



Dry Creek Loop Ride from Healdsburg

The ride starts at the central plaza – on Healdsburg Avenue, at the intersection with Matheson St.

0.0 **Head North** up Healdsburg Avenue with the Plaza on your RHS. Continue straight up Healdsburg Avenue veering slightly left at the 7-Eleven (0.8).

1.1 At the traffic lights, **turn left** onto Dry Creek Rd. Cross the railroad tracks and pass under the freeway. You will shortly pass a sign telling you that you are entering the Dry Creek Valley wine growing area. The road is gently rolling with a good shoulder though you may be passed by large SUVs towing even larger powerboats on their way up to Lake Sonoma.

Continue straight along Dry Creek Rd past Lytton Springs Rd on your LHS (4.1).

4.8 At the stop sign next to the Dry Creek General Store, **continue straight** on Dry Creek Rd. The store is a great place to pick up a picnic lunch – see Lunch & Dining above.

8.6 **Continue straight** on Dry Creek Rd past Canyon Rd on RHS following sign to “Lake Sonoma 3 miles.”

3.1 Descent ends with a stop sign at Dry Creek Rd. At this stop sign, **turn right** up Dry Creek Rd following sign to “Lake Sonoma 3 miles.”

3.3 At stop sign, **turn left** along Yoakim Bridge Rd.

[Alternative: To extend your ride a couple of miles, continue straight up Dry Creek Rd to the Lake Sonoma Overlook.]

Pass Dry Creek Peach & Produce on LHS (9.1) open Sat & Sun 12:00 – 5:00.

9.5 At stop sign, **turn left** along West Dry Creek Rd. You will cycle along this road as it meanders along the west of the flat wide valley of Dry Creek past numerous vineyards.

[A right here takes you along a “no outlet road to Preston Winery. The winery is a pleasant detour for the peaceful, down-at-home feel and the possibility of fresh-baked bread.]

11.6 **Continue straight** on West Dry Creek Rd past Mountain view Ranch Road. **Continue straight** on West Dry Creek Rd past Pass Quivira Winery on LHS (12.9) and past Wine Creek Rd on RHS (13.0).

14.1 **Continue straight** past Lambert Bridge Rd on LHS.

[If you are planning a picnic lunch at one of the wineries, the most reliable place to get a sandwich is at the Dry Creek General Store. Take a right along Lambert Bridge Rd and the Dry Creek Store is at the end of this road (one mile).]

14.8 The Lambert Bridge Tasting Rooms, on your RHS, have pleasant picnic tables on the lawns in front of the building. An alternative stop for a picnic lunch is further along West Dry Creek Road at the Everett Ridge Vineyard & Winery (13.1) – see Lunch & Dinner above.

19.0 At the stop sign, **turn left** down Westside Rd. Behind you at this intersection is the entrance to the elegant Madrona Manor Hotel.

Cross The Dry Creek River (19.2) and then Go under the freeway.

19.8 At the traffic lights, you are turning left down Healdsburg Avenue. However, this is a complex five-way intersection with railroad tracks so we recommend you walk your bike across.

20.0 Your ride ends at the Central Plaza – at the intersection of Healdsburg Avenue and Matheson St.

See the *Your Route* section of this guide for directions to your lodging.