

New Event: Junior 3/4/5 38 mile race

PINE FLAT ROAD RACE

2026

Yes, it's back again, and your participation and that of your club this year will help it happen again next year...

Presented by Velo Promo LLC and the Golden Chain Cyclists

Held Under USAC rules, insurance & permit

Date: Sunday February 15, 2026

Location: Pine Flat Reservoir, Fresno County CA

Registration: Opens at 6:00 a.m. at Island Park Marina, and closes at 8:00 for all (note some races start before 8). 32299 East Trimmer Springs Rd, Sanger, CA 93657

Safety Notes: This is an open road course; there is other traffic on the roadway; always be aware of it and be prepared to slow and/or maneuver; and warn riders behind you of hazards. Part of this course is two way (out and back) watch out for traffic trying to pass riders going the other way. Stay away from the Centerline! Final climb is one lane, with occasional vehicles.

Directions: From Hwy 99 in Fresno, Take 180 E to Fowler Blvd, turn right (south) and then left (east) onto Belmont Ave . Follow Belmont East, (joining the race course route at Riverbend), eventually Belmont becomes Trimmer Springs Road all the way to Island Park Marina In the hills, 2 miles after a long climb, look for the Island Park driveway to the right, downhill.) This is approximately 34 miles from Hwy 99 . (If you get onto Eastbound Kings Canyon Road, follow it east to Piedra Road, then left - northeast - to Piedra's end at Trimmer Springs Rd, then turn right to follow above instructions) .

Course: 62 mile near-loop with a start out & back section in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Mountainous, some 2800 feet vertical (2 main climbs both near the end, last is finish hill, one fast twisty descent near the middle of the race, one more NARROW and TWISTY descent between the two climbs). Same as in 1994-2025. Road surface ranges from good to fair, some narrow, some traffic; many cattleguards. Roads: Trimmer Springs out-and-back; Belmont, Riverbend, Ashlan, Watts Valley, Maxon to finish at summit]. See map on webpage, and below. Yes, this is a hard course for early in the year, but we can't hold it later in the year due to major increases in boat traffic on the roads and summer heat and potential fire smoke hazards.

Events:	miles	kms	laps	places	value	fee	start	limit
Cat 1/2/Pro	62	100	1	6	\$100	\$50	7:30 am	60
Category 3	62	100	1	6	\$50	\$50	7:35	60
Category 4	62	100	1	6	\$50	\$50	7:40	50
Novice Open	62	100	1	6	---	\$50	7:45	50
Junior 1/2/3	62	100	1	6	\$50	\$35	7:50	50
Wm 1/2/3/4/Pro	62	100	1	6	\$100	\$50	7:55	50
Mstr 35+ 1/2/3	62	100	1	6	\$50	\$50	8:05	50
Mstr 35+ 3&4	62	100	1	6	\$50	\$50	8:10	50
Mstr 40+ Novice	62	100	1	6	---	\$50	8:15	50
Wm 3/4/Novice	.62	100	1	6	\$50	\$50	8:20	50
Women 40+	62	100	1	3	\$50	\$50	8:25	50
*Junior 3/4/5	38	61	2/3	3	\$25	\$35	8:30	50
Mstr 50+ 1/2/3	62	100	1	3	\$25	\$50	8:30	50
Master 50+ 3&4	62	100	1	3	\$25	\$50	8:35	50
Mstr 60+1/2/3/4	62	100	1	3	\$25	\$50	8:40	50
Master 65+**	62	100	1	3	\$25	\$50	8:45	50

**Master 65+ may start with 60+, but will be picked separately

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Prizes: Merchandise, cash (\$200 minimum), awards

How to Enter:

---via **On-line** at www.BikeReg.com/pine-flat-road-race , from now to Feb 8, 2026 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Feb 9-12 the fee on-line is \$12 additional. No on-line entry after midnight PST Thursday Feb 12. You may need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk.

---**By Mail:** You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if Postmarked by Friday Feb 6) to Velo Promo/Pine Flat, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$12. Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form. Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race.

---**At Race:** You may enter at the race, for an additional \$12, but online is encouraged..

2026 USAC license required (available online at USACycling.org) **ALWAYS DOWNLOAD YOUR LICENSE** onto your phone to show at reg; there is poor internet connection at the race site). One day licenses are available only for Novice categories. Entry fees include \$3.00 NCNCA and \$5.99 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided. USAC one-day licenses are now \$15.

Credits: Credit for another VP race will be given if you follow the procedure below by 5 pm Wednesday 2/12 that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions (transferring to another rider) for cancellations. Procedure: Go to "Edit My Entry" link on the BikeReg.com registration page, in your confirmation email, or in your BikeReg account to access this credit system.

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions (Criterium entry for Criterium Champions, etc) will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$9 per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above (otherwise

they pay full fee, including late fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$9, and Juniors may ride up). District jersey is not required.

Rules: Follow vehicles only as permitted and organized through the Chief Referee. Volunteers are needed; a free entry for a future race is available for those that bring a follow vehicle to help (Need to check in with USAC for an MVR and us 1 week ahead to get USAC's insurance in line). This is an open road course; there is other traffic on the roadway; always be aware of it and be prepared to slow and/or maneuver; warn riders behind you of hazards. Part of this course is two way (out and back) watch out for traffic trying to pass riders going the other way. Stay away from the Centerline! There can also be loose cattle on the course in several places.

Note: Parking not allowed in the finish area, see map at registration for closest site (finish is 7 miles from start). -we've had too many complaints from residents. Check map at registration for parking areas available, probably across from the Ranger station on Maxon Rd, about 1/3 mile from the finish.

Your Help Is Appreciated: We can use neutral follow vehicles and more course marshals to make this race happen (and of course we can always use cash and or prize sponsorships – Sign up to help out by e-mailing velopro1@gmail.com . In 2017 we could not afford to do this race; (and it was snowed out in 2019, and cancelled by Covid in 2021) please help it happen more than one more time by helping this year. There is a Fundraising tab on the BikeReg site if you'd like to help defray costs of the race. To volunteer, contact us at velopro1@gmail.com

Further Information: Available at (209) 604-1354 or www.velopromo.com or velopro1@gmail.com . Cantua Creek RR Feb 14, Copper Valley Circuit Race February 22, Snelling RR Feb 28, Merced Criterium March 1.