

Monterey County [Bike Month 2014](#)

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in partnership with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments,
City of Monterey, CSUMB Tripwise, Ecology Action, and Pedali Alpini, Inc.

[Download PDF](#) of Bike Month poster; event details provided below.

Schedule of Events for All Bicyclists

Wednesday, May 7

National Bike to School Day

Bike to school in Monterey County

[National Bike to School Day](#) provides an opportunity for schools across America to join together to celebrate and build off the energy of Bike Month. Although May 7 is announced as Bike to School Day, schools in Monterey County can take advantage of the resources provided by the [National Center for Safe Routes to School](#) to schedule Bike to School events throughout Bike Month or anytime during the year. Bike to School events are a fun way of encouraging children and teens to bike. For a sampling of related Monterey County activity, [click here](#).

Saturday, May 10

3rd Annual Bicycling Monterey Intergenerational Bike Ride

Fort Ord Dunes State Park (starting point)

This is a free, family-friendly event for visitors and locals of all ages, organized annually by Fine Wordworking. For details, [click here](#).

All non-motorized bicycles are welcome, including beach cruisers, BMX, cargo, commuter, fixed gear, lowrider, mountain, recumbent, road, tandem, trail-a-bike, vintage, and other people-powered bicycles. Riders will gather at Fort Ord Dunes State Park parking lot, where representatives from Monterey County's diverse bike community will be introduced briefly before the ride gets rolling. The ride departure point is in a section of Monterey County's Class I (no motor vehicles) bike/multi-use trail system that is less heavily traveled, yet still includes beautiful coastal views. The trail here features three paved lanes: a striped two-lane path for bicyclists, and an adjacent lane for pedestrians. A complimentary mobile mechanic for minor, on-the-spot maintenance will ride with the group to and from Custom House Plaza. All ages and abilities are welcome to participate for even part of the ride.

Sunday, May 11

California High School Mountain Bike State Championships

Laguna Seca, Salinas

Local teams will be among high school bike teams from throughout the state coming together to compete in Monterey County! Come out to watch and cheer on the local high schools' racers.

For more info: <http://www.norcalmtb.org/wp-content/uploads/2014-CA-State-Championship-Race-Flyer.pdf> Additional details about Monterey County teams are on Bicycling Monterey's [master calendar](#).

Saturday, May 10 through Tuesday, May 13

Monterey Bicycle Film Fest

Museum of Monterey at the Stanton Center, Custom House Plaza, Monterey

The City of Monterey is hosting a Monterey Bicycle Film Festival in celebration of the AMGEN Tour of California coming to town on May 14. For shows, times, and ticket information, refer to the venue website, <http://museumofmonterey.org/now-showing>, or check <http://monterey.org>.

Wednesday, May 14

AMGEN Tour of California Stage 4 Start

Alvarado Street, Monterey

The Amgen Tour of California will return to the City of Monterey for the first time in eight years. "America's Greatest Race" will gather the world's best bicycle racers on an eight-day stage race, traveling over 700 miles. The overall start will begin in Sacramento and travel through 11 host cities before finishing in Thousand Oaks.

City of Monterey will be the setting for the Stage 4 start. Racers will travel through Downtown Monterey before heading down the Big Sur coast on their way to the Stage 4 finish in Cambria. Join the fun along the route on May 14. Festivities on Alvarado Street begin at 10:00 a.m. For Stage 4 Monterey questions, visit <http://monterey.org/atocstage4> or call (831) 242-8750. For more info: amgentourofcalifornia.com.

Friday, May 16

National Bike to Work Day

Bike to work in Monterey County

Tired of that morning commute? Bicycling is a healthy and fun way to get to work, and it's good for air quality and [much more](#) too. If you haven't ridden a bike to work, or haven't done it in a while, join millions of Americans on Bike to Work Day, then keep riding often. Encourage your coworkers to ride, or organize a Bike to Work event at your workplace. Resources for organizing events are available from the [League of American Bicyclists](#). Concerned about the unexpected? If you bike or use other alternative transportation to get to work in Monterey County even one day a week, you can sign up for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

(AMBAG's) Commute Alternatives [Emergency Ride Home](#).

Saturday, May 24

Salinas Criterium Bike Race

Moffett Industrial Park, Salinas

The Salinas Criterium is a bicycle race that is open to participants ages ten and up. The counter-clockwise race course is on Moffett Street, La Guardia Street, and Vandenberg Street, near the Salinas Airport. Laps are 0.7 miles (1.1 KM). Interested participants can register online, or register the day of the event beginning at 7 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch. For more info, see <http://pedalialpini.org> or [click here](#).

Thursday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (and Thursdays year-round)

Bicycling Monterey's H-E-R Helmet Thursdays Discounts

Participating locations throughout Monterey County

On Thursdays, males and females get 10-50-% discounts off their total tab (alcohol may be excluded) at more than 200 places in 18 Monterey County cities. HER is an acronym for the types of businesses and organizations participating in [The HER Helmet Thursdays Project](#)—Hotels, Educational/entertainment venues, Restaurants, and related places. HER also refers to Mother Earth, who benefits from more people biking! Why the helmet? For all except [lodging discounts](#), bike or [bike-and-ride](#) to the location, then show your helmet as evidence. For lodging, BYOB (bring your own bike) or rent a bike for a day or more from any Monterey County rental location. The HER Helmet Thursdays Project was established in 2009 by Mari Lynch of [Bicycling Monterey](#). For details, including FAQs and the list of participating businesses and organizations: <http://marilynych.com/blog/her-helmet-thursdays>

Thursday, May 1 through Saturday, May 31

Additional Bike Month Activities and Events

For more bike things to do in Monterey County, check Bicycling Monterey's [master calendar](#).

For additional bike-related information

Visit the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's bike section:
<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/bikeped/index.html>