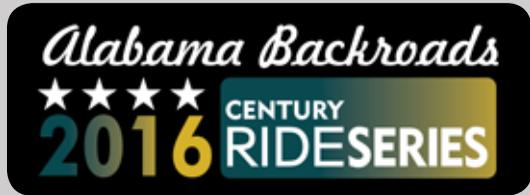


# Old Howard

The Old Howard 100 is one of Samford University's initiatives to promote awareness of and appreciation for Alabama's Black Belt. The university began there in 1841 as Howard College in the town of Marion. The magnificent antebellum homes still standing throughout the Black Belt bear witness to the region's great wealth and cultural importance at the time of Howard's founding. The area is also at the heart of historic civil rights struggles.

The Black Belt was unable to recover economically after the Civil War, so the Alabama Baptist State Convention accepted an offer from Birmingham and moved the college in 1887. It became Samford University in 1965. Howard College of Arts and Sciences pays tribute to the long connection with its first home.



The Old Howard 100 is part of the Alabama Backroads Century Series. The series of rides seeks to promote the growth and development of long-distance cycling in the state of Alabama, and benefit the charities and advocacy efforts supported by each of the events.

[alabama-backroads-cycling.com](http://alabama-backroads-cycling.com)

# Route

Riders begin at Judson College and ride through downtown Marion, past Marion Military Institute, former home of Howard College. Riders will head west for 17 miles through the Perry County countryside to Newbern, home to the Rural Studio project of Auburn University. Thirty-mile riders will return to Marion from here.

Proceeding north in Hale County, riders will pass through downtown Greensboro on the broad, tree-lined Main Street with its many homes of distinctive architecture—Greek Revival, Federal, Victorian, Gothic Revival—and onto the grounds of Magnolia Grove, built c. 1838, and the ancestral home of Admiral Richmond Hobson, hero of the Spanish-American War. All riders then return to Marion by way of a stop in Folsom at Morningstar Baptist Church. The 45-mile route ends back at Judson.

Century and 75-mile riders continue through Marion and southward, across the Cahaba River and the Perry Lakes wetlands region, to Suttle before splitting: either to return to Marion or to proceed into Dallas County for the final stop at the Selma Public Library. Century riders will be rewarded with views of historic structures, including the Edmund Pettus Bridge and cemeteries framed by Live Oak trees draped with Spanish moss. The return to Marion takes riders through sweeping farm and pasture land.

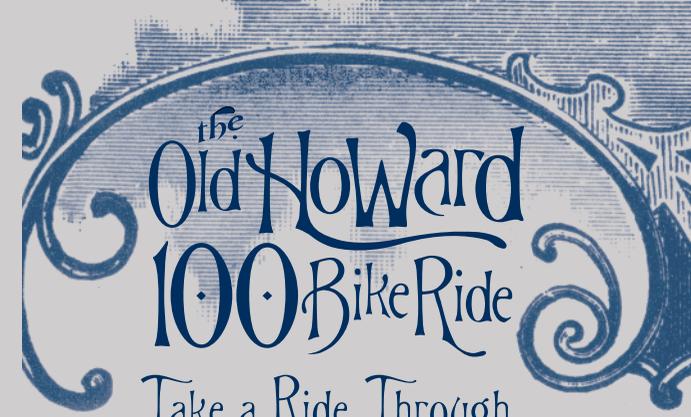
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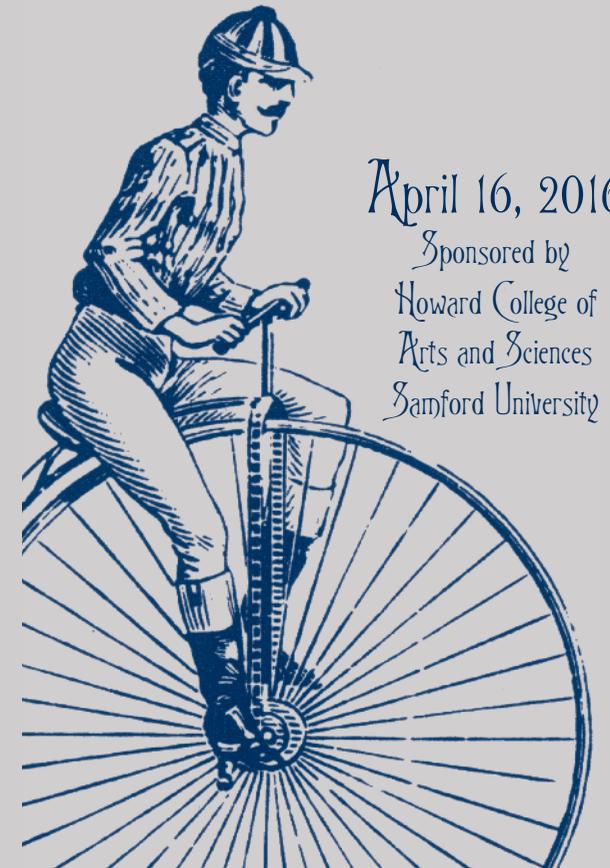
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# the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride

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## About the Ride

The Old Howard 100 is a ride through three counties in Alabama's historic Black Belt sponsored by Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences. The event benefits Sowing Seeds of Hope, a partnership between Perry County and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship that seeks to enhance the quality of work and life in Perry County through improved educational opportunities, health care, tourism, transportation and economic development.

Proceeds assist Perry County residents who receive care through Samford's year-round health programs. Students and faculty in Samford's nursing, pharmacy, and exercise and sports medicine programs offer regular health care screenings, evaluations and monitoring services. Sowing Seeds of Hope Executive Director Frances Ford notes that such funds fill a critical void in health care distribution by providing medication or supplies to newly diagnosed patients.

**Sowing Seeds of Hope**  
[sowingseedsofhope-pc.org](http://sowingseedsofhope-pc.org)

## Event Schedule

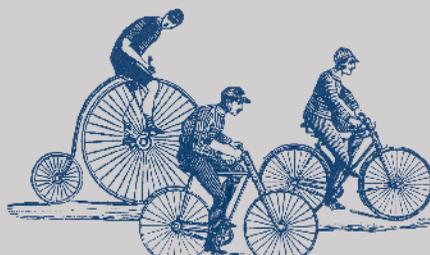
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### Registration

Preregister by mail using the enclosed form or online through [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Ride begins and ends on the grounds of Judson College.

- 8 a.m. On-site registration begins
- 8:30 a.m. Century Riders start
- 9 a.m. Mass start for all others
- 12 p.m. Hot dog lunch available outdoors
- 2-5 p.m. Dinner served in Judson Dining Hall

 Go to [samford.edu/go/oldhoward](http://samford.edu/go/oldhoward) for additional information and a link to electronic registration, or contact Cathy Graham at [cgraham1@samford.edu](mailto:cgraham1@samford.edu) or 205-726-2071. Like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/OldHoward100](https://facebook.com/OldHoward100)



### Directions to Judson College

302 Bibb Street • Marion, AL 36756  
From Birmingham, take I-59 South toward Tuscaloosa (approximately 30 minutes). Take Exit 97 (West Blocton) and turn left on Highway 11/5. In about 3 miles, turn left on Highway 5 (by People's Bank). Travel 44 miles and turn right on Lafayette Street (by Judson College sign). Watch for Old Howard signs for parking on campus.

**Routes of approximately 32, 45, 75 and 103 miles are available and are fully supported with five SAG stops at historic sites. SAG support provided by Cahaba Cycles and the Alabama Ham Radio Club.**



### Registration

Early registration (no later than April 8)	\$40
Late registration	\$50
Student rate	\$20
Perry, Hale and Dallas County resident rate	\$20
Sport Cut Jersey (men's or women's), while supplies last	\$50
Donation to Sowing Seeds of Hope	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Note: Event T-shirts are guaranteed only for early registrants.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Emergency Contact  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Ride Distance  32 miles  45 miles  
 75 miles  103 miles

T-shirt Size  S  M  L  XL  XXL  
 Jersey Size (W)  S  M  L  XL  XXL  
 Jersey Size (M)  S  M  L  XL  XXL

Participants will be required to wear helmets and to sign a Waiver of Liability.

Cash or check (payable to Samford University)

Credit Card payments are available online only; please go to [active.com](http://active.com).

Mail completed form (one per rider) with payment to:

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