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## Newly Reopened Trails at Lake Perris Draw More Than 80 Cyclists



Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Corona, City Manager Richard Belmudez and City Councilman David Starr Rabb present a GoPro camera April 28 to a lucky winner following the bicycles rides at Lake Perris.

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More than 80 bicycle-riding enthusiasts turned out for a City of Perris sponsored trek around the Lake Perris State Recreation Area on newly reopened trails—an excursion that provided stunning views of the water, shoreline and mountains while burning off plenty of calories.

The April 28 ride-around-the-lake marks the latest successful event in the City's ongoing Live Well Perris healthy-eating active-living campaign.

Riders at the free event enjoyed their choice of two trails—a six-mile jaunt along the Bernasconi Campsite Trail as well as the nine-mile Lake Perris Loop Trail. Both trails had been closed for four years while repairs continued to strengthen the dam at Lake Perris against a major earthquake.

Perris Recreation Coordinator Josh Estrada summed up his ride around the Lake Perris loop.

"Awesome!" he said. "I love that ride. You get a really nice view of the lake, the sunset and much of Perris."

Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Corona and City Councilman David Starr Rabb took part in the ride.

"A beautiful experience," Corona said. "People came from not only Perris, but surrounding communities. It was a great event for families to come out and take part in, where they could enjoy the view of the lake while doing something healthy."

Corona said he is pleased to represent a City "committed to becoming healthier" through events like the Lake Perris bicycle rides, previously sponsored hikes at community parks, a Health Fair and other heart-pumping activities.

"It makes me feel proud to represent a City so committed to improving the health and well-being of its residents," he said.

Rabb said he is glad that improvements at Lake Perris are completed, including the installation of a new bicycle path for riders to enjoy.

"It was nice to finally be able to bike around the entire lake with nearly 80 residents," he said.

Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez and Chief Information Officer Arturo Cervantes were among the riders.

Cervantes said he heard many positive comments from bicycle enthusiasts.

"It's great to know that so many residents and visitors enjoy the events our City puts on," Cervantes said. "Such responses motivate us to continue planning activities that highlight our community while providing exercise and other health benefits."

Following the twin rides, City staff raffled off several prizes, the main one a GoPro camera.



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