

# DEATH VALLEY 350

## 2-Day Dual Sport Trail Ride



Presented  
by **COUNT  
DOWN**



**Mar 16 – 17**

### RIIDGECREST TO BEATTY AND BACK

**Saturday** – Ride to Trona for gas then you can ride the Horse Race Single Track down from Manly Pass, up Goler Wash, past Manson's cabin, over Mengel Pass to Butte Vly to 3 more cabins. Then past Stripped Butte, down thru Warm Springs Canyon to Death Vly, and up West Side road to gas & lunch at Furnace Creek. Then you can ride up Echo Canyon, a side trip to the Inyo mine, around big Dunes, past Secret Spring, over Spice Pass and down to Beatty.

**Sunday** – Fast way back to Ridgecrest or take several side trips. Ride through Rhyolite, then either down Titus or thru Chloride Cliff to Stove Pipe or you can cut back and do both. Then over Emigrant pass, optional side trip to Skidoo, then down Wildrose thru Ballarat to Trona for gas, and back to Ridgecrest.

- No single riders. You must enter, ride with, & be responsible for at least 1 Buddy
- No 1<sup>st</sup> time Countdown Riders. Ride at least 2 Day-Loop rides first.
  - Legacy riders of this ride can sponsor (be responsible for) a New Rider Guest
- No GEAR BAGS
  - Small Carry-On Size Overnight Bag Transported to each Overnight
- No rider Limit, Walk-Up entries welcome, Cash or Check, no CCs
- Advanced rider, Dual Sport bike Route only, not suitable for Adv Bikes >500cc
- Each rider receives a T-shirt
- Download gpx tracks to GPS or micro SD card, ONLY at Sign-In
- Saturday 190 Mi, 100 Mi Max on gas
- Saturday 155 Mi, 85 Mi Max on gas
- Rain or Snow, It's a Go
- Friday sign-in 7-10 PM @ Quality Inn Lobby
- Saturday sign-in 7-7:30 AM also @ Quality Inn Lobby

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Print this 3-page Flyer at [DualSportWest.com](http://DualSportWest.com)

# Basic Getting Started

Beginners and all 1<sup>st</sup> time Dual Sport event riders need to verify their bike setup and preparation, learn or confirm their GPS Navigation ability, and determine their level of riding skills and physical stamina. This must be done before committing to any of the longer more serious 2-Day rides. It is not smart or safe to get in over your head. These riders should begin with 1-Day Loop rides such as the Ride-for-Kids or the D37 Lost Coyotes. These rides also offer a much better chance to meet other riders with similar riding skills and experience.

## Experienced Rider Getting Started

First time Dual Sport event riders who consider themselves solid Intermediate riders who have actual experience riding at least 25 miles without a break and 75 miles in a day, should try the January Hi Desert 250 Short loops. Before tackling one of the serious 2-Day 250 mile rides, you need to make sure your technical riding skills and more so that your physical stamina is up to the demands of these long rides.

## Bike Size vs. Skill vs. Route

Most Countdown rides offer either a standard **Dual Sport route** or an **Adv bike route**. The Dual Sport route is intended for very experienced Intermediates minimum on <600cc bikes. The Adv bike route is suitable for Lower Intermediates on smaller DS bikes, Intermediates on <600cc, Advanced riders on <850cc bikes, and Experts on Twins.

## Countdown Day-Loop Rides

All of the Countdown Day Loop rides (rides that come back to the start each day) are intended for very experienced Intermediate riders. They usually do not get far from paved roads so if you get in over your head, it is possible to bail to a paved road and get back to the start. The DS Route is not for 1<sup>st</sup> time Dual Sport event riders, we get many 1<sup>st</sup> time riders that quit after the first day. 1<sup>st</sup> timer riders should start with the Adv bike Route then move up to the DS Loop.

## Countdown Point-to-Point Rides

Point-to-Point rides have a very high level of risk. If you are unable to make it to the overnight, you have a problem with your overnight bag. The days are VERY long, most of the route is far from paved roads, cell service is marginal, and any rescue is very difficult. On many long sections, there is no bail-out, you must finish the section. There are no "Sweep" riders, you and your buddy are totally on your own!

**For these reasons:**

**All riders must enter with, ride with, & be responsible for at least 1 Buddy. No single riders! You must be able to be towed by or tow your buddy for many miles.**

**To enter, you must have ridden at least 2 Countdown or other 2-Day Dual Sport rides, or have been an experienced Enduro, Desert, or MX Racer.**

**Legacy Countdown Point-to-Point riders can "Sponsor" a 1<sup>st</sup> time event rider but they must certify the riders capability and be totally responsible for that rider.**

# 2024 Death Valley 350 Entry

**COUNTDOWN USE ONLY**

Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Bike \_\_\_\_\_

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

AMA Member:  Yes # \_\_\_\_\_ or  No E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that I must obey all federal OHV regulations and have a spark arrestor. I understand that this tour uses highways and that my vehicle must be street-licensed, meet all vehicle code requirements, and comply with state liability requirements.*

*I certify that I have:*  Ridden at least 2 Countdown or D37 Dual Sport rides, or  I am a Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

*I will be riding with the riders listed below and we will be responsible for each others' safety.*

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

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

Check the appropriate boxes:

- Mail in entry. \$130 No refunds after 2/25
- Early discount, if postmarked before 1/14 Deduct \$10
- Late Fee if postmarked after 2/25 or Walk-Up Add \$20

SEND:  Entry Form,  Check payable to Countdown, &  Business size (#10) self addressed stamped confirmation envelope

To: COUNTDOWN, 423 La Mancha, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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**Join our E-Mail List: Go to <http://www.dualsportwest.com/> click "Join our E-Mail List" and fill in the blanks. You will receive:**

- Last minute changes to this ride**
- Notice of New flyers are posted on DualSportWest.com**
- Notice of deadlines for entry fee discounts**
- Reminders of deadlines for group rates at motels**
- Notice of any additions or schedule changes**

**MOTELS:**

**Ridgecrest (Friday):**

- Quality Inn\* (760) 375-9731 \$89+, Includes Full Breakfast  
Mention "Dual Sport" Rooms are held until Feb 18
- Super 8 (760) 375-2220
- Oyo Europa (760) 375-3575
- Travel Lodge (760) 384-6205

**Beatty (Saturday):**

- 1 Stagecoach\* (800) 4 BIG WIN 424-4946  
Mention "Dual Sport" before Jan 14 to get group rate
- 2 Motel 6 (775) 553-9090 (next door to Stagecoach)
- 3 Exchange Club (775) 553-2333
- 4 Death Valley Inn (775) 553-9400
- 5 El Portal (775) 553-2912
- 6 Phoenix (775) 553-2250

\*Luggage Truck location

