



LOS ANGELES WHEELMEN SCHEDULE

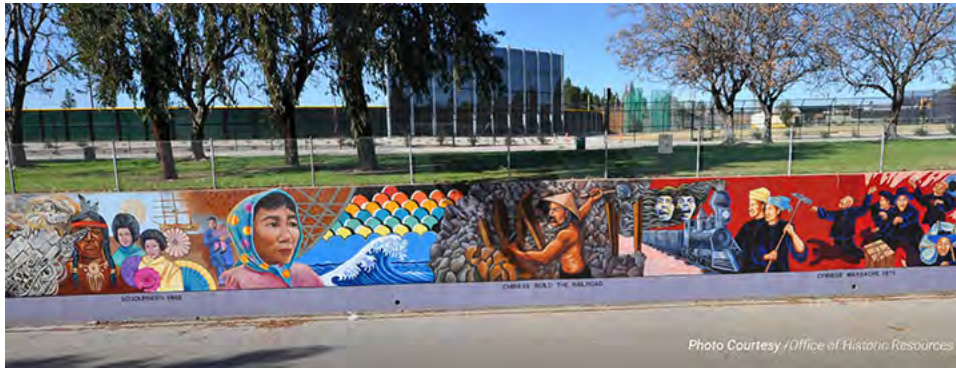


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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Each week the routes offered will be available on the Web. Go to www.LAWheelmen.org and click on "Upcoming Rides." Download the routes and bring them with you to the ride.

NOTE: Recent CDC pronouncements indicate that cycling is safe without a mask for **VACCINATED people. Most club members have already been vaccinated. We urge all potential riders to become vaccinated before riding with us.**

Sunday, June 2 - 8:30 a.m. IVAN'S RIDE (Long 38 mi & 2500 ft, Medium 35 mi & 1900 ft, Short 34 mi & 1500 ft) We have two different sets of routes which ride past the "Great Wall of Los Angeles" and this is one of them. For those not familiar with our Great Wall, don't confuse it with the Great Wall of China. China's wall is 13,171 miles long and the Great Wall of LA is about a half mile long, so it's a little shorter. It took about 2000 years to build the Great Wall of China but only about 10 years to complete our wall, so not quite as much time. Finally the Great Wall of China actually is a wall while ours is a mural painted on a wall (see photo below). Clearly, China's is a much more impressive thing to see, but I'm guessing few of us are planning a trip to China any time soon, so the Great Wall of Los Angeles is what we've got – let's go see it. All routes ride past the wall which is out in North Hollywood, so we are all going to the Valley today. All routes head to the Valley by going up Sepulveda although the long adds a little extra climbing at the top by heading west on Mulholland for the death defying plunge down Encino Hills Dr. After a few more hills, the long rejoins the medium and short routes which simply took Sepulveda down into the Valley. All routes come together to view the mural and proceed to lunch. After lunch, the short makes a relatively easy return over Cahuenga while the long and medium return up Mulholland. Due to a closure on Mulholland Dr (that I had hoped would be fixed by now) I have made a change to the return of the long and medium routes. We will now be going down Nichols Canyon. Although we have a route which goes up Nichols, we don't have any that go down, so this will be something new. After coming down Nichols, both routes then make their way west back to the start. I know most of you have probably seen the history mural before, but I always notice something new each time I ride past it, so let's take another look today. **START: THE "CORNER", Olympic Blvd, 1 block west of La Cienega in Beverly Hills.** From the Santa Monica Frwy (10), off & north La Cienega 1½ miles, L - Olympic 1 block to R- Le Doux.



A portion of the mural on the Great Wall of Los Angeles

Thursday, June 6 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE Meet on the bridge at end of the Ballona Creek Trail in Marina Del Rey. Riders usually go south to Palos Verdes on the bike path and then do some riding on the Peninsula. There are optional climbs including the 3 "dips" which give the ride its name. The group usually stops for a break at the Golden Cove shopping area. Occasionally the group will decide to vary the route and explore specific sites elsewhere in the city. A typical day is 40 - 50 miles but often individual riders either cut the day short or add extra miles as desired. Contact **Nancy Domjanovich** nancydomx@icloud.com for details.

Sunday, June 9 -- 8:30 a.m. LA TUNA MELT (Long 523 mi & 2900 ft; Medium 40 mi & 2200 ft; Short 32 mi & 1400 ft.) Today both the long and medium routes ride up Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena, so here is a little history about that. Christmas Tree Lane consists of about 150 cedar trees along a 0.7 mile stretch near the top of Santa Rosa Avenue in Altadena. They were planted from seeds brought back from Italy in 1883. They have been lighted for the Christmas season since 1920 (with a few years off for World War II). In 1990 it was included in the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and was also designated a California Historical Landmark. Now that you know a little about it, let's talk about how we get there. Starting from the Zoo, the long heads out Glendoaks Blvd to make the climb up La Tuna Canyon (for which the ride is named) to Montrose. We will then continue to the Rose Bowl area

to meet the medium riders who rode up the slightly easier Chevy Chase. The two routes stay together the rest of the day. Together, they then make a loop up to the top of Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena. Of course there won't be any lights this time of year, but the trees, which are now 140 years old, are still impressive. We then ride down into San Marino and then on to Pasadena for lunch. The return is a fairly direct route back down through Eagle Rock and Glendale to the start. The short takes a slightly easier and shorter route up to the Rose Bowl. It skips the trip to Christmas Tree Lane and goes right to the common lunch spot of the long and medium. It then returns with them to the start. Christmas Tree Lane is steep, but not very long. If you can make it, you can add another California Historical Landmark to your list of places you have seen. **START: Los Angeles Zoo parking lot at the NORTH end (near Camel sign)** From Ventura (134) Frwy or Golden State Frwy (5), exit near Griffith Park at any exit marked by signs to the Zoo or to the Autry Museum. Follow signs into the park and to the Zoo lot. We will be meeting in the Northeast Corner of the lot near the camel sign. Other groups often meet here, so make sure you are with the Wheelmen.



Christmas Tree Lane at night during the holidays. We won't be seeing it this way today

Thursday, June 13 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE See June 6th for details.

Thursday, June 13 – 7:00 p.m. MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING. Tonight is our bi-monthly meeting. **NOTE THE DATE** Normally we hold these meetings on the third Thursday of the month, but this month that would be only a couple of days before the Grand Tour, so we are holding it a week earlier. This will allow president **Kermit Ganier** to attend and will give him time to bring up any last minute problems which may have arisen. Our host this month is **Lewis Singer** who has hosted before – recently in fact – but I like it when he hosts because I can walk to the meeting. No doubt the Grand Tour will be a topic of discussion, but there are usually other items to bring up. I hope to see you there. **LOCATION: 10924 Braddock Dr., Culver City 90230.** This is on Braddock about halfway between Overland Ave and Sepulveda near the high school.

Sunday, June 16 – LAGUNA CANYON CENTURY

(Century 96 mi & 2200 ft, metric century 63 mi & 800 ft) This is our century and metric century of the month for June. It's Father's Day today, but for those of us like me with a more literary turn of mind, it is also Bloomsday. June 16th is the day on which the James Joyce novel "Ulysses" is set and Bloomsday is named for Leopold Bloom, the protagonist of the novel, who spends the day traveling around Dublin. If you are celebrating Father's Day, you deserve to get out and ride with us. It seems like on Mother's day the day is spent pampering the mothers in our lives, but on Father's Day, the dads of the world are just allowed to get and do what they want and if that is riding a bike – so be it. And if you are celebrating Bloomsday, you can treat today's ride as an odyssey around Southern California from Torrance to Laguna and back similar to Leopold Bloom's trip around Dublin. Not as eventful perhaps, but then what is. As centuries go, today's routes are very easy. The only significant climb is the trip up Laguna Canyon (which is only on the full century) and it is one of the easiest canyon climbs I know of. It only gains about 400 feet over 5.5 miles. That's a grade of about 1.4%. The metric century doesn't even do the canyon, so it is even easier. These are just pleasant rides down the coast and back. The route is fairly straight forward. From Torrance, we head down the coast (picking up PCH in Seal Beach) all the way to Laguna. Then it's up Laguna Canyon and we make our way back north using a more inland route until we reach Huntington Beach. Then we pretty much retrace our steps back to the start. The metric will start with the full century and stay with that route until Huntington Beach. It will then cut inland to pick up the return route of the full century. Recently I have been adding a half century route to our century days, but I felt these routes were easy enough that this was not needed. So come on out and enjoy the day – Father's Day or Bloomsday. **START: PARADISE PARK in TORRANCE.** From San Diego Frwy (405), off & South on Hawthorne 3.5 miles. R - Torrance Blvd 0.5 mile, L - Anza one block, R - Lee to Park. We usually park on the West side of the park (on Ellenwood) by the school.



Laguna Canyon Century Ride Start in 2022

Thursday, June 20 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE See June 6th for details.

Saturday, June 22 -- GRAND TOUR This is the club's big event of the year – a double century or more. Registration is required. Full information is available on the club's web site: www.LAWheelmen.org.

Sunday, June 23 – 8:30 a.m. BRENTWOOD FLYER (Long 51 mi & 3600 ft., Medium 30 hilly mi & 2200 ft, Short 29 mi & 1200 ft) Yesterday was the Grand Tour and traditionally we always scheduled an easy ride from the "Corner" on this day so that club members who had ridden the Grand Tour could have a nice recovery ride and those who had staffed the Grand Tour could get out for an easy ride because staffing the Grand Tour can be almost a tiring as riding it. Very few of our members actually ride the Grand Tour any longer and fewer and fewer of them even staff it. But I thought I would stick with tradition anyway, but would offer a ride with moderately challenging long and medium routes for those who neither rode nor staffed the Grand Tour. The long and medium riders will first take in a few hills in the Beverly Hills area. The long route will then split off and take riders out to the Valley and back without ever actually getting to Brentwood The long rides up Sepulveda, along Mulholland Drive before dropping into the Valley for lunch. Lunch used to be at historic Pecos Bills, but it closed in 2022 after the death of its longtime owner. So lunch has been moved to (what else) the Habit. The return is over Beverly Glen. The medium doesn't go to the Valley but continues on to Brentwood for a nice, but somewhat hilly, tour of West LA. The short (which is about the same length as the medium) heads west to Brentwood and Santa Monica as well, but by an easier route. Maybe someone who actually rode the Grand Tour or staffed it will show up and regale us with stories of the day – but don't bet on it. **START: The "CORNER"**, Olympic Blvd, 1 block west of La Cienega in Beverly Hills. From the Santa Monica Frwy (10), off & north La Cienega 1½ miles, L - Olympic 1 block to R- Le Doux.



**Pecos Bill's on the Brentwood Flyer –
Alas, it is no more**

Thursday, June 27 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE See June 6th for details.

Sunday, June 30 -- 8:30 a.m. SOUP TO KNOTTS (Long 71 mi & 4300 ft, Medium 59 mi & 2600 ft., Short 31 mi & 600 ft) These are nice routes and I'm not giving up on them, but the problem continues to be lunch. With the demise of the Yorba Linda Knollwood, we really haven't found a convenient alternative that fits with this route. Last time we just went to McDonalds, They had been pushing their new chicken sandwich and I thought maybe it was worth a try. It wasn't. It looked like it was made somewhere else and simply microwaved to heat it up before serving it. You don't go to a burger place for chicken. However, on the May 26th ride **Chris Hedberg** and I noticed a Raising Cane's restaurant and discussed the fact that neither of us had been to one and wondered what it was like. It turns out there is a Raising Cane's on today's route, not far from where we formerly had lunch. So, let's try it out. The routes remain the same. You might think from the title that we will be riding to Knott's Berry Farm, but actually we start within sight of the park. Both long and medium routes head to Yorba Linda for lunch at Raising Cane's (which specializes in chicken fingers by the way). The long takes 10 extra miles getting there, including a trip over Turnbull Canyon and a climb over Fullerton Road, while the medium goes pretty much directly there. Both routes return together with some additional climbing in the Anaheim Hills. While this is going on, the short riders are touring northern Orange County on their own. When we return to the start you can usually see people riding one of the roller coasters at Knott's while you load your bike. Let's hope Raising Cane's turns out to be good because there just isn't much else in the area. **START: WILLIAM PEAK PARK in BUENA PARK.** From Artesia Frwy (91), off & South Knott Ave ½ mi, L - El Dorado Dr. to Park.



Today our ride starts within sight of these other rides