

## "UPCOMING" BTCEB EVENTS

To RSVP, or check the calendar, click:

<http://www.meetup.com/bicycletrailsCouncil/>

### **Ride Like A Girl**

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**9:15 AM to 12:15 PM**

**China Camp**

Let's try for CHINA CAMP again (after last month's rain-out)

The Bicycle Trails Council (BTC) hosts a mtn bike ride for women only on the first Saturday of the month. The intent of the ride is to have fun! and to meet other women who love to mtn bike. We'd like to thank Amy for over 5 years of hosting Ride Like a Girl!!! Starting this month Alex and Ellen are taking over hosting RLG.

(There's a \$3 trail pass fee at China Camp. Cash or credit card. We can stop by the trail pass kiosk to buy the passes on our way biking before we hit the uphill.)

Where: Park along N. San Pedro Rd. Meet at the entrance to Miwok Meadows.

Meet time: 9:15 am. This will give you time to sign in, unload your bike, etc.

Roll time: 9:30 am.

Bring: a mtn bike in good working condition, tube or sealant (if you ride tubeless), water, and snacks for the trail.

We'll gather post-ride for snacks and telling stories about our amazing biking adventures! Please RSVP and for additional details, see:

<https://www.meetup.com/BicycleTrailsCouncil/events/ptzsslyzfbdb/>

### **Trailwork Day at Crockett**

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**401 Cummings Skyway · Martinez, CA**

**by Scott Bartlebaugh**

Come on out to Crockett Hills on March 9th for a trail work day, 9 am to noon. Look for the Meet Up notice and please reply so that we have a good head count to adjust work scope, tools, and food. We'll be meeting at the Crockett Ranch gate on



Cummings Skyway and parking inside the fence. BTCEB will provide tools. Bring water, sunscreen, hat, gloves, and long pants. To RSVP, see: <https://www.meetup.com/BicycleTrailsCouncil/events/259160092/>



**Gala Ride at Rockville**



**Saturday, March 16, 2019  
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
China Camp Campsite  
739 N San Pedro Rd · San Rafael, CA  
by Mike Udkow, BTCEB President**

The Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay (<http://www.btceb.org>) invites you to our monthly Gala Ride. THIS MONTH WE WILL BE RIDING ON SATURDAY AT CHINA CAMP!!

We will gather at the Miwok Meadow picnic area (not at the Kiosk/Back Ranch entrance). THE ENTRANCE TO MIWOK MEADOWS IS 0.6 miles AFTER THE KIOSK/BACK RANCH CAMPGROUNDS ENTRANCE!!

739 N. San Pedro Rd.

**\*\*BTCEB will pay for your trail pass.\*\***

We offer ride groups for ALL SKILL LEVELS, from novice to intermediate to advanced. All rides are 'no-drop' rides (we won't leave you behind or let you get lost) and are fully supported. A novice rider should be able to ride 10-12 miles on hilly fire roads for 2.5 hrs.

Rides are free and open to the public and led by experienced local mountain bikers familiar with the trails. Medical coverage is provided to all paid BTCEB members, one more reason to join. So go to our web site, <http://www.bicycletrailscouncil.org/> and hit the JOIN TODAY button. We take PayPal.

We start gathering at 9:30am and hit the trails promptly at 9:45am. Join us for refreshments and snacks after the ride. Safety glasses are suggested. A well-tuned mountain bike is a must!

To RSVP see:

<https://www.meetup.com/BicycleTrailsCouncil/events/258253618/>

### **Popup Rides** **by Mike Udkow, BTCEB President**

BTCEB has many other smaller, less formal last-minute rides, known as "popups".

Want more organized rides?? Who doesn't. Sign up to organize a POP-UP ride. If you are uncomfortable as a ride leader, no problem. Ask someone from the group to lead (that's what I do!). The "organizer" isn't necessarily the "ride leader". Send me the ride info and your cell number and I will cut and paste your description into MeetUp. And thank you to the small group of pop-up ride organizer volunteers. Keep up the good work.

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Look for them at anytime on the Meetup page or subscribe to email notifications:  
<https://www.meetup.com/BicycleTrailsCouncil/>

### **BTCEB via Facebook**

Finally, if you want to hear about other last-minute news, such as demo rides, and volunteering opportunities, "like" and follow BTCEB's Facebook [Notification Page](#),

and also request to join BTCEB's Facebook [Discussion Group](#).

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# REPORTS

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS by Mike Udkow

- 1-EBMUD agreed to change it's 60 yo policy of not allowing bikes on it's properties.
- 2-We helped the EBRPD install two 60 ft bridges; in Wildcat and in Crockett Hills.
- 3-We developed a strong relationship with EBRPD regarding Crockett maintenance. We worked over 400 hrs in 2018 & installed 2 locked BTCEB tool boxes at Crockett.
- 4-We also forged a strong relationship with the John Muir Land Trust, the steward of Fernandez Ranch.
- 5-Resolved many IT issues with Member Planet. Now it should be easy to join us!
- 6-Installed Yvette Skinner as our new Vice President.
- 7-Funded and obtained permits to begin construction of the Oakland Pump Track.
- 8-The Oakland Bike Patrol logged over 200 hrs patrolling JMP.
- 9-Hundreds of fallen trees have been removed from JMP trails. Thank you Stan and the Oakland Volunteer Park Patrol for your leadership and collaboration.
- 10-We continue to publish via the Buzz, our monthly news letter, on Facebook, etc.
- 11-BTCEB has continued our financial support for our local HS MTBing teams.
- 12-We have increased our MeetUp membership from 3000 to 3600 followers. Remember, membership in Meetup isn't membership in the BTCEB. Go to [www.btceb.org](http://www.btceb.org) to join.
- 13-With your help and support we fought to help adopt the Sibley/McCosker Land Use Plan to allow bikes on narrow trails.
- 14-We completed another successful Youth Mountain Biking Adventure (YMBA) program. We will be in need of new leadership this spring. Are you interested in helping?
- 15-We have continued our always successful Ride Like a Girl and GALA Ride program. We had some success with our POP-UP ride program, but not enough. Let's Ride!
- 16-Our bi-monthly Board and General Membership meetings are always well attended with our nine Board members and an number of interested members. Please come and join us. Meetings are posted on MeetUp.

### OUR WISH LIST FOR 2019:

- 1-Increase our paid membership. Go to [www.btceb.org](http://www.btceb.org) to join.
- 2-Have more Pop-Up rides. Members are always asking for more rides, so step up and volunteer to organize a ride. Let us know and we will announce the ride on MeetUp.
- 3-And as always, advocate for more narrow bike legal trails.

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For articles or photos for The Buzz, send them to [buzz@btceb.org](mailto:buzz@btceb.org). Send anything  
you feel would be of interest to us bikers.*

## **January Ride Report**

### **Editorial**

January's ride report was a wet, no show. But, we preserved our trails. That is why we skipped the January Buzz, because not much can happen in the mountain bike world with so much rain, and hence there was little to report. We did have a successful Board meeting in early January with High School mountain bike coach representation from various East Bay teams. Among the discussions, we are working to see how we as an organization can further help our youth in 2019, channeling contributions and helping them get rides. That is what its all about. That said, we are also hoping for March to be a relatively dry month so we can all again pedal the trails.

## **January No Ride**

### **by Mike Udkow**

We were forced to cancel the Rockville Gala ride on 1/12, 1/20 and 2/9 because of (you guessed it) RAIN. This park dries out quickly, but it was actively raining on all three days. In my opinion two of the best places to ride in the wet weather are Rockville and China Camp, in that order. That said, please wait 2-3 days after it rains before hitting the trails.

Our next Gala ride will be on 3/16 at China Camp. Please RSVP on Meetup so I can contact you if the ride needs to be cancelled (and so we bring enough beer). Previously I sent out an email describing the finances at China Camp. In a nutshell, the State gives them nothing! All their money comes from donations and from trail pass purchases, so ALWAYS purchase one whenever you ride there. All their trail work is done through VOLUNTEERS. \*That is why I have set aside Saturday 3/23 as "China Camp BTCEB Trail Work Day."\* I have pledged 30 BTCEB workers for that day. So please give back one trail work day to China Camp, one of our favorite parks. \*Full details to follow on Meetup.

## **An Oakland Pump Track? Yes!**

### **by Henry Mitchell, BTCEB Trails Coord.**

A ground-breaking event was held on Saturday, February 2nd at Joaquin Miller Park's bike park site. Led by Morgan Fletcher, 25 heart volunteers cleared ground at the Bike Park site in preparation for the delivery of 300 cubic yards of dirt for the pump track to be designed and built by local professional riders, Ryan Gardner and Kevin Smallman. The 25 volunteers were represented by the parents, coaches and team riders from Oakland Composite, Piedmont, Oakland Devo middle school, Oakland Tech and Bishop O'Dowd.



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**Reminder:** As a BTCEB member, you can receive a 10 percent or higher discount for parts at many of the bike shops in the East Bay. You just have to ask. Thank you to the many bike shop sponsors for your support!

**&... WITHOUT FURTHER ADO:**



## NE12 Ride the Rails?

Submitted by Mike Udkow

North Coast's Great Redwood Trail would convert decaying railway into 320-mile pathway.

<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/9258152-181/north-coasts-great-redwood-trail>

## A Bike Movie in Oakland (Its not Crocodile Dundee, but...)

Submitted by Paul Meola

Five Australians attempt to cycle 2600kms from Oklahoma to California in "honour" of the westward migration undertaken by 'The Grapes of Wrath's' Joad family.

Date: Wed, Mar 6, 2019 6:30PM

Where: Regal Jack London Stadium 9

100 Washington St, Oakland, CA, 94607, United States

<https://tickets.demand.film/event/6916XVqdgQWI>

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## ABOUT BTCEB

BTCEB is a one-stop shop. We defend access rights. We lead volunteers to build sustainable trails and repair historic trails. We host social rides. We teach underprivileged kids to ride. We fund youth mountain bike race teams. The list goes on because as riders we can do more together than individually. If you have not already, please consider joining us as a member. Many bike shops in the East Bay grant a 10% discount on bike parts to BTCEB Membership Card holders. It is just another benefit of joining BTCEB. Thank you to all the East Bay bike shops that support our efforts both on and off the trails!

## CONTACT US

Do you have a good ride story, trailwork report, or other bike trail news? Tell us about it. Please send a paragraph with 150 words or less with a pic (under 10MB please) and/or link telling us about trailwork,

rides, events, or any good mountain bike effort to bring our community together, etc. Please send via email to the editor, John Roberts, with pictures if possible, at: [buzz@btceb.org](mailto:buzz@btceb.org)

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