

Sequoia 2024 FAQ Page

Before The Sequoia

Q) Which non-profit organizations does The Sequoia support?

[Puente](#), [La Honda Fire Brigade](#) and [Abundant Grace Coastsider Worker](#) are the 3 primary non-profits organization that receive funds raised by The Sequoia. Additional funding is provided to cycling related non-profits including [Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition](#), [Good Karma Bikes](#), the [Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange](#) and others. Details are available on the Sequoia 2024 web page.

Q) How do I register and pay for the Sequoia?

A) You can register for your chosen route online. While registering, you may select to pay via credit card, PayPal or send a check. There will be NO Day-Of Registration at the Start, on Sunday. Registrations may be available the day before, Saturday, if that route has not reached its rider limit.

To pay with a check, make it payable to Western Wheelers and mail to:

Western Wheelers Sequoia
36 Minoca Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028-7739

Q) When and where is the event Check-in?

A) Early Rider check-in and packet pickup is on Saturday June 1st at: The Bicycle Outfitter, 293 Fremont Ave., Los Altos, CA, from Noon to 7PM.

Sunday morning June 2nd day-of-ride check-in is at the Foothill College Start location: 12345 S. El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, open by 5:30AM. Check-in will be in Lot 1C, just west of the Football Stadium.

You'll receive a color-coded wrist band to designate your route choice.

Q) How do I purchase The Sequoia 2024 jersey?

A) This year the jersey is not included with registration and can be purchased directly from Voler and will ship directly to you. More [information here](#).

Q) I have a conflict and won't be able to ride the event, can I get a refund or credit for next year?

A) You may transfer your registration to a biking buddy, as we do not provide refunds or credits for future years. Contact registration@westernwheelers.org to initiate a transfer. See [Cancellation & Refund Policy](#) for more information.

Q) Can I check in for a friend/family member at early check in on Saturday, June 1st?

A) Yes, please bring a copy of your friend/family member's registration confirmation with you to early check-in.

Q) Are eBikes permitted on the Sequoia?

A) Class 1 and 3 eBikes that require pedal assist are welcome. Class 2 eBikes (with throttles and not requiring pedal assist) are not permitted due to insurance restrictions. eBike riders must follow rules established for eBikes within the California Vehicle Code. Note -- there are no special accommodations, such as charging stations, for eBikes.

Q) I'm already registered, can I upgrade/downgrade to a longer/shorter course?

A) Yes, you may do this at check in. If downgrading, we do not provide refunds for the difference. If upgrading, please bring a check for the difference to check in (we are not set up to take payments by credit card or to take cash).

Q) Are there any COVID restrictions to ride?

A) Riders and staff must abide by any Santa Clara and San Mateo County COVID protocols in place at the time of the event on June 4th.

Q) Are there Group or Team discounts available?

A) We do not have a Group discount program at this time. However, if you have a team/group (of 10 or more) contact registration@westernwheelers.org to discuss possible options.

The Day of The Sequoia at Foothill College

Q) What are the start times, when is the latest time to start on the routes?

A) The 100 mile PINK route starts from 6 to 7AM, the 72 mile ORANGE route from 6:30 to 7:30AM, and the 62 mile YELLOW route and the 38 mile GREEN route from 7 to 8AM. ALL riders need to be on the route by 8am or you could find some of the rest stops have closed. Remember, more hills = slower average times.

Q) Where is the Start/Finish area on the Foothill College campus?

A) The FREE Parking is in Lots #1 and #8. Lot #1 is next to the stadium at the Foothill College Main Entrance and Lot #8 is to your left as you enter the Main Entrance. The Sunday check-in zone opens @ 5:30am, in Lot 1C, just west of Lot #1. Our Parking guides will direct you into Lot #1 or Lot #8 and then to the Check-in zone. Parking in other lots is not free. Start your ride via Perimeter Road, which is One Way, counterclockwise! There could be lines at the Sunday AM check-in, so we do recommend the early Check-in on Saturday at Bicycle Outfitter!

Q) Will there be food, water and restrooms at the Foothill College start location?

A) Yes! There will be breakfast snacks, coffee, juice, etc. as well as water to fill your bottles as well as full restrooms at the stadium entrance.

Q) Is there a “Drop Off” area if I don’t drive a car to the Start/Parking?

A) Yes! There will be “DROP OFF” signs, directing you to Lot #8, just west of the round fountain. Cars can easily exit back out to El Monte from there.

Q) Can other non-riders come to the Finish Line Festivities?

A) Yes! The Finish Line Festivities are open to friends/family to cheer in their riders! Meal tickets will be available at the Western Wheelers booth. Parking is available in Lot #1H nearby.

The Day of The Sequoia, On Route

Q) What kinds of food will be available at the rest stops?

A) Depending on the rest stop location, the choices will include locally sourced fresh fruit and veggies, energy snacks, cookies and breads, refreshing drinks and lots of carbs and proteins! We’ll have some delectable surprises here and there and if it’s warm, there will be lots of cold drinks on ice!

Q) Can I have private SAG follow me on the route?

A) The Sequoia will have ample on route support, with SAGs and rest stops, on all four routes. The 100 mile route, 72 mile route, and 62 mile route have 4 rest stops. The 37 mile out and back route has 1 rest stop that can be visited twice. See [posted routes](#) for more details. SAG vehicles will be posted at the rest stops and will be roaming all routes. The roads used are all open to the public, we strongly discourage private SAG use to reduce traffic on The Sequoia routes.

Q) Will there be bike mechanics available on the route?

A) Yes! We will have a mechanic at the Start, as well as at the Loma Mar and Bike Hut rest stops. Some of the SAG vehicles will have limited tools and tire pumps. There are fixed Bike Tool Stations with pumps at the Arcangeli Store in Pescadero, at The Bike Hut as well as at Triangle Park in Portola Valley.

Q) Is the course on paved roadways or does it include any trails or gravel segments?

A) All of The Sequoia routes are on paved roads, but some segments are on smaller mountain backroads to minimize car traffic and give you a chance to enjoy the redwood forests in our area. As always be careful of any debris or potholes that may be there.