

SRCC 600k, Certified Route # 312
<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/30832>

Google maps:

outbound <http://tinyurl.com/2dfzxy7>

Distance: 611 km (379.4 mi), 6.7 km (21.9 kft) elevation

Time Limit: 40 hours

Start:	Finish
American Best Value Inn 866 Hopper Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707-575-4600	American Best Value Inn 866 Hopper Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707-575-4600

Be prepared to be spoiled.

A brevet should be self-supportive, but SRCC just doesn't know how to do things that way. In addition to the world famous Pope Valley Control we have added a stop near Blue Lakes in Upper Lake. Got time to fish?

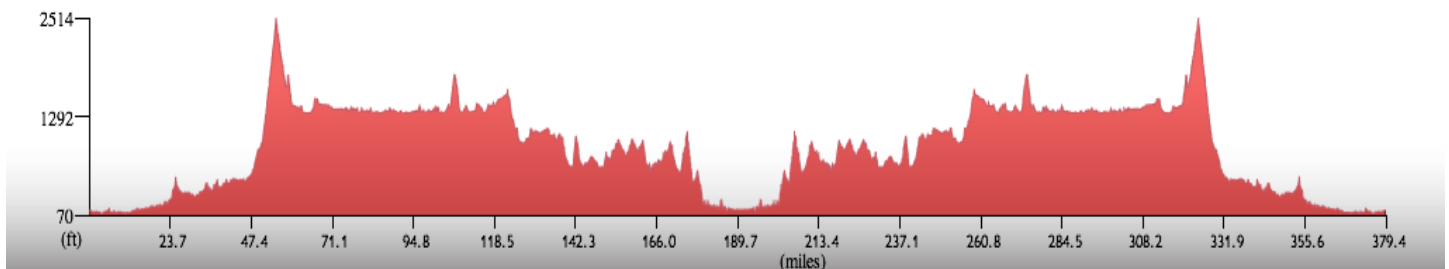
Controls are well spaced at about 35-40 miles at Cloverdale, Upper Lake, Clearlake, Pope Valley and Winters. You may want to consider a short detour into Hopland before starting the 2500' climb over the Hopland Grade into Lakeport.



Pope Valley Control: You get to experience its day vs night schizophrenic spoils. In the outbound heat we have a shaded kiddy-pool to soothe your feet, music to soothe your soul while we serve smoothies and a full lunch. No skimping on the variety offered from vegan to carnivore.

Grab only a snack in Winters for your return to the oasis. Save room for a full meal on the inbound return. Chef Ellis prides himself on his bolognaise prepared from scratch. We'll take care of the other senses with lights, a campfire and music or maybe a movie. Pack some dancing shoes in your drop bag. There's also an enclosed canopy to use for a short nap if you need. It won't be quiet though. We just want your short time with us to be special.

Going along SR20 past Clear Lake on the return you'll find that most shops close at 10pm. Tower Market in Lucerne and Clearlake Oaks are the newer, cleaner gas station mini marts to look for. Paradise Pizza in Clearlake Oaks is open until 11pm. The ride along Clear Lake at night in the glow of the Milky Way afforded in this area away from city lights is just spectacular.



We will have something prepared along Blue Lakes in Upper Lake on the return leg with food and floor space should you need a short nap.

Kidding aside, plan your ride carefully. Drop bag service is supplied to Upper Lake and Pope Valley. Return of your drop bag(s) will be late on Sunday after these controls close and the volunteers make the hour drive back after packing up. You should plan to push on as you were riding a 1200k even though we provide sleeping areas for your safety.

Please take note that you will be riding along Hwy 101 for approximately 8.5 miles between Cloverdale and Hopland. There is good shoulder but be careful of the 'wake up' grooves.

SRCC Randonneurs will have a room at the finish. Look for our signboard or banner. We'll have some snacks, fluids, and a light dinner for you. Feel free to bring a towel and change of clothes and use the shower. I hope that you can hang and keep us company at the finish. A short nap will be in order before you head home.

There is emergency contact information, both RBA cell phone and the finish control land line, on the route sheet. Please, if you abandon the route I want (need, expect) you to call. Otherwise we worry and then call your emergency contact and worry them, too. Also, we can close controls once all riders are accounted for.

As RBA I reserve the right to inspect all riders for proper headlight, taillight and reflective material prior to the start of the ride. Your safety is paramount. Personally I HIGHLY recommend bar end lights, too, for they make you look wide from a distance. Please use lots of reflective material on you and your steed. Your bike should have reflective material on all four sides and preferably some on moving parts like wheel rims and crank arms. Electrical tape will protect the bikes finish from the glue. You can find ankle bands and a "Sam Browne" belt/sash at <http://www.RUSA.org>.