



25th Annual Mining Country Challenge - 66 Mile Options Saturday, March 18, 2017

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Saddle up Pard'ner, it's time to hit the trail! And some trail it is!

We're not talking about some easy little jaunt into the desert on some mule with no name (apologies to America) with a pick and shovel slung over your shoulder, no, Sir-ee! However, when you see what you'll be climbing, you may want to reconsider that mule! Or maybe get a mountain goat!

Climb, climb, then climb some more. That's the Mining Country Challenge. It's not for everyone, but if you aspire to put your climbing abilities to the test, this really is the ride for you.

WHEN:

- Saturday, March 18, 2017
- Registration/Check-in: 8:30 AM to 9 AM
- The Metric Century starts at 9:00 AM – No mass start

WHERE:

- Ride starts in Superior, Arizona
- Registration/Check-in and the Start will take place near the intersection of Main Street and Magma Ave. Look for the signs and the registration table.
- **Parking** is available on Main Street as well as at the east end of the courthouse. Or park along a side street.

- The ride finishes at the same location.

ABOUT THE RIDE:

The **metric century** route (actual distance 66 miles) starts in Old Town Superior in the heart of Arizona's mining country. From Superior, you'll go east, passing the Ray Mine, going 31 miles and stopping in Winkelman where there will be a sandwich lunch served. From there the route returns on the same path, again passing the Ray Road Mine. The route culminates in a climb called "The End of the World", a 1.5-mile climb that averages 11%. After you make it up that hill, you will think it is the end of the world! From the top, it is downhill into Superior, where you can celebrate the Apache Leap Mining Festival.

REGISTRATION FEES:

- Online Registration: \$35.00 for PMBC, ABC, GABA or Bullshiffters members
- Online Registration: \$45.00 for non-members
- Late (after 3/04/2017) and Day-of-Event registration fee is \$10 more

REGISTRATION:

- Registration will also be available at the start location on the day of the ride.
- No Mail-in registration is available.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A sandwich lunch will be served in Winkelman for all riders
- For more information, contact [Mining Country Challenge](#).

NOTE: This year's route is again changed due to road construction going on over the next several months. Only the Metric Century is supported this year, from Superior to Winkelman. If you'd like to get in extra miles, you can continue north out of Winkelman on AZ-77 and go as far as you like (or until you run into road construction) and return to Superior via the same route.