

BIG BEAR TRAIL RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.  
AMA NATIONAL DUAL SPORT/ADVENTURE 2025 BIG BEAR RUN

Welcome to the Big Bear Trail Riders 31st Annual 2025 Big Bear Run

**EVENT INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS:**

We ask that you read all the following IMPORTANT information containing details about the ride-related topics and Regulation guidelines.

Number one thing is you HAVE to be an AMA member to participate in this event. You can go directly to the AMA website and sign up or go onto the Big Bear Trail Riders website and click on the menu option "Join the AMA" and you will be redirected to the AMA Membership Sign-up page. Please have your card or AMA # with you when you come to the Sign up/Registration table. To RIDE this event you **MUST HAVE** a legal spark arrestor on your motorcycle. The charity ride event will be at the **Big Bear Convention Center** in Big Bear Lake, California. The Ride/GPS Tracks will be on the U.S. Forest Service - San Bernardino National Forest land so stay on the trails, no short cuts please and tread lightly. The ride event banquet on Saturday night will be held at the BB Convention Center for some bench racing and a no host bar. Dinner will start serving around 7:00 p.m. and we will have great giveaways from all the awesome sponsors and dealers that have graciously donated to this event at the Saturday night banquet.

Once again, this year's Finisher Plaques are going to be really cool as usual. Thank you to IMS Products, Steve Valli, Chris Hardin for their years of Support/Monetary sponsorship of the Plaques, and to Valerie Stark for designing the artwork and Russ for making the Finisher Plaques! We hope to have enough made at the event for everyone that finishes all the hard-ways on Saturday to take their's home to brag about it, but if we have more finishers than plaques at the event we will mail them out to you at a later time after the event.

Our 31st Annual rider event shirt will be given to pre-registered riders as you check in at registration and post entries shirts will be available while supplies last. The enclosed information will assist you in the planning for the most awesome weekend of riding and camaraderie for one of the biggest and baddest National Dual sport ride events of the year!!! Your adherence to our event operation guidelines will ease our procurement of permits for next year so please Tread Lightly! This will be the only information you will receive for the day of the event. If you need additional information you can contact any of the following BBTR members for assistance:

Jim Nicholson 818-391-3083, Miguel Burgi 818-391-3031 or Frank Schnetz 909-225-7409 for any ride or course info and you can contact Jackie Nicholson at 626-266-0269 for registration entry info anytime.

**REMEMBER THIS IS NOT A RACE OR COMPETITIVE EVENT!**

The courses have been traversed by skilled levels from beginner to veteran riders within daylight hours, however, your skill and personal riding style may vary from these riders. Above all, your safety is of utmost importance to us and to yourself. There are bailouts for some routes only USE THEM if you feel the need to, we don't want to be out looking for anybody lost because of darkness. Please remember that this is not a race, but a scenic National Dual Sport ride for you to enjoy in our San Bernardino National Forest mountain areas at a safe speed and Tread Lightly.

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO TRY FOR A FINISHER PLAQUE/ALL HARDWAY RIDERS NEED TO BE ON THE COURSE NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM. ON THAT DAY TO HAVE A CHANCE ON FINISHING THE COURSE BY 7 PM COURSE CLOSING. RIDERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO START AT 6:00 AM AND WE WILL NOT AWARD RIDERS CHECKING IN AFTER THE TIME ALLOWED FOR THIS COURSE.**

**INTERMEDIATE & EASYWAY/ADVENTURE RIDERS SHOULD BE ON THE COURSE NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM. AND YOU SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FINISH THE COURSE BEFORE 7 PM OR DARK.**

You must obey all traffic laws and speed limits to keep this ride alive and safe for yourself and others for the future. We will have a water station out there on the routes giving out water, cleaning towels for your Goggle/Face and some checkpoint stations to receive your checkpoint tickets to those that are trying to complete the hard-way course and you will have until 7 pm to get to them all. Please listen and obey the checkpoint and Sweep Crew volunteers to get everyone back safely before dark and so that we can all attend the banquet on Saturday night as well. If you come across a checkpoint and are NOT going for the hard-way finishers plaque please feel free to help yourself to what the checkpoint volunteers have to offer and head into the finish to check in.

**Make sure all your lights are in good working order and have them on when you are riding in or around town to avoid any law enforcement pulling you over and to save you from a traffic ticket. Have a street legal motorcycle with correct paperwork because the police in the Big Bear area are going to enforce this all weekend long especially at the start of the day so obey all speed limits to avoid a speeding ticket. Also have your motorcycle license handy and your license plate on your motorcycle.**

#### **IMPORTANT PARKING LOT & COURSE INFORMATION/RULES:**

We want to point out that there should be no campfires in the parking lot and absolutely NO alcoholic beverages in bottles, cans or drinking from these containers on the Big Bear Convention Center parking lot or on the grounds and patio area at all times while you're a guest at our event during this weekend. If we see that you are not cooperating with this rule, we will only ask you once to discard your alcoholic beverage immediately or transfer it to a plastic cup of some sort only when you are at your camping area. If it occurs a second time, we will ask you to leave the premises immediately. So, with that said please NO open alcoholic beverage containers whatsoever during our event when you're at Big Bear Convention Center, we can't stress this enough about this rule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter...

ALL routes on the course will be considered to have two-way traffic situations. Please keep to your far RIGHT SIDE on all roads especially in the mountain areas. You may also encounter hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers and other various types of vehicles within our course area trails, please be alert and cautious on all trails. Although we have a permit for this event, this does not give us exclusive use of the areas. There will be NO-COARSE markings at all and this is a GPS only guidance event and tracks will be downloaded after you finish check-in at the registration area on Friday, Saturday morning and Sunday morning for this ride.

The 2025 Big Bear Run National Dual Sport & Adventure Ride will have a variety of mountain dirt roads, two track jeep roads, some single track, up-hills with a few rocks, down-hills with a few more rocks, with several short and long sections of pavement. The terrain will vary with adventure, easy and intermediate sections unless you are riding for a finishers plaque then you will be on all hard-way tracks and trails. You will have a choice of Hard-ways, Intermediate, Easy-way or Adventure way Tracks/Routes to choose from after you Register/Check in at registration you will be asked this at the GPS download table when you are getting your GPS/iPhone unit downloaded by one of our GPS Download volunteers. Please bring your own cable for your GPS unit just in case.

If you experience fatigue or are running late you will be asked to bail out by one of the checkpoint volunteers or sweep rider, please follow their directions with-out any argument it is for your own safety. You MUST keep track of elapsed time and use this to your advantage in order to be in before dark. This is a fun ride but keep a good and steady pace so you can finish the ride. Get some lunch and drink a lot of water, keep hydrated, keep hydrated, keep hydrated!!!

#### **PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR BIKE!**

**Eat a good breakfast and drink a lot of water BEFORE you start the ride. Hydration is a major key to the success of finishing this ride. There are several restaurants near the start of the ride for your convenience. If you are doing the hard-way tracks you will need to line-up in two lines with your motorcycle off at the designated area that we will mark. You will push your motorcycle to the checkpoint volunteers (Person) to receive your 6:00 AM Start Checkpoint ticket before you turn on your motor to start the ride (ONLY FOR ALL THE HARDWAY RIDERS) and you must not leave your motorcycle unattended. Our first Hard-way sweep crew will leave at 8:30 AM.**

Dress for cold, rain, wind, fog and warm sunshine weather. Dress in layers so you can shed clothes if you get warm. A backpack is handy for carrying loose items and tools. BE SURE TO BRING ALONG A TOOL KIT, SPARE TUBES, TIRE IRONS AND TIRE REPAIR KIT, these are very important and a must! Take time to go over your bike thoroughly to prevent on-course repairs. It's especially important to check chains, cables, brakes, air/fuel filter, batteries, oil, drain plugs and especially TIRES. It doesn't matter what kind of bike you have, if you need help, ASK! If you are an "A" rider and want to take the hard-ways make sure you have good tires and ride safely not over your head. It's going to be extremely dry so be prepared for a lot of dust, don't follow so close that you can't see in front of you, ride just outside the dust or pass only when it is safe.

#### **GAS INFORMATION FOR ALL ROUTES:**

You will have various opportunities for fuel, you should carry fuel if you feel you can't go more than 110 + miles to a gas stop/station back in Big Bear Lake/town only for the hardway route or for the Option Gas near Arrowhead Lake at

50 miles for the Hard-way Route only. A big tank on a four stroke should have no problem. The furthest gas is GOING TO BE ABOUT 80 + miles or so for all the other routes on Saturday and Sunday, but give yourself a bit more range just in case you get lost or miss a turn. Our charting crew completed 120 miles with an IMS Products 3.2 gallons tank with no problems. Carry water it is very important to stay hydrated can't say this enough hydrate before, during and after this ride. All laws apply!! All Federal, State, County, Local, BLM, USFS and Murphy's laws apply to this weekend event. This event is NOT exempted from any law pertaining to the safe operation of a street licensed motor vehicle. There are new California updated laws that apply and possibly will be enforced by law enforcement to any red sticker motorcycles so we recommend you update yourself with these new California updated laws.

### **COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS!!!**

Please spread this around abundantly!! Remember you are representing our sport to the outside world, let's keep our image of being a Dual Sport and Adventure rider positive.

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:**

All checkpoints and Water Breaks will have minor first aid kits available to the riders. IF YOU ARE INJURED, PLEASE HAVE ANOTHER RIDER NOTIFY THE CLOSEST CHECK POINT VOLUNTEER YOUR POSITION ON THE COURSE AND THE NATURE OF THE INJURY AND RIDER #. If you take it upon yourself to seek medical help and do not notify our volunteers, we will not know your whereabouts. Your safety is of the utmost importance. Please notify registration as to your conditions and where you are and your rider number, so we can notify your friends or riding buddies if they ask about you at check in.

### **SWEEP CREW:**

Our sweep crew teams will be sweeping the designated course only as per your GPS download. Sweep will be leaving the start area 30 minutes after the registration area closes around 9 am on the day of the event. If you deviate from the course, or use bailouts you are on your own! We do not want any "exploring" on your own to take place, do this on your own time not during this event! The sweep teams have been instructed to help ALL registered riders on the course with problems. Please assist them with the job by cooperating. The sweep riders have a very hard job, do not make it harder for them.

### **GOODIES:**

Included in your entry will be a commemorative event T-shirt for Pre-entries and for post entries while supplies last. There will be some swags donated by various sponsors to give-a-way at the Saturday night banquet as well along with a vendor row for you to visit and look at all their products they will be displaying on Friday and Saturday close to the registration area so check them out.

**NOTE: This year we are offering 4 tracks to choose from on Saturday and 1 for Sunday's ride.**

### **SATURDAY MILEAGES:**

**HARDWAYS, 210 MILES. (First Option Gas at 50 Miles On AM Loop) First gas at 100 + miles if not using OPTION GAS, 2nd gas at about 65 + miles after first gas, 45 + miles to finish)**

**ATTENTION: All riders attempting to qualify for the 2025 "Hardway's" plaque will need to provide the following at check-in:**

- 1. All required checkpoint tickets (You will not know how many checkpoint tickets you will have until the end of your ride)**
- 2. Will need to provide the track log of the route traveled from your GPS unit, (If Asked) and arrive before 7 PM to qualify.**

**Any rider not meeting the above conditions will not qualify to earn a plaque. Please verify that your track log is turned "on" in your GPS before starting the ride.**

**INTERMEDIATE ROUTE, 160+ MILES. (First Gas stop at 50 + miles, a Second Gas stop additional 70 Miles, 40 More Miles to finish your ride)**

**EASYWAY ROUTE, 140+ MILES (First Gas stop at 40 + miles, a Second Gas stop additional 60 Miles, 40 More Miles to finish your ride)**

**ADVENTURE ROUTE, 165+ MILES. (First gas stop at 65 + miles, a Second Gas stop additional 60 Miles, 40 More Miles to finish your ride)**

**SUNDAY ROUTE, 110+ MILES. (First gas stop at 65 miles, 45 Miles to finish your ride)**

**The Big Bear Trail Riders Board and Club members would like to thank you for your participation and supporting our annual Dual Sport event! Remember to enjoy the ride and have a lot of FUN!!! See you at the banquet for some bench riding. TREAD LIGHTLY!!**

**In case of emergency please contact one of the BBTR volunteers:**

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