

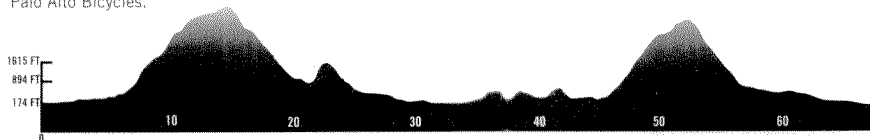
BIG COAST LOOP

66 MILES*

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Big Coast Loop is a 66-mile long roller coaster ride from Palo Alto to the coast and back. Page Mill Road delivers the first challenging climb of the day and eventually hot, shimmering views of Silicon Valley to the east. Once over the Coast Range and rolling along Skyline, look for cooler temps and the stunning northern California coastline, several thousand feet below, to be revealed. At the bottom and close to half-way in, take advantage of the many respite and refueling options in the town of Pescadero before addressing the brutal double-header, Stage Road and Tunitas Road, on the way back over. Kings Mountain descends into the valley through a combination of smooth roads and technical switchbacks. Finally, a series of rollers through Woodside finds you quickly and safely back to University Avenue and Palo Alto Bicycles.



ROAD	DIST.	COMMENTS/ SENSATIONS
Palo Alto Bicycles 171 University Ave.	0	
West on University Ave, which becomes Palm		Ride on bike path to the right.
Right onto Arboretum Rd.		
Left on Snadhill		Stay in left two lanes and make a quick first left.
Left onto Junipero Serra	2.5	Fore.
Right onto Page Mill Rd.	4.8	And the climbing begins. At the top views of the Silicon Valley below.
Cross over Skyline & Cont. on West Alpine RD onto Alpine Rd.	14.8	The long grind is over. Zip-up your Gilet.
Continue on West Alpine	22.1	Right at the fork towards Pescadero. Don't go into Portola State Park.
Memorial Park	26.5	Left at the Memorial Park Sign. Short gradual climb.
Right onto Stage Rd. (Pescadero)	33.8	Fuel up on baked goods at the Arcangeli bakery. Artichoke bread is amazing.
Cross Hwy. 84, continue on Stage Rd.	41.2	Stage Rd will filter you onto Hwy 1 for a short bit.
Right onto Tunitas Creek Rd.	43.9	Take it slow...it's a long grind.
Cross Skyline Blvd onto Kings Mtn Rd.	53.4	Rushing plummet.
Left at CA Hwy 84/Woodside Rd	58.4	
Right onto Whiskey Hill Rd	59.2	Left at the fork in the road.
Left onto Sand Hill Rd	61.4	Short climb.
Stay on Sand Hill Rd & cross over I-280 and Santa Cruz Ave	65.3	Follow Sand Hill back to Arboretum.
Right on Arboretum and Left on Palm Drive to take you back under the bridge.		

*Milage is approximate and not exact.