

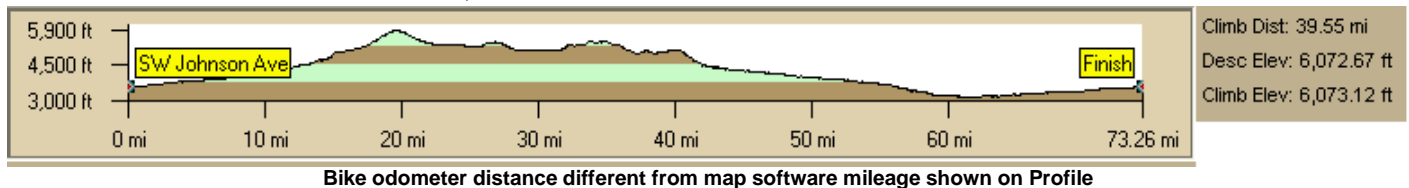
Route Name....Logan Valley Loop

Number....#2

## Prairie City Bicycle Invitational

Dates Supported.....  
 Ride Type..... Road or Cross Bike-Hybrid w/touring tires  
 Difficulty..... Technical - I, Physical - IV  
 Time required.....8 - 11 hours (approximate)  
 Distance on paved surface..... Full distance  
 Lowest gear ratio on test bike.. 30 Rear X 39 Front  
 Necessary Supplies..... 1<sup>st</sup> aid, extra clothing, snacks & plenty of drink

### Ride Elevation Profile



### General Description

On a "flat wind" day the first 8 miles out of Prairie City is hardly noticeable as a climb, but from there the climb to the highest point on the route becomes punctuated with a series of steeper steps interspaced by runs of lesser degree up to the summit.

After dropping down the few miles to Summit Prairie the route noodles along to the 40 mile point, staying between 5,000-5,300' on roads where vehicles are rarely encountered and the scenery is tranquil and spectacular. Beyond that the ride is mostly a long downhill except for the gentle grade of the last 13 miles from John Day to Prairie City.

US395 is, as one would expect, much more trafficked, but it has a reassuringly broad shoulder for cycling and the scenery remains beautiful.

Getting off US395 onto Clark or Washington Streets when passing through Canyon City is worth while for getting glimpse of the old, original architecture not viewable from the highway.

### Route Directions

- Start point ..... Highway SR26 (Front Street) & NW Johnson Avenue  
Follow Highway SR26 east one block to SW Bridge Street, turn right  
SW Bridge Street becomes CR62, continue on out of town on CR62
- 16 miles ..... Water up at the Fish Hatchery where spring water spouts from a pipe (last chance until reaching John Day)
- 20.86 miles ..... Highest point on entire route
- 23.20 miles ..... Summit Prairie, intersect with NFD16 & 14, take NFD16 right (west)
- 36.93 miles ..... Take NFD15 which veers northwest off NFD16  
WATER STOP: Stay on NFD16 for about 50 yards beyond the turn onto NFD15 to find entry (right) into the Parish Cabin Camp, where you'll find rest rooms, creek side rest area and fresh water.
- 41.97 miles ..... NFD15 crosses Canyon Creek on entering Big Canyon, then veers left ¼ mile later to follow down Big Canyon along Canyon Creek
- 50.88 miles ..... Intersect with US395 (Burns-John Day Highway), take US395 north
- 61 miles ..... Pass through Canyon City on US395
- 63.2 miles ..... City of John Day, intersection of S. Canyon Blvd at Main Street. Right turn onto Main St. headed east, which becomes SR26.
- 76.2 miles ..... End loop in Prairie City

