Just heard about the Tour de Concord , a leisurely ride on 5/12 to support the Greenbelt Alliance . So if you don't want to do Mines Road , it's a good (relatively) local alternative.

Per Sara, their MarCom person, "the purpose of the ride is to lead cyclists around the former Concord Naval Weapons Station in Contra Costa County and explain the policy and advocacy efforts that will lead to its future development."

Celebrate "Bike to Work" month and join us on a bicycle ride through Central Contra Costa County. We'll roll by sites like the former Concord Naval Weapons Station, Contra Costa Centre in Pleasant Hill, and the Iron Horse Trail. Along the way we'll hear about Greenbelt Alliance's work in Concord to preserve 3,500 acres of open space and plan for future neighborhoods clustered near the North Concord BART station. The ride will end at Walnut Creek. For those who want a more challenging ride, we'll pedal from Walnut Creek BART through Tilden to Downtown Berkeley BART.

Leaders: Evan Lovett-Harris and Sara Barz
Distance: 19 or 35 miles with an elevation gain of about 650 feet.
What to Bring: BART fare, working bicycles, spare tubes, water, and helmets required. Snacks are strongly encouraged.
Meet: Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station, 1700 West Leland Road
Date: Saturday, May 12, 2012
Time: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

You can RSVP on their website .