

Santa Ana River Trail 200k Brevet – 1/12/19

RUSA Route #760. <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/28619491>

The **Santa Ana River Trail (SART) 200k brevet** starts at the [Quality Inn](#) at 1750 S. Waterman Avenue, San Bernardino at 7:00 am on Saturday 12th January 2019. Rooms at this hotel start at \$59 if you book early. Public parking is available. The format is out-and-back.

We will ride directly from the hotel onto the SART trailhead (red line on the map). The next 20 miles are fairly flat on a class A bike path ending at Corona's scenic Hidden Valley. We then pass through Corona and Norco on 13 miles of quiet country roads, although the first mile on Arlington can have significant traffic.

Around mile 30 there is an Arco gas station on the right just after we pass under the 91 freeway. This is not a control, but it's an ideal place to refuel. There's also a McDonald's if you're that way inclined.

Continuing on, we enter the lower SART at mile 33 and enjoy another 29 miles of flat, class A bike path to our turn-around at Newport Beach. We can get a receipt at the [Newport Beach Café](#) or at [Burger Boss](#). There's a public rest room and water across the road.



Now we return to the SART and head inland with a tailwind. After another 29 miles we will leave the lower SART and climb Green River Road hill – the hardest climb on this route by far. A mile after the climb there is a 76 gas station on the right. This is not a control, but it's a great place to refuel. About three miles further is the Lucky Greek just after the 91 freeway which is a great place to stop if you have some spare time and you're tired of gas station cuisine.

We're now going to ride to the upper SART. The climb up Arlington can be busy and the shoulder is sketchy. Be careful making the left turn into Hidden Valley. Now we're in Hidden Valley we ride the last 20 miles back to the Quality Inn on the upper SART. I'll be waiting for you there.

This is an ideal 200k for a novice randonneur or an experienced randonneur who just wants an easy 200k for PBP. The navigation is easy, it's flat, and it should be wind-neutral. There's 98 miles of class A bike path and only one control. An average rider will complete it in about 10 hours. Sunrise is 6:55am and sunset is 4:59pm.

Total distance is 127 miles with about 3000' of climbing. The steepest hill is Green River Rd with ¼ mile at 10%.