

Ochoco Challenge

Santiam Spokes Extended Tour

Sun, July 8 – Sat, July 14, 2012



Rugged & Serene

The Ochocos are rugged enough to resist exploitation and they are simultaneously soothing in their beauty and grandeur. This is where dinosaurs once grazed and the John Day fossil beds testify that this land has seen it all. We are but momentary visitors.

With terrain elevations of three-to-nine thousand feet (except where the streams and rivers have cut deeply) the Ochocos are crossed and encircled with good roads opening the region for bicyclists. The price of participation is the huge climbs, but the rewards are both the great down hills and a landscape that soothes the spirit.

Eligible Riders

Maximum of 18 riders. Here are the registration criteria. We will also compile a waiting list.

- **First come, first serve**
- **Active club member a minimum of six months by the time of the tour**
- **Assist with the 2012 Strawberry Century**
- **Sign a Release and Waiver of Liability**
- **Pay a \$25 deposit with registration**

Preparations & Launch

We'll launch from Scio at the residence of May Garland & Roger Gaither, 38795 North Main St. The best route from the valley to Mitchell (the tour starting point) is OR 22 over the Cascades through Sisters, Redmond and Prineville. This is about a five hour drive. In order to arrive in Mitchell by noon to start our tour, we'll need to leave by 7:00 AM Sunday morning.

Plan to arrive at May & Roger's by 6:00 AM on Sunday so that there

is time to load the sag. You are also welcome to arrive Saturday afternoon/evening and camp in our backyard. We have one extra bedroom for the asking. If you are not starting from Scio, but wish to have your gear packed in the trailer, please contact me to make arrangements to drop your gear by our house not later than Saturday, July 7.

Packing & Bike Suggestions

Here are some packing suggestions. Bring four bicycling outfits, one camp outfit, swim suit, camp shoes (e.g. Crocs), personal towel(s), toiletries, medicines, cell phone (not much service), entertainment (book, cards, games, e-reader, etc.), camera, sunscreen, insect repellent, sun hat, wind/rain jacket, tent, sleeping bag, pad, pillow, flashlight, water bottles, helmet, gloves, first aid kit, repair kit, parts,

frame pump, sunglasses, money, and whatever else fits in a teacup:-)

Make sure your bike is in perfect running condition and that you have the necessary spare parts for typical breakdowns (i.e. tire, tubes, patch kit, spokes, chain links and tool. This route will test your gears to their limits and there is no shop for repairs.

Costs

Costs for the tour will be moderate (low compared to any other kind of tour). The Club will pay all sag expenses; we'll shop and cook for shared major meals and pack lunches; camping fees will be shared equally. We'll stay in motels two nights and we'll share the room costs proportionately. It's very important that everyone understand and agree that we will share expenses for group commodities. This isn't entirely fair, but it's the only practical way to work out the costs. e.g. the bigger people will eat more than the smaller people, but we'll all split the grocery bill. Some will enjoy beer and others soda pop, but we'll still split the grocery bill. Individual expenses that you will need to pay for include snacks, extra food, etc. that you buy along the way. People carpooling will work out sharing costs to and from Mitchell among themselves.

Route

The route has been plotted with <http://www.mapmyride.com> - Roger Gaither.

The full itinerary package includes an overall route map and seven pdfs representing the route and elevation profile for each of the seven days.

Interested?

Interested riders are encouraged to register and pay their deposit. This is a great ride and we feel that the group will fill up fast. We will compile a waiting list also. The registration form is nearby. For questions and a full itinerary package feel free to contact Roger Gaither at gaither@smt-net.com or 503-394-3696.

Overall - Ochoco Challenge 2012

Starts in Mitchell, Oregon

287.58 miles

Elevation

5,928ft Max 1,634ft Min

Ascent

+14,701ft -14,783ft

Descent

4.8 %

Max Climb

4.8 %

Climbs

2

3

4

4

5

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