



Perris Press Release

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Gear Up for the "Tour de Perris" Centennial Bike Ride

A birthday celebration like no other deserves a cycling event like no other.

Perris City officials have organized a series of bicycle rides to commemorate the City's 100th birthday, part of a year-long celebration of the City's centennial.

The rides—including the 100-mile "[Tour de Perris](#)" through much of southwest Riverside County—begin Oct. 1 at 7 a.m., when riders will depart from in front of City Hall on D Street.

For riders who dare the 100-mile ride will find themselves cycling from Perris to Canyon Lake, around Lake Elsinore and through Murrieta and Temecula where the course crosses Interstate 15 at Rancho California Road.

From there, the course heads west into the Wine Country where an exquisite lunch will be provided at a Temecula Winery, the course then loops back into Murrieta and Menifee before heading out on Domenigoni Parkway, up through Hemet and San Jacinto before cutting back to the eastern side of Moreno Valley where it cuts through the Lake Perris State Recreation Area before returning to City Hall.

Check-in begins at 6 a.m. on Oct. 1 at Perris City Hall, 101 North D Street.

Event organizers say the Tour de Perris will challenge even advanced riders. The course features long stretches of hills and winding roads and runs through rural areas as well as cities.

"We are expecting experienced riders from all over Southern California to attempt to tame this course," said Rene Avila, Assistant Director of Development Service and the person heading the City's committee planning the ride. "It's got something for everyone. We think it is a great way to celebrate our Centennial."

Shorter courses have been set up for riders wanting a less-strenuous workout. Those include a 100-kilometer (62-mile) course, a 30-mile course and an 8-mile course geared for families and low-intensity riders. The latter course will provide a great workout for children and their parents.

Cost to enter the 100-mile Tour de Perris is \$75, which includes a professionally made event riding jersey and the stop in Wine Country. The food and hospitality that awaits riders is sure to provide nourishment and comfort to aching muscles.

"We want to give them a little respite so they can forget about the agony of riding 100 miles," Avila said.

The cost of the 62-mile event is \$70, which includes an event jersey. The cost of the 30-mile ride is \$45 and the price to enter the 8-mile event is \$20 per family. All participants in those events will receive an event t-shirt and snacks. In addition, every participant will receive an event medallion upon completion of their course.

Avila said spots are limited so early registration is encouraged. Exact routes for all the events will be finalized and course maps will be given to riders upon event check in. The City of Perris will post updates about the Tour de Perris and the other riding events on its website, www.cityofperris.org and www.cityofperris.org/bikeride.



Riders take part in a previous 30-mile ride around Lake Perris. The City of Perris is sponsoring a series of bicycle rides—including a 100-mile event—as part of its Centennial celebration. See more on the [Tour-de-Perris web page](#).