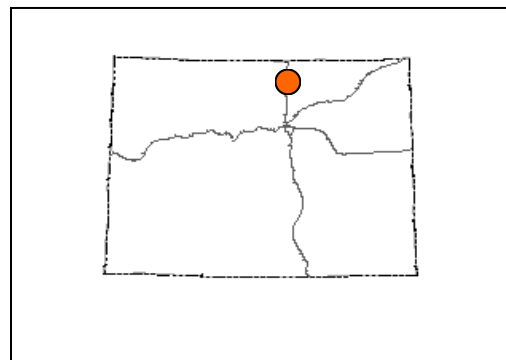


Colorado Tree Coalition Success Story

Project Title: Champion Tree Classic Bike Ride

Project Emphasis: Fundraiser

Project Location: Fort Collins, CO



Project Narrative:



The 10th annual Champion Tree Classic (formerly Deb Ashe Cottonwood Classic) bike ride on June 28th, 2009 saw 36 riders pedal for over 1,700 miles along the scenic Poudre River Trail through the cities of Fort Collins, Windsor and Greeley. 14 of the riders chose the long route to Greeley and back, the 60-mile circuit, while the remaining 22 riders took on the tamer 36-mile ride to Windsor and back. Teams from Swingle Tree Company, the City of Fort Collins and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District led the way as they were joined by other individual riders and couples along the route. Support staff “manned” two rest stops along the route and provided riders with much needed liquid, solid and encouragement support. In addition to all the folks registering and riding this year, special thanks go out to the sponsors and donators Terry Nolan of Highlands Ranch, Marion Jones (this year’s ride organizer!), Swingle Tree Company, Phelan Gardens, and Little Valley Wholesale Nursery. This year’s ride also featured a new “home” and sponsor in New Belgium Brewing Company.

Their hospitality, support and provision of refreshments and a space to cool-down after the ride was much appreciated! Miles of fun, lots of stories to tell and a fine fundraising effort brought over \$ 2,200 for the ISA TREE Fund and the programs of the Colorado Tree Coalition. Plan to join us next year as we celebrate our 11th consecutive fun ride.

