About MORCA (Monterey Off-Road Cycling Association)

MORCA is the voice for responsible mountain biking in Monterey County. Since 2002, MORCA has made impactful contributions to our region's public lands, public health, and tourism economy through trail stewardship that benefits all trail users. As a 501c3, MORCA builds more than trails – this volunteer-powered organization builds community and a bridge between recreation and conservation interests.

From families, schools, local businesses, and local events to land managers and elected officials, MORCA collaborates at all levels of our community to further its mission. Together with its leadership team, members, volunteers, and partners, MORCA delivers positive community impact.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS:

Legacy Highlights

- In 2012, MORCA board members were part of the Monterey County delegation that traveled to Washington D.C. and secured National Monument status for Fort Ord.
- Each year, MORCA maintains and improves trails used by the Sea Otter Classic, our nation's largest cycling event, bringing $70 million in economic impact to greater Monterey
- MORCA gets more kids on bikes and in nature every year through its annual Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day event – even kids who don't have a bike or helmet get to ride

2024 Highlights

- In collaboration with Monterey County Parks, initiated, installed, and funded three years of maintenance costs for portable toilets at 8th & Gigling Rd., Marina trailhead in Fort Ord
- Raised $10,000 for Monterey County Parks Happy Trails signage project
- Dedicated >1,400 hours of volunteer service through Fort Ord trail stewardship
- Debuted three part-time paid trail-crew positions through BLM grant
- Debuted new 50-foot bridge during Sea Otter Classic; built in 2023 with >500 volunteer hours and $80,000 in grant funds to address chronic erosion on Ford Ord Trail #47
- Recognized by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) leadership for contributions to outdoor recreation and conservation within Fort Ord National Monument
- Provided service-learning opportunities to Salinas High School Cowboys Mountain Bike Team through trail stewardship projects
- Hosted 18th Annual Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day
- Hosted 1st Annual MORCA Mountain Bike Film Festival
- Secured sponsorship by Montage Health