

Route Name: Rico-Voigt Ranch View

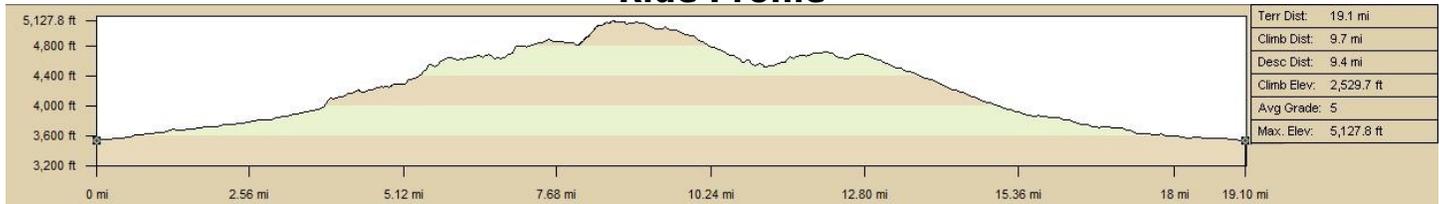
Prairie City Bicycle Invitational

GRAVEL #7

Dates Supported
Ride Type
shocks
Difficulty
Time required
Distance on paved surface
Total round trip distance
Lowest gear ratio on test bike
Necessary Supplies
beverage

Free wheel
Mountain or X-bike with dirt tires & front
Technical - 2, Physical - II (scale 1-5 & I-V)
4-5 hours (approximate)
10.67 miles
19 miles (approximate)
30 Rear X 39 Front
1st aid, extra clothing, snacks, maps &

Ride Profile



General Description

Route named for Pat Voigt, owner of the property which this route skirts to the north side on public lands (BLM and USFS). Appreciative of how economic benefit to Prairie City could be realized from bicycle touring Pat directed our attention to the linkage of roads not shown on current maps, making possible this route's loop.

Be sure to take your camera; the scenery is a great mix of ponderosa pine slopes, sweeping vistas of the John Day Valley far below, the Strawberry Mountains as backdrop and of highland ranch range sprawling down the hem of the Dixie Mountains.

The off pavement road surfaces are generally very good as packed dirt and gravel, without tire ruts and those deep and hazardous wash-out runnels. There are though some short stretches strewn with larger rock chunks and cobbled surfaces requiring more careful progress. No severe climbs are encountered -- easily done on the lower chain rings. Of course, by getting a "sag" lift up US 26 to where FSDR 2600 takes off you can knock off nearly 10 miles of climbing, leaving only the "off pavement" climbing (gradual, beginning at .48 miles from US 26 then continues for 1.67 miles).

Route Directions

- Start point Highway SR 26 (Front Street) & NW Johnson Avenue
- 6.87 miles Take FS 2600-437 left off SR 26
- 7.63 miles Route almost hairpins left at crossing of steep creek cut
- 7.9 miles Route crosses over Dad's Creek and is intersected by FSR 352 (Trl 1278 on some maps) which runs parallel to the creek on its west side.
- 8.15 miles Route crosses irrigation ditch
- 9.36 miles Branch road off to left of Route leading out along a knoll where at @ 125 yards is a scenic viewpoint.
- 9.44 miles House off to south (left) on branch road
- 10.24 miles Branch road off to left with white painted metal gate, set back about 25 yards from Route, having a peace symbol in its center. Branch signed with address posts; 48738 & 48740. Also a USFS sign post showing 2600-441. Beyond this point the Route road surface is rougher for a distance of about ¼ mile
- 10.75 miles Route crosses knoll, dropping down a short, steep pitch to then follow middle option of three way branch. Shortly beyond, Route takes left option where the road splits
- 11.03 miles Branch road angle back acutely left
- 11.74 miles Branch road merges from right.
- 11.9 miles Route veers right along fenced private property soon after arcing around an open knoll area. Near end of arc a Branch road goes left to follow along the knoll to an open, unsigned gate at about 100 yards, beyond which by another 100 yards is a nice overlook from which this branch road drops down into private property.
- ? miles Branch road merges from left
- ? miles Route switchbacks to left, at which point it is joined from the right by a Branch road that is guarded by a green, metal gate set back by about 20 yards
- 13.34 miles Route switchbacks to right, passing over an irrigation ditch and joined from the left by a Branch road

13.90 miles
19.2 miles

Route intersects with CR 58 (Dixie Creek Road) which it takes left to Prairie City
End loop in Prairie City

