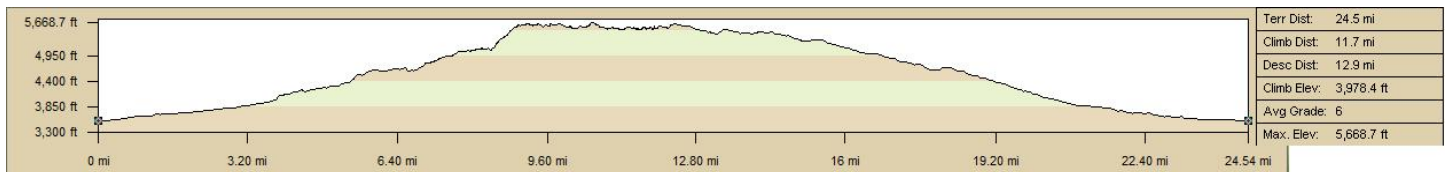


Route Name: High Vista Traverse Loop

Number....#22

Prairie City Bicycle Invitational

Dates Supported.....Free wheel
 Ride Type.....Mountain or X-bike with dirt tires & front shocks
 Difficulty.....Technical – 2, Physical – II (scale 1–5 & I–V)
 Time required.....4–5 hours (approximate)
 Distance on paved surface.....13 miles
 Lowest gear ratio on test bike.....30 Rear X 39 Front
 Necessary Supplies.....1st aid, extra clothing, snacks, maps & beverage



General Description

This ride easily delivers the **most bangs for the buck** – “bangs” being scenic reward and “buck” being the amount of effort required. That is especially true if you “sag” the 9+ mile climb up US 26 to where FSDR 096 begins what is essentially the level to downhill run to the Route’s finish back in Prairie City.

Unpaved road surfaces are, for the most part, very good as packed dirt and gravel, with only a few stretches where uneven surfaces and larger rock chunks require more careful maneuvering.

Route Directions

- Start point Highway SR 26 (Front Street) & NW Johnson Avenue
- 9.7 miles Take FS 096 left off SR 26, where is encountered @ 75 yards of fairly steep climb – the only one of the entire Route.
- 9.33 miles Route is over passed by power lines
- 9.53 miles Valley below first comes into view
- 11.25 miles Route passes over 2 creek beds @ 100 yards apart
- 11.25 miles Route crosses Dad’s Creek drainage
- 11.94 miles Camp sites viewed off to left of Route, out on knoll, whereas on the opposite side of the Route (right) an off road, NFDR 266, goes up. A side trip off Route along the knoll beyond the camp sites by @ 125 yards you will see a 50’ X 20’ pond just below knoll’s nose where terrain drops. **The trash at the campsites shows how careless some people are in using the public lands**
- 12.2 miles NFDR 284 branches right off Route
- 13.26 miles Branch road left off Route followed by the first of several vehicle barrier bermes
- 13.68 miles Route crosses knoll and curves right
- 14.18 miles Sweeping views south to valley and Strawberry Mountains beyond
- 15.54 miles Route enters a logged area, splitting off to the left on a road that drops steeply following a drainage cut. A side trip can be taken continuing straight on the level road beyond where the Route drops left, bringing you to that road’s, where looking up to the north can be seen the barren top of Dixie Mountain
- 16.21 miles Route’s steep pitch levels out on a knoll from which can be seen east and a couple of hundred feet below a section FSDR 437 (part of Route #21, Pat Voit Scenic Loop). Route continues straight beyond where a branch road breaks off left to descend to meet FSDR 437
- 17.28 miles Route merges with FSDR 437
- 18.88 miles Route turns makes two right turns in short distance with a branch road taking off left at each turn. Irrigation ditch runs under Route at second of these two right turns
- 19.45miles Route intersects with CR 58 (Dixie Creek Road) which it takes left to Prairie City
- 24.54 miles End loop in Prairie City

