

**Route Name**

Dans Creek – Reynolds Creek Scenic Cruise

**Number.....#24**

***Prairie City Bicycle Invitational***

**Dates Supported.....**

**Ride Type.....** Mountain or X-bike with fat tires

**Difficulty.....** Technical – 3, Physical – III (scale 1–5 & I–V)

**Time required.....** 4–5 hours (approximate)

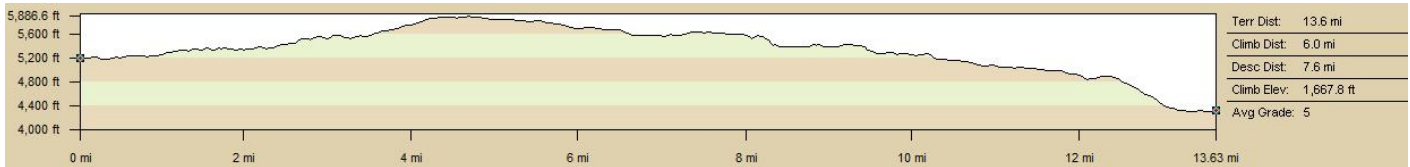
**Total trip distance.....** 13.58 miles (approximate)

**Distance to highest Elevation....** 4.3 miles (approximate)

**Lowest gear ratio on test bike...** 30 Rear X 39 Front

**Necessary Supplies.....** 1<sup>st</sup> aid, extra clothing, snacks, maps & beverage

**R i d e P r o f i l e**



**General Description**

Splendid views gained of the John Day River Valley stretching west to the town of John Day and beyond, with the Strawberry Mountains seen as the valley’s southern barrier. Overall the ride is technically quite easy, presenting good road surface except in two places, only one of which requires careful maneuvering and braking for being both steep and rough (a nearly two mile stretch within the route’s last three miles). Keep in mind though that you’ll be on some sections that see almost no traffic due to difficult access. BE CAREFUL!

**Route Directions**

- Start point ..... Dans Creek Road (USFS 306) junction with SR 26, 9.37 miles east of Prairie City and 0.29 miles east of Dixie Summit. Route follows Dans Creek road for the next 8 miles
- 1.09 miles ..... Unmarked road junctions from left with camp sites to either side of Route. Short distance beyond this point Route crosses cattle guard
- 2.23 miles ..... Route follows left beyond “Y” split with unmarked road. Route from here climbs, moderately steep in the first 200 yards, then in less severe pitch
- 2.65 miles ..... Road level out, giving sweeping views of John Day River Valley
- 3.38 miles ..... Route goes left and up form this “Y” split with USFS 374
- 4.30 miles ..... Road levels out, again yielding great views of the Valley but also Eureka Gulch
- 7.5 miles ..... Views of Isham Creek drainage flanked by ridges showing road cuts traversing them
- 8.4 miles ..... Route leaves USFS 306, going left up easily seen and steep ATV trail leading directly up slope. Don’t be fooled by some faint ATV tracks you’ll pass before this one; this one is very obviously well used, and its steepness will require dismounting and pushing the bike to the ridge top
- 8.14 miles ..... Stay on the *main track* of ATV trail as it meanders down to the left
- 8.29 miles ..... Intersect with USFS 629 (unmarked), take it left uphill
- 8.63 miles ..... Route is level or downhill from this point
- 9.57 miles ..... Cattle watering station; green trough on left and large, black plastic basin on right
- 10.66 miles ..... Route junctions with USFS 616 which runs left. Yards before this point a yellow cattle guard was passed and yards ahead is passed a green, steel gate
- 11.76 ..... After hairpin turn Route becomes steep and treacherous

13.00 ..... Road levels

13.58 ..... Route intersect with Reynolds Road (USFS 2635), with Reynolds Camp Ground on opposite side.

