

Five Rivers 300k Brevet – 3/2/2019

RUSA Route #1674 - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/5726294>

The **Five Rivers 300k Brevet** starts at the [Best Western](#) at 1084 Pomona Rd, Corona, CA 92882 at 6:00am on Saturday 2nd March 2019. Rooms at this motel start around \$90 but there is a cheaper Motel 6 across the road. [Goodfellas](#), next to the hotel, is a great place to carbo-load. The format is part loop, part out and back

We head to the beach using the Santa Ana River Trail (river 1). Then, after a spell on PCH, we head inland on the San Gabriel River Trail (river 2) all the way to Las Lomas. The climb over the Santa Fe Dam is arduous but well worth the view.

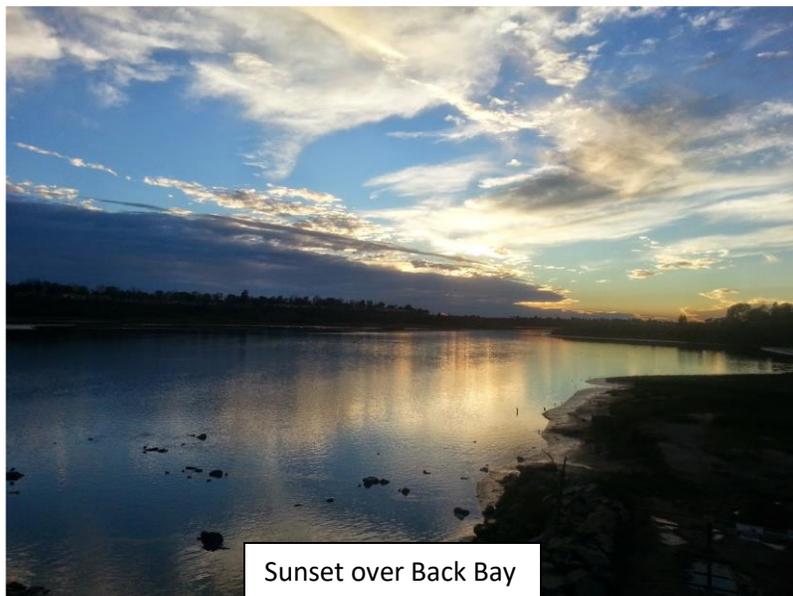
Fast riders will have to settle for 7-11 food at the Las Lomas control but slower ones may have the option to eat at Sweet Basil pizza which is cash-only and has huge portion sizes (calzones the size of a deflated football).

We now head back to the coast on the Rio Hondo Trail (river 3) and the Los Angeles River trail (river 4). We will have a headwind for the last 10 miles of this stretch so buddy-up.

Once we get to the Long Beach marina we can still eat at Shoreline Village if we want but I've added the option to eat at Belmont, three miles further on, if you prefer. [Chronic Tacos](#) is just one of many great options at this open control. We are now 200k into the ride.

We continue south on PCH to Newport Bay where we turn inland at Dover Drive. Be sure to use the bike path to get under PCH and alongside Dover. It's faster and safer than using the lights. We head inland on bike paths and quiet roads alongside San Diego Creek (river 5) until we get to the Crossroads Center in Irvine.

The list of eateries here is almost endless – enjoy a relaxed meal around the illuminated fountain as darkness fades. Then we head out for the last 35 miles. The next ten miles or so are on bike paths, then we're on fairly quiet roads with bike lanes. At mile 171 we re-enter the SART bike path. The gate may be locked after 9pm but there's a simple detour that will be explained on the cue-sheet. Most riders will get through here before the gate is locked.



Sunset over Back Bay



Stacy's pulling the train

From there it is bike paths and quiet roads back to the Best Western where I will be waiting with some goodies for you.

Total distance is 188 miles with 4000' of climbing. The steepest hill is the approach to San Gabriel River Pkwy which is about 30 feet of 25% at mile 65.3. Tricky if it catches you in the wrong gear.

This is an easy 300k suitable for a novice randonneur or an experienced randonneur looking for an easy 300k for PBP. My April 6th brevet will be more PBP appropriate.