

Route Name

Logan Valley Loop

PAVED #1

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

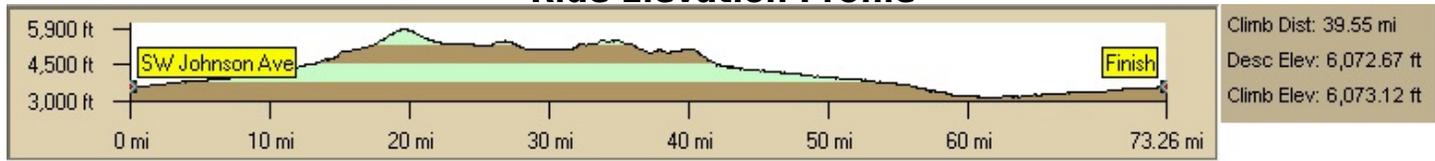
Lowest gear ratio on test bike

30 Rear X 39 Front

Necessary Supplies

1st aid, extra clothing, snacks & plenty of drink

Ride Elevation Profile



Bike odometer distance different from map software mileage shown on 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

