

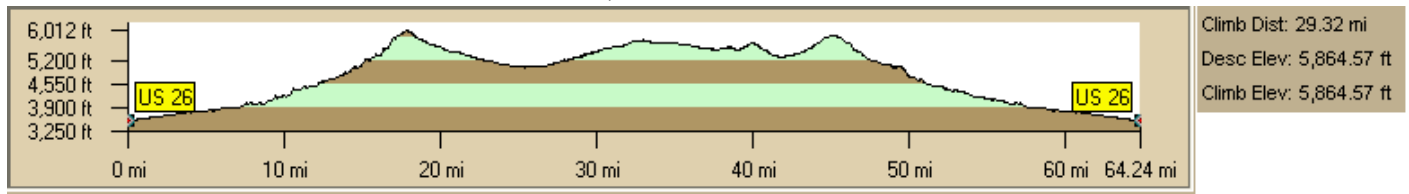
Route Name....Summit Prairie Loop

Number....#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 - 10 hours (approximate)
 Distance on paved surface..... Full distance
 Distance to highest Elevation.. 20.48 miles (approximate)
 Lowest gear ratio on test bike. 30 Rear X 39 Front
 Necessary Supplies..... 1st aid, extra clothing, snacks & plenty of drink

Ride Profile



General Description

Noting the “Ride Profile” above you see that the steepest climb is toward the 1st summit, the hardest part of which comes in the last two miles – which is really a hard pull, the pitch being steeper than you’ll encounter on most paved roadways. The other two high points are easier, followed by a wonderful, nearly 20 mile downhill run back to Prairie City.

Discussion about the profile is just “objective” information, pointless without highlighting the features that make this ride exquisite. During the entire loop you could encounter as few as 0 – 3 vehicles, yet encounter a cattle drive through which a horse mounted cowboy will necessarily “cut” a path for you. Wildlife sightings could include antelope in the open country of the valley, but once you enter the wilderness forest crowding the road edges of most of this route you could see elk, deer, bobcat, bear, panther, porcupine, and every other kind of critter of the remaining American wild west. Mushrooms are abundant here too; morels have been found right along the gravel siding of roadway.

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
 8.48 miles take NFD13 (Deardorff Creek Road) left, headed east
 17.28 miles road grade very easy to this point, but steepens beyond to first summit
 19.3 miles 1st summit
 25.66 miles NFD13 ends at intersection with NFD16, follow NFD 16 south (to the right)
 WATER: Ranger Cabin at northwest corner of intersection -- garden hose connected to outside faucet
 27.2 miles end of first downhill, start climbing again
 34.4 miles 2nd summit
 40.12 miles NFD16 ends at intersection with NFD14, take NFD14 right (north)
 42.90 miles NFD14 ends at Summit Prairie where it meets CR62 and the beginning of another leg of NFD16.
 Take CR62 north (NFD16 goes west). From Summit Prairie you start climbing again
 45.11 miles 3rd Summit
 64.24 miles End loop back in Prairie City

