd. Carson City, NV 89703

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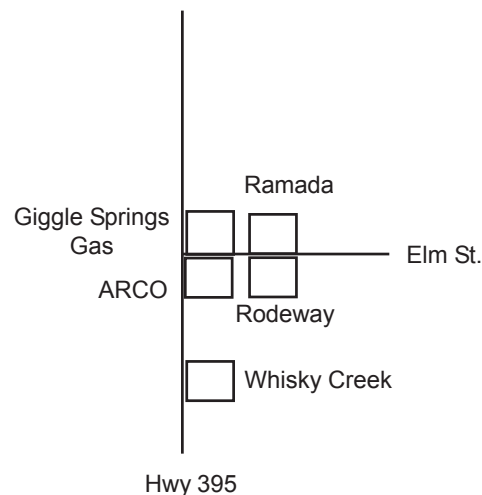
**E-Mail Notice: In order to be notified of any last minute changes to this ride, you must go to <http://www.dualsportwest.com/> click "Join our E-Mail List" and fill in the blanks.**

**You will also receive any schedule additions or changes, reminders of deadlines for entry fee discounts, reminders of deadlines for group rates at motels, and ride reports after rides.**

BISHOP MOTELS Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9/27-28-29:

Ramada Limited (760) 872-1771

Rodeway Inn (760) 873-3564



# SMTS Dual Sport

## Self Guiding Roll Charts

*Start/Finish @ from Bishop Ca. Both Days*

*Using as much Single Track and Jeep Roads as possible*

*For quiet, street-legal Dual Sport Motorcycles*

Because of restrictive BLM regulations, an organized Dual Sport ride is not practical. However, you can purchase our self guiding Dual Sport Roll Charts through the mail and organize you own Dual Sport ride. You may obviously use these charts any time you want. For safety reasons, you should never ride alone.

- Ordered, Sold, and Delivered ONLY through the mail
- Return Envelope, Pre-Stamped for 4 oz. Required
- Absolutely not available at any scheduled Adventure Bike Tour
- Available in Mid September

***Pick two or three of the four all day loops that you want to ride;***

**Coyote/Crooked Creek loop, 145 Mi, 105 Mi on gas.** It goes up to Coyote flats at 10,500 ft, then down, down, down to Big Pine at 4,000 ft in only 7 Mi. After lunch and gas in Big Pine (45 Mi out), it goes out to Eureka Vly on the edge of Death Valley then over to Deep Springs Vly and back up to 10,500 ft over the White Mts and back down to Bishop (105 Mi). You can ride either half alone by taking a 17 Mi dirt route between Bishop and Big Pine. It is all road with some very difficult ones but spectacular views.

**SMTS Short loop, 90 Mi, 75 on gas.** It goes 17 Mi down the Owens Vly to Big Pine for gas. Then 20 Mi of trail and Jeep Rd up into the Inyo Mts to connect with the SMTS, then 50 Mi of the best single track parts of the SMTS. Lunch is on the trail at the "picnic table".

**SMTS Long loop, 150 Mi, 95 on gas.** It goes 57 Mi down the Owens Vly to Independence for gas. Then 90 Mi back to Bishop on the SMTS much of which is single track trail. Lunch is on the trail at the "picnic table".

**Casa Diablo loop, 140 Mi, 75 on gas.** It goes through the Volcanic Table Lands, then up to Casa Diablo and down to Crowley Lake, over the dam to Tom's Place for Lunch. After lunch it goes down Sand Cyn with an optional 25 Mi side trip to the spectacular view from Wheeler Ridge. Then over the Tungsten hills to Bishop. **Optional 100 Mi Loop to start home early Sunday.**

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### 2012 SMTS Dual Sport Roll Chart Order Form

Check the appropriate box:

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|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early order 1 chart, if postmarked before 9/9  | \$5 For 1 Chart   | No refunds         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early order 2 charts, if postmarked before 9/9 | \$10 For 2 Charts | No refunds         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early order 3 charts, if postmarked before 9/9 | \$15 For 3 Charts | No refunds         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee, if postmarked after 9/9              | Add \$10 to above | If still Available |

Check the two loops loops you want to order.

- Coyote/Crooked Creek Loop
- SMTS Short Loop
- SMTS Long Loop
- Casa Diablo Loop

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that I must obey all federal OHV regulations and have a spark arrestor. I understand that this self-guided tour will use highways and that my vehicle must be street-licensed, meet all vehicle code requirements, and comply with state liability requirements. I understand that I am only purchasing Roll Charts and that no goods or services will be provided on public lands and that no event or group activities will be conducted for me on public lands.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND:  Order Form,  Check for \$10 payable to Countdown, &  Business size self addressed stamped (2 oz) shipping envelope

To: COUNTDOWN, 3785 Meadow Wood Rd. Carson City, NV 89703