

Welcome to “Baja California Discovery Route”

Enclosed you will find a daily description of the ride and associated plans.

You will also find an SD card for your gps unit. This card contains all the custom ride maps which have been created for the ride. You should install this sd card into your gps prior to the ride and check to see that it is working properly.

If you have trouble with your gps I will be happy to help you at the ride.

You will also find paper daily ride maps. These are to be carried with you as a quick reference to aid you in understanding your gps and the day's route options.



About the ride

This is a two week dual sport motorcycle ride from Tecate to Cabo San Lucas and back. Riders will be staying in hotels and there will be a chase truck following us during the adventure. Riders will be riding together in small groups and will need to keep track of each other.

Saturday Ride Meetup in San Diego (Pine Valley)

Lodging: [Pine Valley Inn Motel](#)

Pre Ride activities:

Riders traveling from afar and wanting a place to store their vehicles during the ride are welcome to park their trucks at my home. Riders can meet on Saturday morning and unload their bikes and then load their gear into the support truck. Then we will all ride together to Pine Valley the ride start location.

9:00am to Noon: Unload motorcycles, load the support trailer, and park vehicles for storage

Noon-1:00pm: Ride to Ramona CA, for a Mexican group lunch

1:00-3:00pm: Complete ride to Pine Valley

Description: Saturday evening all riders meet at the motel in Pine Valley and prepare for the ride.

Dinner Plan: Calvin's Sportsbar (Walking distance from the motel)

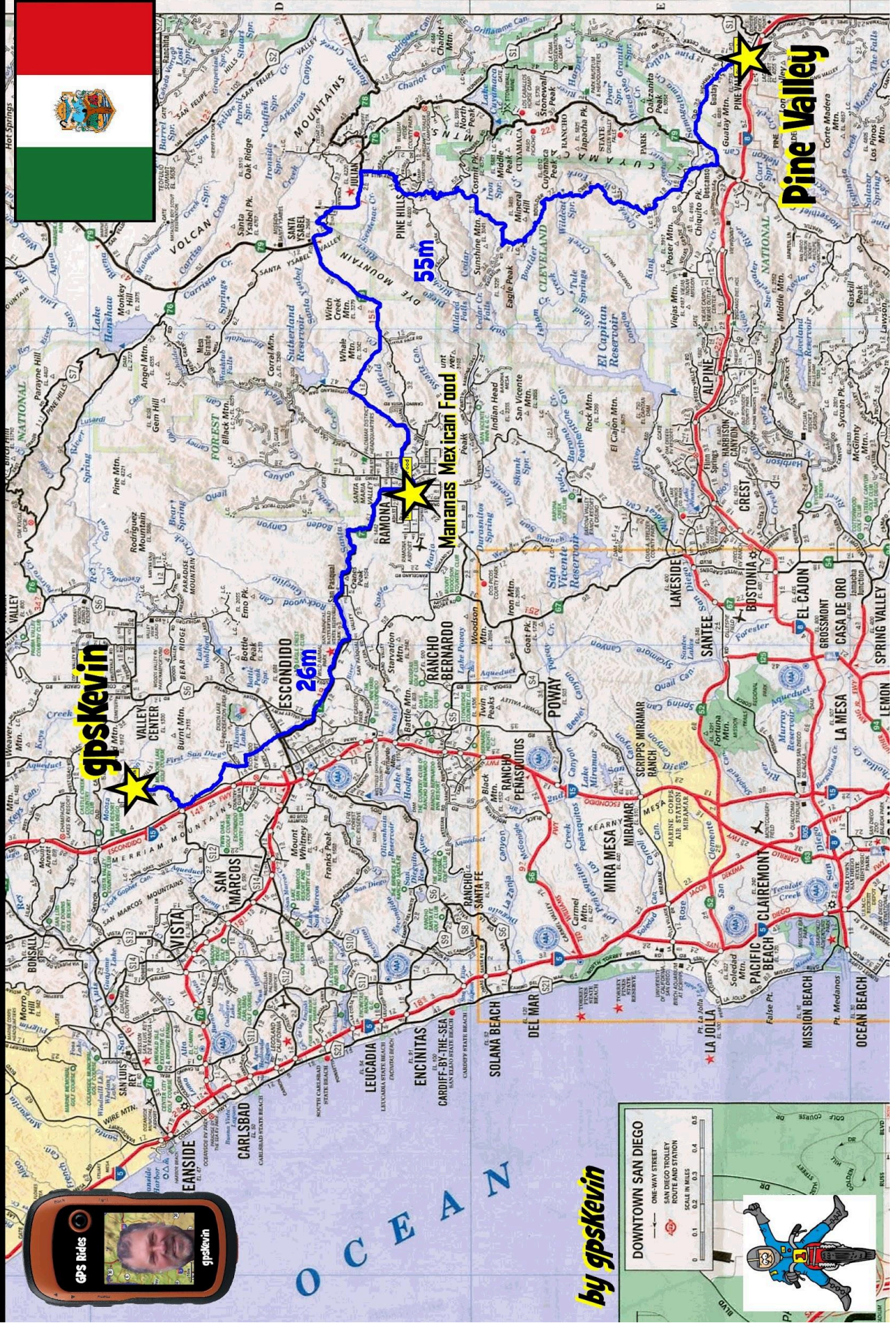
Riders Meeting: Ride discussion by gpsKevin after dinner in the bar.



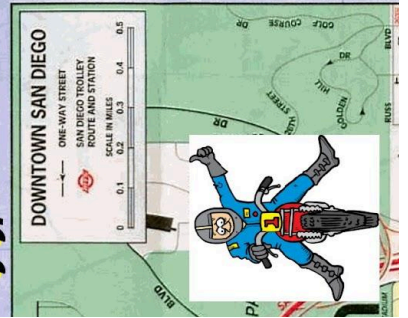
Baja California Discovery Route Ride 00

gpsKevin to Pine Valley

Ride Length is 81 miles



by **gpsKevin**



Sunday Day 1, Pine Valley to Tecate to Mike's Sky Rancho

Lodging: [Mike's Sky Rancho](#)

Ride length: 175 miles

Gas Plan: Fill up in Tecate at 30 miles from the start of the ride. Next gas is in Valle de la Trinidad at 117 miles.

Description: Main Blue route is graded dirt roads and part paved highway. The Red route is all back dirt roads and takes you over Laguna Hanson National Park. There is a second Red route near the end of the day. It is a little rougher and takes you more into the mountains.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO) before the ride starts

Lunch Plan: Lunch in Valle de la Trinidad at Loncheria Mexican Cafe.

Dinner Plan: BBQ dinner provided by Mike's Sky Rancho



Getting gas at the Sawmill on Laguna Hanson

Baja California Discovery Route Ride I



Pine Valley CA to Mikes Sky Ranch Ride Length is 175 miles

Monday Day 2, Mike's Sky Rancho to San Quintín

Lodging: [Hotel-Jardines](#)

Ride length: 109 Miles on the main Blue Route

Gas Plan: No gas at Mike's, first gas is at 82 more miles, added to yesterday's 28 miles that makes the distance 110 miles. Second gas is the next morning in El Rosario

Description: Mostly back dirt roads over the mountains to the coast. Then part highway and beach. There is a Red harder option and in the afternoon there is the Sleeping Bag Trail, part dirt roads and part singletrack.

Breakfast: Provided by Mike's Sky Rancho

Lunch Plan: YOYO in Colonia Vicente Guerrero

Dinner Plan: YOYO in San Quintín



Shipwrecks, North of San Quintin

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 2



Mike's Sky Rancho to San Quintín

Ride Length is 109 miles

Tuesday Day 3, San Quintín to El Rosario

Lodging: El Rosario Baja Cactus

Ride length: 133 Miles on the main Blue Route. 166 miles if the Red options are taken.

Gas Plan: First gas at 41 miles (making it a total of 70 miles from yesterday's gas). Second gas at the end of the day back in El Rosario.

Description: The morning's ride is along the beach to El Rosario. Then in the afternoon, the ride makes a big loop south of El Rosario on the beach and in the mountains, returning to El Rosario. There is a Red harder option with unknown difficulty due to recent storms.

Breakfast: YOYO

Lunch Plan: YOYO

Dinner Plan: YOYO



Tunel donde Desfoga el Agua a La Lobera

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 3



by gpsKevin

Ride Length is 133 miles San Quintín to El Rosario and Loop

Wednesday Day 4, **El Rosario to San Ignacio** (highway day)

Lodging: **Hotel Rice & Beans**

Ride length: 312 miles on the main Green route

Gas Plan: Gas in Catavina at 76 miles, then gas in Ejido Villa Jesús María at 123 miles and gas in San Ignacio at 113 miles.

Description: This is a long, all paved highway day. Sit down, relax and enjoy the scenery!

Breakfast: YOYO

Lunch Plan: YOYO in Guerrero Negro

Dinner Plan: YOYO



Highway Mex-1



El Rosario to San Ignacio

Thursday Day 5, San Ignacio to Mulegé

Lodging: [Hotel Serenidad](#)

Ride length: 167 miles on the main Blue route. 140 miles on the Green route

Gas Plan: None, fill up before leaving San Ignacio and carry extra as it can be a long, unknown day

Description: Mostly dirt roads, part along the beach and part through the mountains. Red routes are unknowns due to storm damage. Could be shorter and could be difficult.

Breakfast: YOYO in San Ignacio

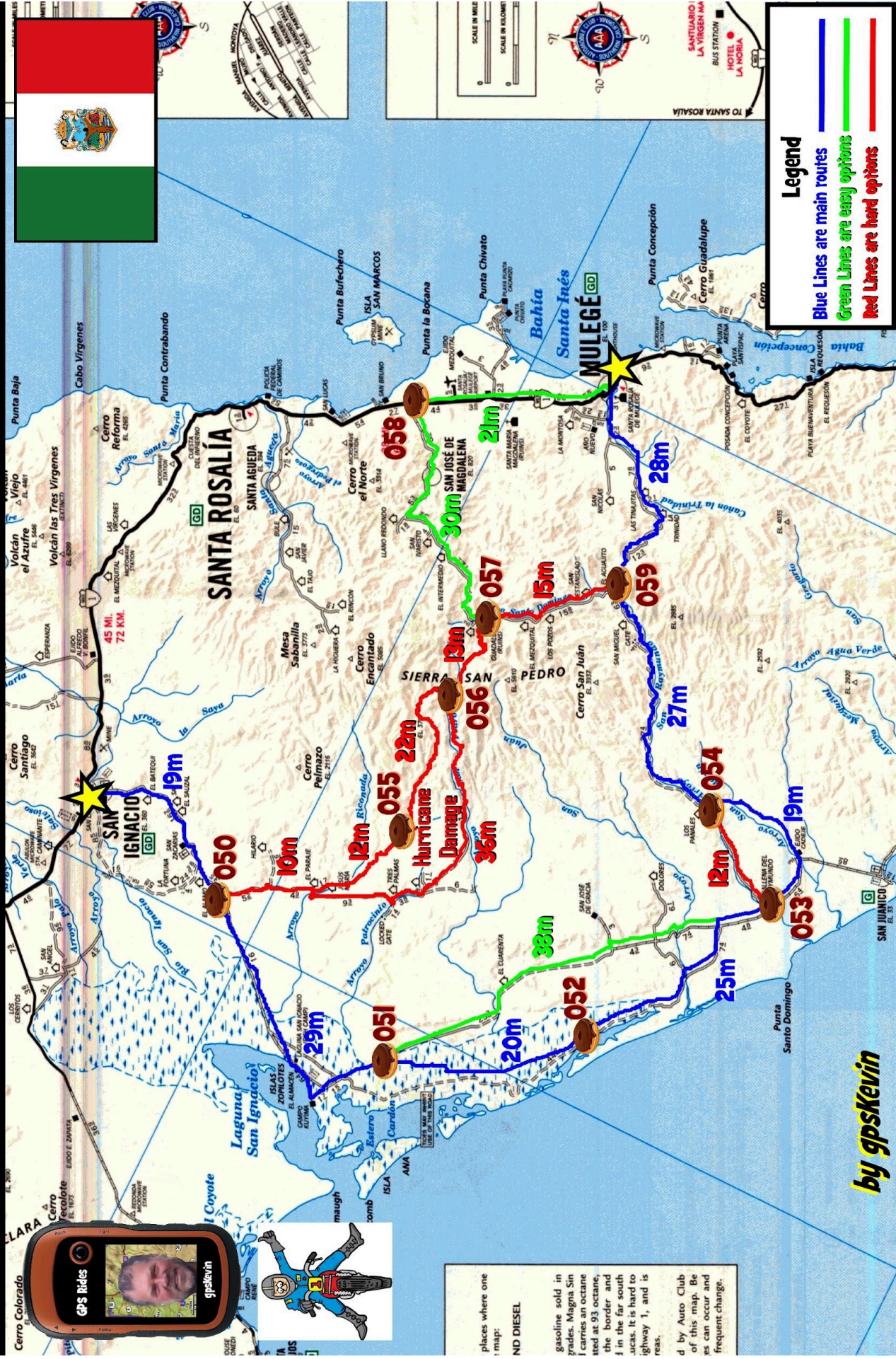
Lunch Plan: Pack your own for the trail

Dinner Plan: YOYO in Mulegé



Camino a San Francisquito

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 5



by gpsKevin

Friday Day 6, Mulegé to Loreto

Lodging: [Loreto Bay Golf Resort & Spa](#)

Ride length: 150 miles Note: There is a 24 mile Black route to Loreto after Donut 065

Gas Plan: None, get gas in Mulegé before leaving.

Description: Part highway in the morning and back dirt roads in the afternoon. Red option could be great, could be difficult. Inquire locally.

Breakfast: YOYO in Mulegé

Lunch Plan: Pack your own for the trail

Dinner Plan: Recommendation: Loreto Bay Golf Resort & Spa



E Burro Beach

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 6



Ride Length is 150 miles

Mulege to Loreto

Saturday Day 7, Loreto to Cabo San Lucas

Lodging: Seven Crown Cabo

Ride length: 310 Miles

Gas Plan: First gas at Villa Constitucion at 85 miles, second gas at La Paz at 131 miles, last gas in Cabo at 95 miles

Description: This is a long all paved highway day. Sit down, relax and enjoy the scenery!

Breakfast: YOYO in Loreto before leaving

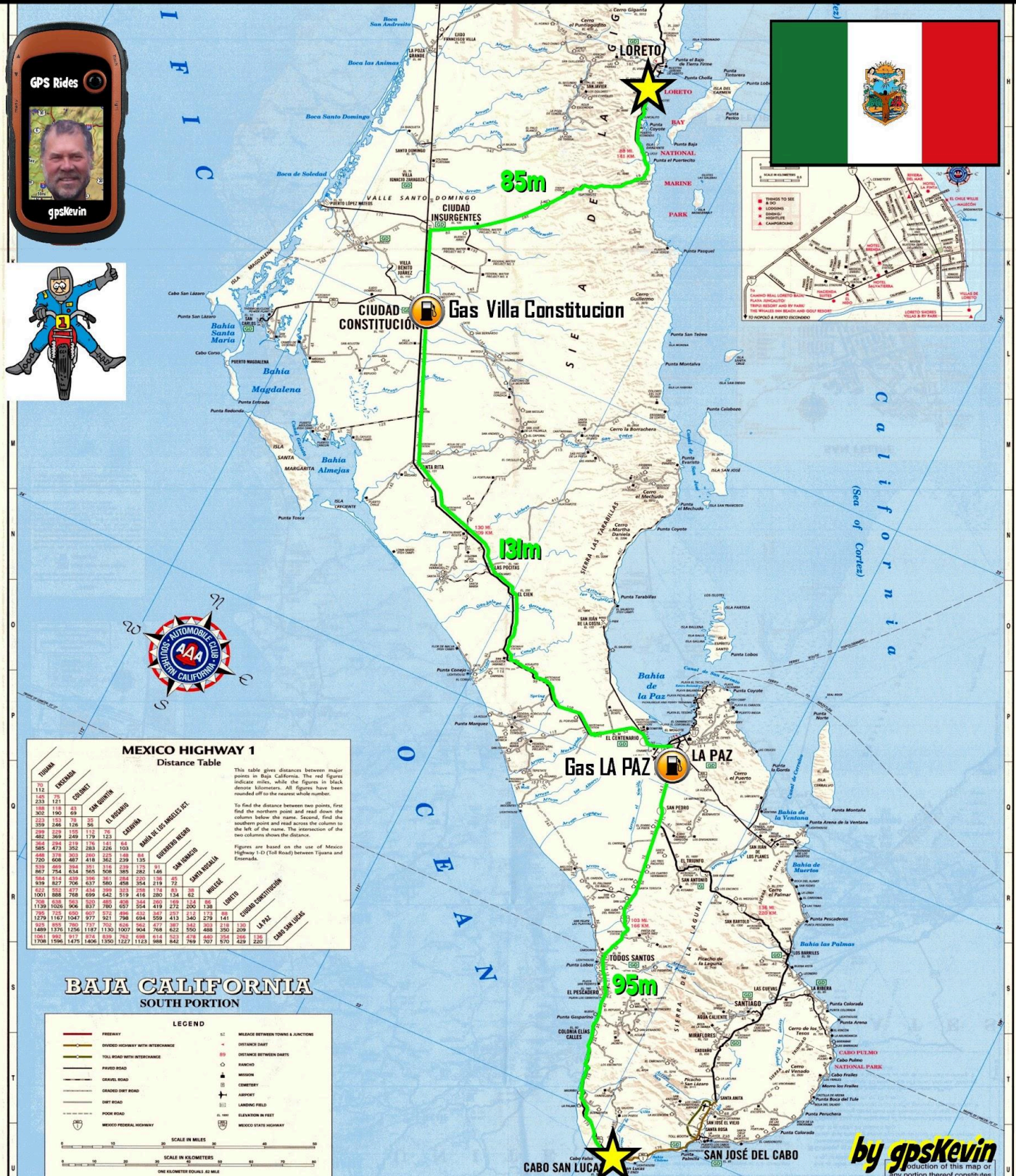
Lunch Plan: YOYO in La Paz

Dinner Plan: YOYO in Cabo



Trans Peninsula Highway 1

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 7



Ride Length is 310 miles

Loreto to Cabo San Lucas

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Sunday Day 8, Cabo San Lucas to La Paz

Lodging: [Seven Crown La Paz Malecon](#)

Ride length: 161 miles on the Blue Route

Gas Plan: First gas at 79 miles in Todos Santos, second gas at 82 miles in La Paz

Description: Riders have a choice between a Blue route through the mountains or the Green route along the east coast. For riders choosing the Blue mountain route, there is a Red option of a little more remote and tougher dirt roads. Both the coastal route and the mountain route should be great, hard to choose!

Breakfast: YOYO in Cabo

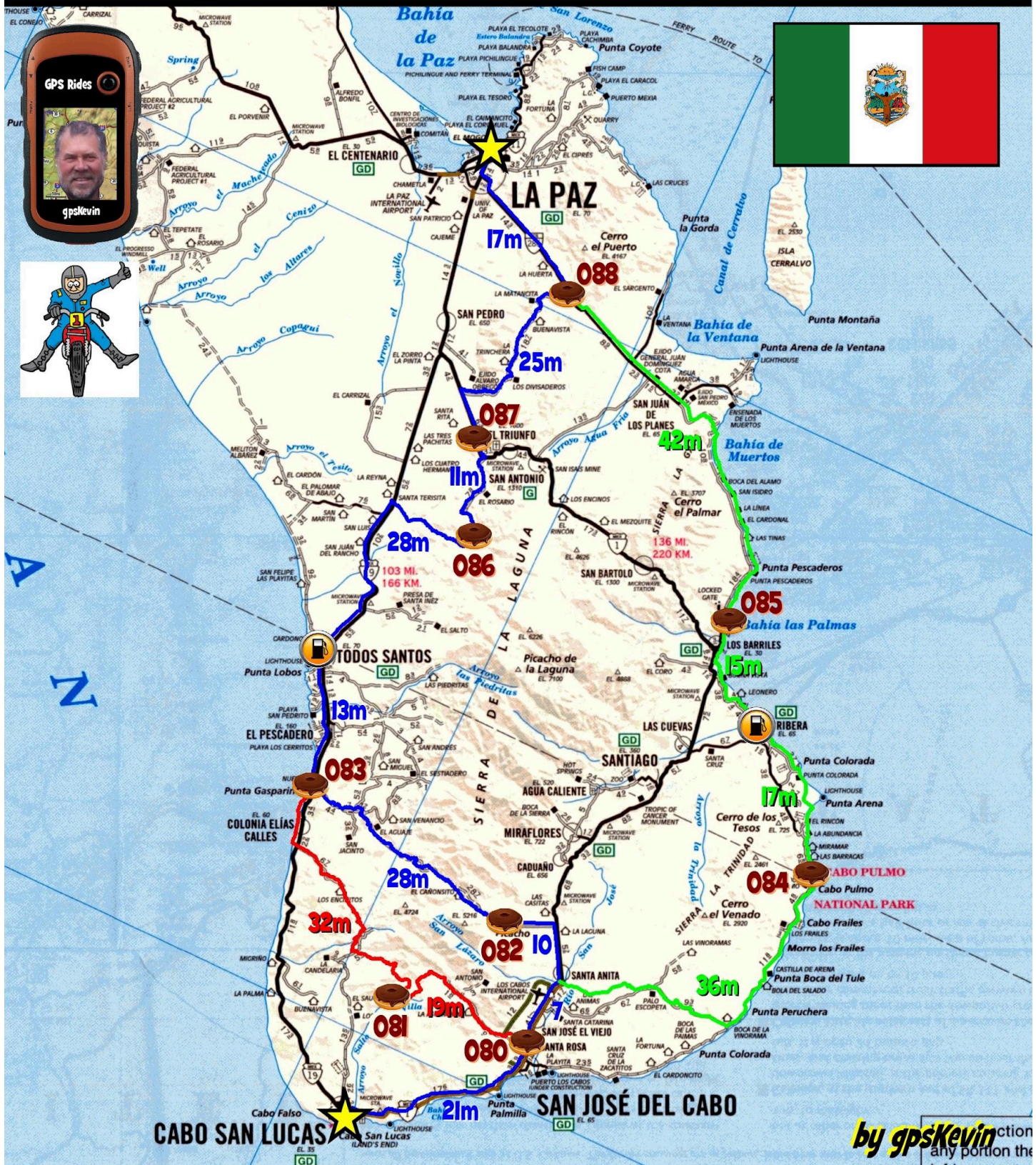
Lunch Plan: Some choices along the way on each route

Dinner Plan: YOYO on the waterfront in La Paz



Mountains near Cabo, between the Pacific and the Gulf (more like a tropical forest starting)

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 8

by **gpsKevin**

Ride Length is 161 miles

Cabo San Lucas to La Paz

Monday Day 9, La Paz to Ciudad Constitución

Lodging: Hotel El Paraiso Del Valle

Ride length: 212 Miles, optional Red hard route is 171 miles

Gas Plan: Possible gas at 132 miles but riders must arrange with the support truck driver to meet them at that spot. Otherwise, no gas on route.

Description: First part of the ride is up the Gulf of California and should be spectacular, part pavement and some dirt. Then the ride turns to back, mountainous dirt. There is a Red option shortcut of unknown difficulty. Near the end of the day, there is a Mission San Luis Gonzaga that should be great.

Breakfast: YOYO in La Paz before leaving

Lunch Plan: Pack your own for the trail

Dinner Plan: Open in Ciudad Constitución



Oasis la Purificacion

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 9



Ride Length is 212 miles

La Paz to Ciudad Constitución

Tuesday Day 10, Ciudad Constitución to Loreto to Santa Rosalia (50% highway, 50% dirt) 115 miles on dirt in the morning, then 120 miles on highway in the afternoon.

Lodging: [Hotel Frances](#)

Ride length: 238 miles on the Blue Route and 289 miles on the Red Route

Gas Plan: First gas in Loreto at 114 miles, second gas at Mulegé at 85 miles

Description: Morning Blue route is mixed dirt through the mountains. Red route may be spectacular but contains a tough hill. Fortunately we are going downhill so hard to say how tough it is. See picture below. Routes rejoin at Loreto and from Loreto to Santa Rosalia is paved highway.

Breakfast: YOYO in Ciudad Constitución before leaving

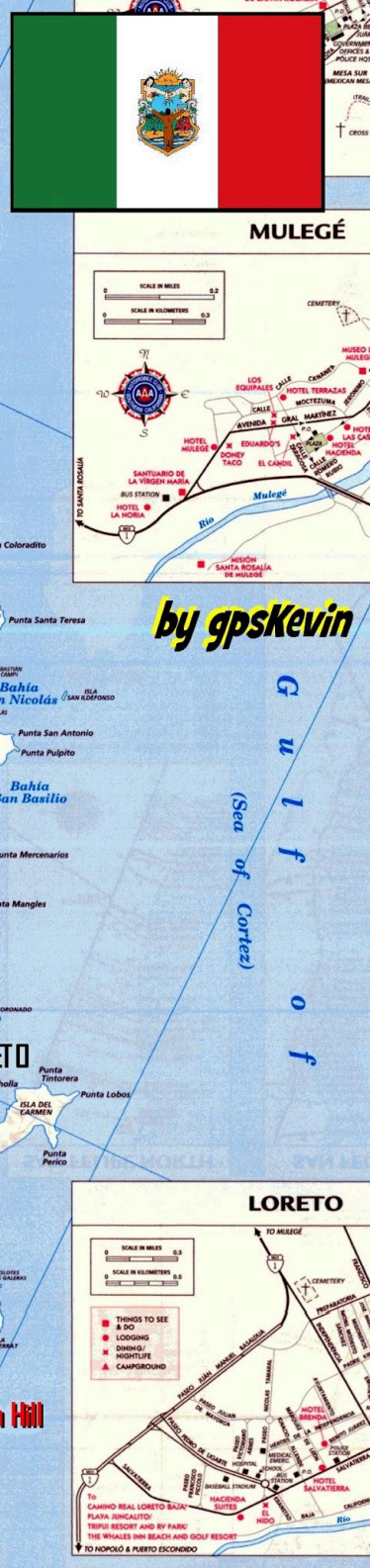
Lunch Plan: YOYO, possible options are in Loreto

Dinner Plan: Recommendation: Hotel Frances



Tough Hill on the Optional **Red Route** from Ciudad Constitución

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 10



Ride Length is 238 miles Ciudad Constitución to Loreto to Santa Rosalia

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Wednesday Day 11, Santa Rosalia to San Ignacio then day off in San Ignacio

Lodging: **Hotel Rice & Beans**

Ride length: 50 miles

Gas Plan: Get gas in San Ignacio

Description: Riders may join a Cave Painting Tour specially arranged by Roberto. The tour requires part walking and part riding of burros depending on your choices. Riders wanting Whale Watching can make their own arrangements. Enjoy your relaxed day.

Breakfast: YOYO at the Hotel Frances

Lunch Plan: YOYO

Dinner Plan: Several choices in San Ignacio



Optional Whale "Petting" in Laguna San Ignacio



Cueva Palmarito near San Ignacio



by gpsKevin

Thursday Day 12, San Ignacio to Ejido Bahía de Los Ángeles

Lodging: [Hotel Villa Vitta](#)

Ride length: 184 Miles on main Blue route

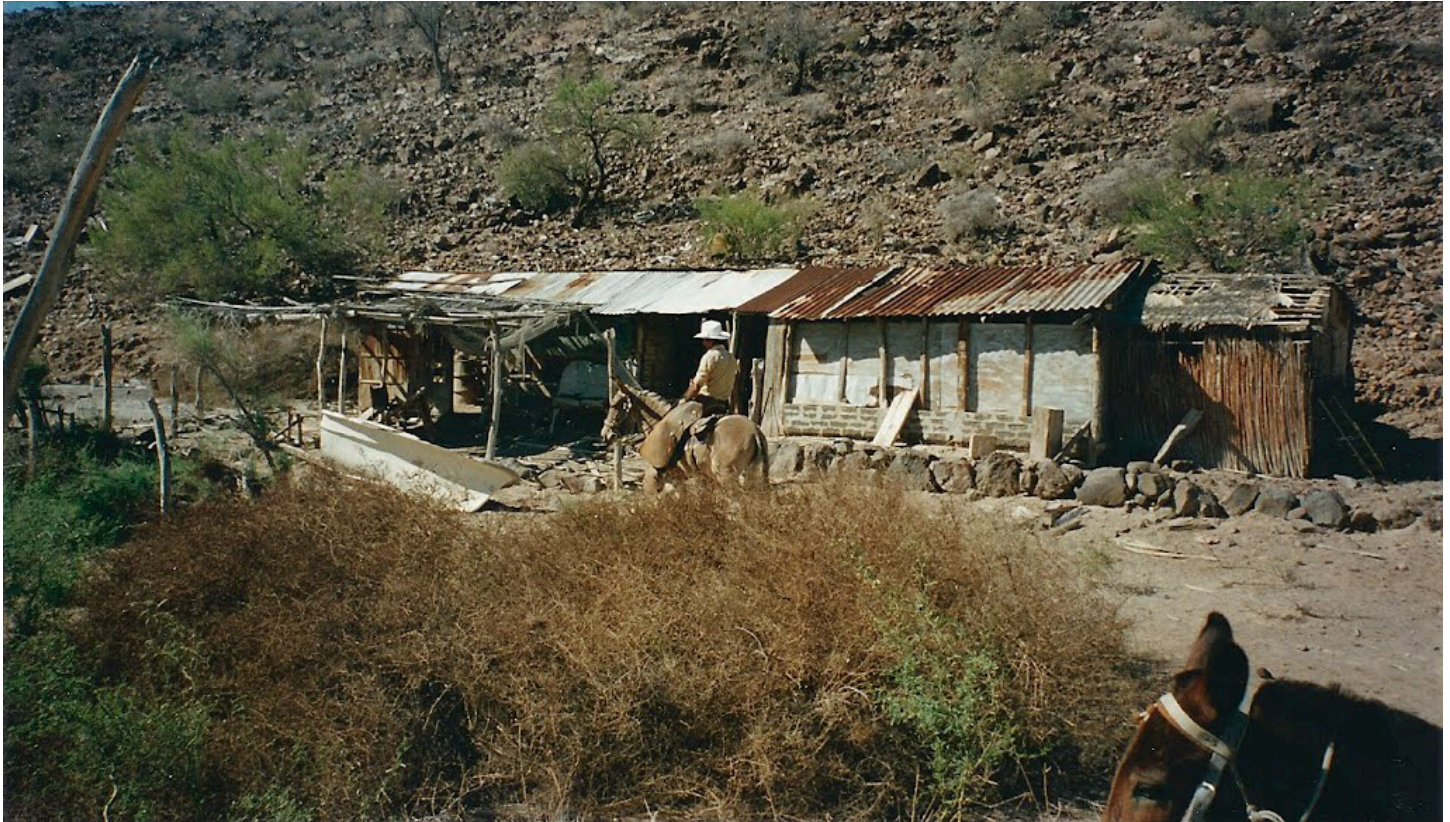
Gas Plan: None, carry extra just in case

Description: There is a Red, hard option along the coast making the total ride 211 miles. Highlights include Punta San Francisquito which is an Out and Black after Donut 125. Long day, could be great and tough.

Breakfast: YOYO at our lovely Rice and Beans hotel

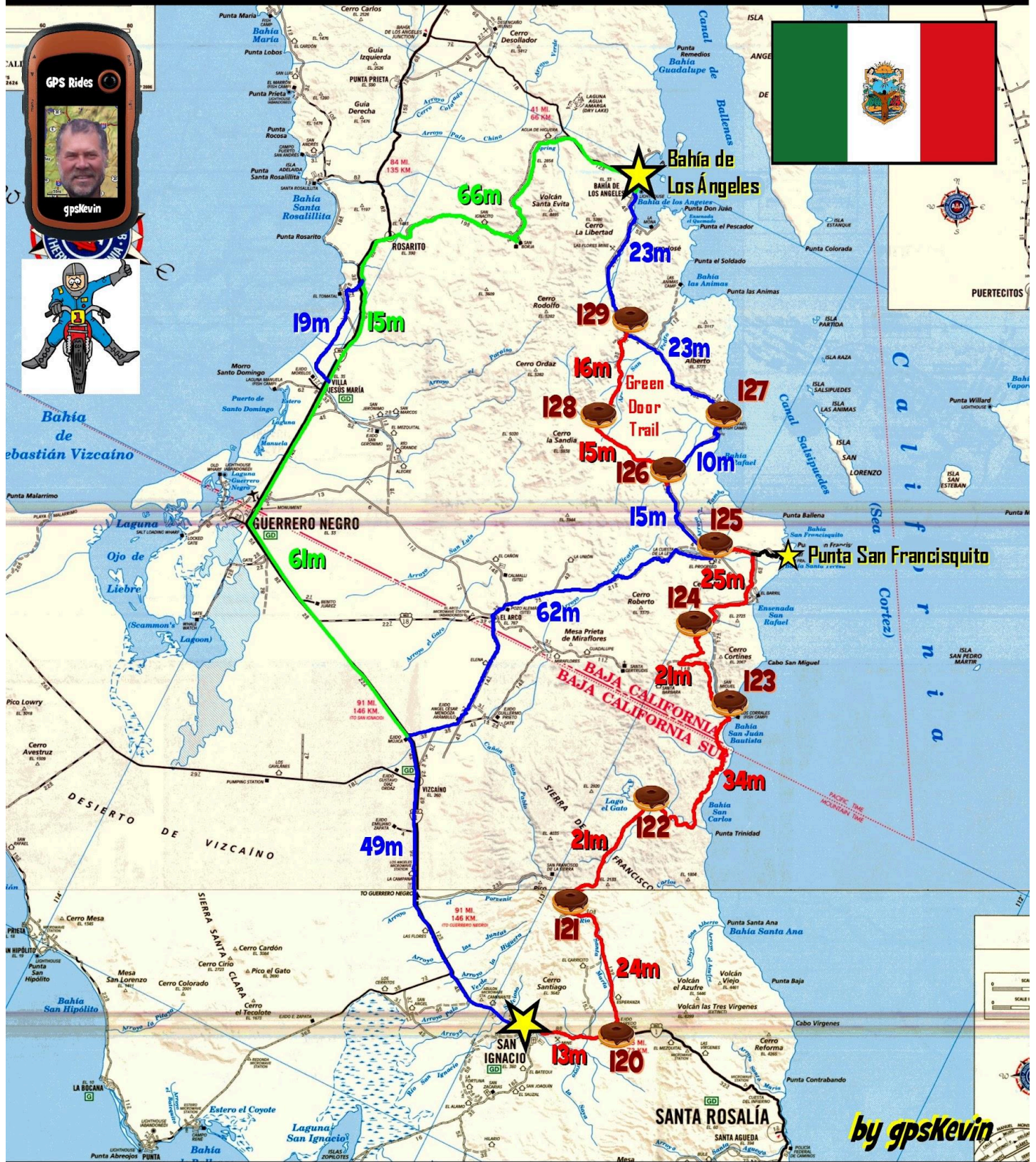
Lunch Plan: Pack your own for the trail

Dinner Plan: Hotel Villa Vitta



Old Rancho La Trinidad, Baja

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 12



Ride Length is 184 miles San Ignacio to Ejido Bahía de Los Angeles

Friday Day 13, Ejido Bahía de Los Ángeles to San Felipe

(60% highway, 40% dirt)

Lodging: [Las Palmas Hotel](#)

Ride length: 215 miles, part highway and part dirt

Gas Plan: Gas at 114 miles at Gonzaga

Description: Morning Blue route is mixed mountains and desert to Coco's Corner. There is a great, tough, Red option called the Window Rock Trail. Riders meet at Coco's Corner. Coco's Corner to San Felipe is 125 miles of mostly paved roads. There is a great afternoon hard option called Matomi Wash for riders with extra energy.

Breakfast: Provided by Hotel Villa Vitta

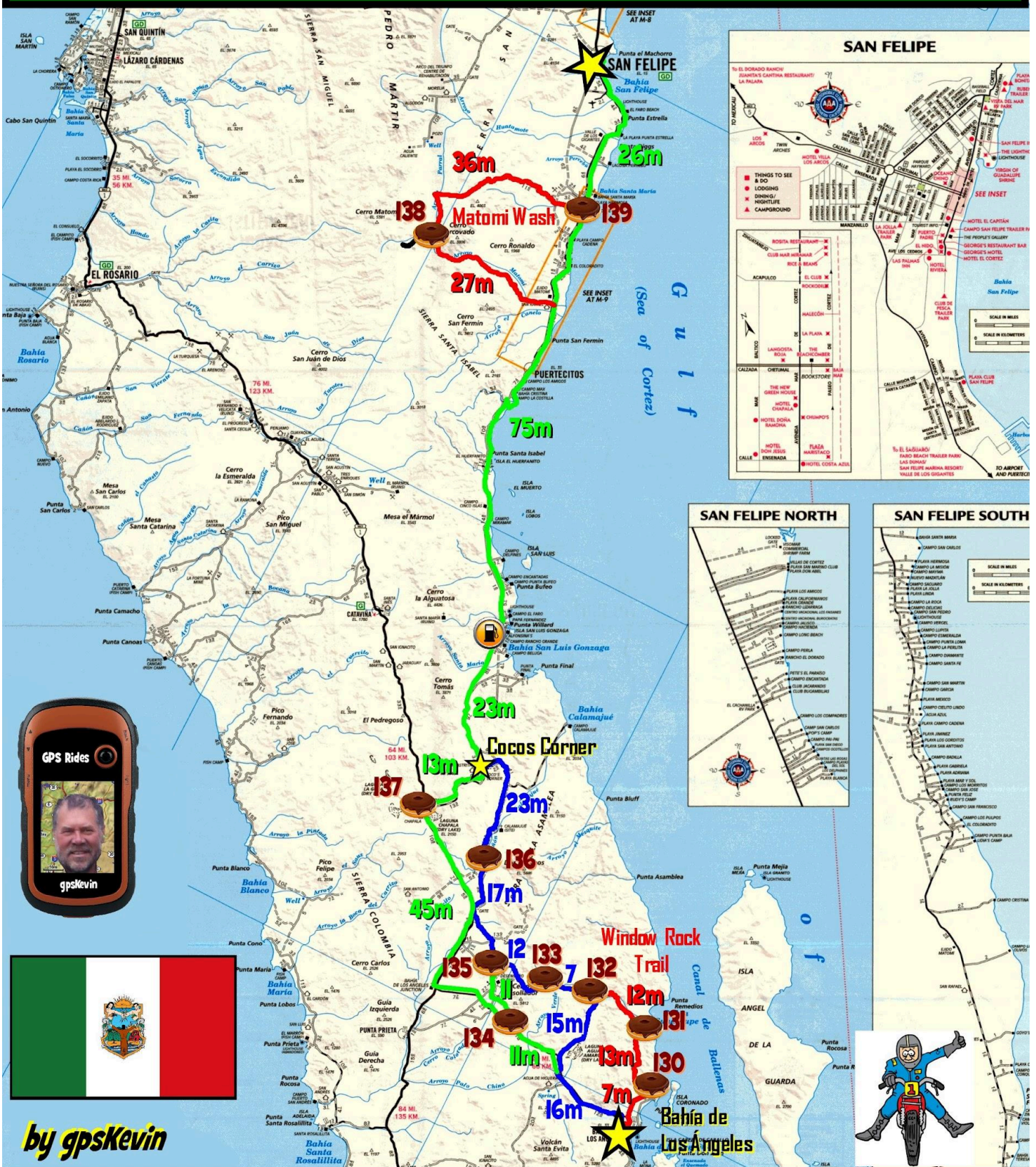
Lunch Plan: Pack your own for the trail

Dinner Plan: YOYO in San Felipe; lots of great choices



Coco's Corner.....The Front Lobby, Baja California

Baja California Discovery Route Ride 13



Ride Length is 215 miles Bahía de Los Angeles to San Felipe

Saturday Day 14, San Felipe to Tecate

Lodging: None, everyone goes home

Ride length: 197 miles, mixed highway and dirt roads to Tecate

Gas Plan: Gas at Valle de la Trinidad at 80 miles

Description: Morning is highway to Valle de la Trinidad. There is a Red option across the dry lakebed. Afternoon is mixed highway and dirt road (Compadre Trail) to Tecate. End of day Black routes take you back to gpsKevin home.

Breakfast: YOYO

Lunch Plan: YOYO

Dinner Plan: YOYO

Finish the ride around noon on Saturday



Bridge along the Compadre Trail

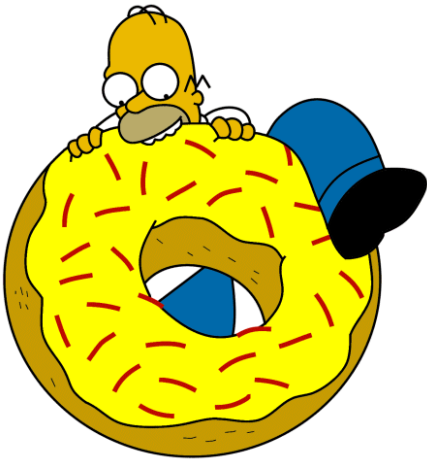
Baja California Discovery Route Ride 14



Ride Length is 197 miles **San Felipe to Tecate**

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Donut Holes: Are we doing Donut Holes?



This ride includes Donut Holes. Donut Holes are suggested as meetup spots for riders riding in groups. It is recommended that you join a group of riders and not ride alone. Ride groups should be 6 people or less. Using gps to navigate while riding in a group presents lot of new challenges and opportunities. First riders tend to ride at their own pace and often ride out of sight of the others in the group. Some riders may like to stop and take pictures and others simply like to stay out of the dust. When using GPS riders often unknowingly pass or change their position within the group. While the rider, say Jeff thinks Brian is in front of him, Brian is now behind. Jeff and both riders don't know that this change has occurred. What happens next is Brian slows to allow Jeff to catch up and Jeff speeds up to try to catch Brian. The gap between them gets ever bigger and the riders may never see each other again. These situations can escalate into big

confusion and issues.

To mitigate the group confusion, this ride includes Meetup Points called Donut Holes. Donut Holes are big circles embedded into your GPS. These circles mark the spot that riders take a quick stop to check in with the other riders and verify that everyone is accounted for without issue.

When a rider turns up missing at the Donut Hole it is up to the group to decide to ride back to the last known sighting of the missing rider. Riders should not skip a Donut as the rest of the group may turn back looking for the missing person. This allows ride groups to catch issues early before they become big problems

As your riding group forms the riders should ask each other, are we doing Donuts? If your group agrees to do Donuts, then that means everyone is responsible for ensuring everyone in the group is present at the Donut Holes. Stay on the Trail. Much of this ride borders wilderness areas. In some places the ride cuts right through wilderness area on road easements. It is very important to stay on the route at all times

Other:

Riding in groups of more than 6 people is not permitted, so do not tell any officials that you are riding in a large group. Limit your group size to 6

On GPS Maps

Remember you are not looking to find tracklogs, but rather MAPS. This ride uses a separate map for each day's ride. The SD Card contains 14 separate maps. You will have to turn off all 14 maps and then only turn on the maps for the correct day's ride. You will have to turn off and on a new map every day.

FAQ's

Q: How do I check my GPS to see if the SD Card is working?

A: There are two ways you can check your GPS.

1. See the trail on the GPS yourself. Turn on the GPS and zoom out to about 50 or 30 miles. Use the cursor to pan over to an area where you know the trail should be. Now begin zooming in. Wait for the gps to refresh its screen as they can be slow. As you zoom in you should see the trail as a Wide Bold Blue line made up of arrows. OK, good job, you did it right.

2. Check to see if the map is in the GPS unit's memory: The steps to do this vary depending on which Garmin gps unit you have (and there are hundreds). Most work like this:

- Alternate 1: From the "Map" page select Menu. Then select "Setup Map" then scroll down and select "Select Map." Now you can scroll down and read the maps in you unit. You should find a map called "Baja_BDR xx." Make sure it is enabled and you are done!
- Alternate2: Some GPS units (like Nuvi's) work like this. Select "Settings" then "Maps" then "Info" and now you should find the map "Baja_BDR xx." Make sure that it is checked and you're done.
- Alternate3: Some work like this. Select "Tools" then "Settings" then "Map" then "Map Info." You should find the map "Baja_BDR xx." Make sure that it is checked and you're done.

Again, your gps may have a different way to access the maps, but the download does work in all Garmin gps units with a card slot. Sorry, there are just too many garmin gps units for me to go through them all.

If you are new to this stuff or having trouble I will help you at the ride.