

Route Name

North River Road Loop

PARTIALLY PAVED #7

Prairie City Bicycle Invitational

Dates Supported

Ride Type

Road/Cross bike

Difficulty

Technical - I, Physical - I

Time required

2 - 3 hours (approximate)

Distance on paved surface

all but 4 miles on packed dirt/gravel safe for all bikes

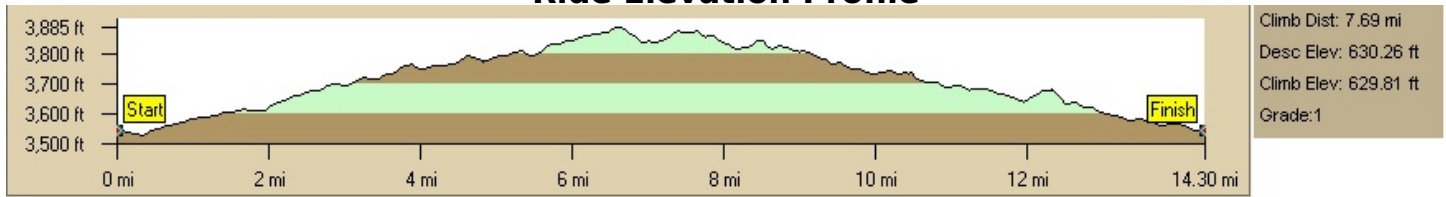
Lowest gear ratio on test bike

34 Rear X 26 Front

Necessary Supplies

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

Ride Elevation Profile



General Description

This is a very pleasant, easy ride (contrary to what some might interpret from the ride profile shown above). In actuality the first 6+ miles are up such low gradient incline as to be hardly noticeable if your gaze is fixed forward, glancing back occasionally over your shoulder though will reveal the town is seen to be falling ever lower below your vantage point. In like way the return is not experienced and much of a descent as the profile suggests, but too sometimes a prevailing head wind.

At between 6 – 7 miles gravel road is encountered, but typically it is *hard pack* providing stable riding surface and dustless.

Riverside School House Bed & Breakfast is located on this route at about the midpoint distance. Persons choosing to lodge at this B&B will find this loop so pleasant that they'll dream up reasons to be riding into town for the sheer delight of it -- although the Little Bean Espresso shop is enticing enough in its own right.

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
6.64 miles Turn left onto CR 61 (River Road)
6.78 miles Asphalt pavement interrupted by 4 miles of packed gravel
6.97 miles Riverside School House B&B
11 miles Asphalt pavement begins, gravel ends
14.32 miles Route completed back at start point

