



**26th Annual Mining Country Challenge - 66 and 96 Mile Options
Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Sponsored by Phoenix Metro Bicycle Club

This year, we bring back the century option with some stretches of new pavement!

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 17, 2018
- Registration/Check-in: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
- The Full Century starts at 8 AM; the Metric Century starts at 8:30 AM – No mass start

WHERE:

- Ride starts AND ends in Superior, Arizona
- Registration, Check-in, and ride start is near Main St. & Magma Ave.
 - Look for the signs and registration table.
- **Parking** is available on Main Street and at the east end of the courthouse. Or park along a side street.

ABOUT THE RIDE:

The Century Ride

- The ride starts in Old Town Superior in the heart of Arizona's mining country in the beautiful Tonto National Forest.
- From Superior, you'll go through the Queen Creek tunnel on US 60 (**bring your blinking red tail light**) and head on toward Miami on the climb nicknamed, "Top of the Hill." The road has a narrow shoulder or no shoulder in some spots and it is a two-lane road – **please ride single file.**
- The route passes the Inspiration Mine near Globe and then leads southeast out of Globe. Then you tackle a long, 8% grade into the Pinal Mountains to the top of "El Capitan." This is a great place for a rest stop.
- The downhill into Winkelman is your reward...and the lunch stop after you turn the corner toward Superior (or the Circle K if you prefer).
- Out of Winkelman, you'll head north toward Kearny, passing the Ray Mine.
- The climb culminates in a "hill" 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.

The Metric Century (66 miles)

- The ride starts in Old Town Superior in the heart of Arizona's mining country in the beautiful Tonto National Forest.
- 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 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

After Your Ride

Following your ride, plan to spend some time in downtown Superior where you can celebrate the [Apache Leap Mining Festival!](#)

REGISTRATION FEES:

- Online Registration: \$35.00 for PMBC, ABC, GABA or Bull Shifters members
- Online Registration: \$45.00 for non-members

- Late (after 3/03/2018) and Day-of-Event registration fee is \$10 more

REGISTRATION:

- Day-of Registration is available at the start location
- 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](#).