

Heartcycle Bicycle Touring Club OREGON WINE & SURF LOOP 2021

- Dates:** Orientation meeting Saturday, August 21, 2021. Riding Sunday August 22 - Saturday August 28 (last night lodging is included)
- Leaders:** Cindy Alvarez, Judy Siel; **SAGs:** Melissa Collins, Becky Bottino
- Rating:** Intermediate/Advanced. Miles ~360 with up to 15,500 vertical feet of climbing.
- Riders:** 26 Maximum (plus leaders and SAGs)
- Price:** \$1,750 (Double occupancy). \$200 at registration. Balance due by May 20, 2021. Single Supplement + 50% Total \$2,625 with limited openings.
- Cancellation:** Revised [Cancellation policy](#) \$75 fee. Travel insurance is recommended.



Overview

This is a new tour for Heartcycle combining some of the most enjoyable riding in Oregon along with visits to local wineries, extensive sight seeing and time to explore some of the smaller towns. Approx. 30+ miles of the tour will be on some great bicycle paths. The tour should leave you with a good feeling for the diversity of Central and Western Oregon since we will be spending time in three distinct areas: The wine region of the Willamette Valley, the Oregon Coast Range and the rugged Oregon coast line. The tour is rated Intermediate/Advanced. Four of the days are moderate; however day 3 and the last day are 76 and 81 miles, respectively. Since the last day (Saturday) is long, lodging for Saturday night is included in the price of the tour. GPS files will be provided in advance of the tour. Cue sheets and other route information will be provided at the orientation meeting. Please note that there is one day with 1.8 miles of dirt road. Depending upon the pandemic situation, there may be limited shuttling.

Itinerary

Day 0 - Saturday August 21, 2021.

Orientation meeting. We will be spending tonight as well as Sunday night at the Valley River Inn-Eugene, which is situated on the Willamette River.

Day 1- Sunday August 22. Pedaling for Pinot 50 miles/2500 feet

No need to pack your bags as today's ride is a loop that will return us to our hotel in Eugene. Even better, Day 1 is a moderate ride which will give us time to visit a few wineries and maybe a brewery. Sample the wines of the Willamette Valley, famous for its Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. Lunch will be at the one of the wineries. Most of our climbing will be large hills (not mountains) that lead to hill top wineries and good vistas of the surrounding area. We'll return to our hotel, along one of Eugene's bike friendly paths. Followed Sunday night by the Group Dinner where you may want to open one of the bottles procured on your route today. Click on the link for more information on the Eugene Wine Trail <https://www.oregonwinecountry.org/pedaling-for-pinot>

Day 2 - Monday August 23. Eugene to Corvallis. 59 miles /1780 feet.

Today we travel NW rolling through the fertile Willamette Valley. The Willamette Valley produces many varieties of berries & vegetables, also most of the grass seed, Christmas trees and hazelnuts sold in North America. Growing also hops and producing some of the best & most expensive Pinot Noir in the world. The route finishes with a 6 mile bike path into Corvallis where our hotel is also on the Willamette River. The city of Corvallis is ranked third-highest among 'small' U.S. cities for bicycle commuters. Corvallis is also home to the Oregon State University Beavers. Normally a bustling college town, it should be quiet during our summer break visit.

Day 3 - Tuesday August 24. Corvallis to Lincoln City. 76 miles /3720 feet.

This is one of the more challenging days of the tour. We continue traveling NW crossing the Oregon Coast Range. We follow several rivers and creeks meandering over some gorgeous less traveled back roads. This route does not include any major climbs, but lots of rolling hills and vistas. The route includes a short stretch of dirt road, 1.8 miles. We end the day at the Pacific Ocean in Lincoln City, named in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

Day 4 - Wednesday August 25. Lincoln City to Newport. 35 miles /2015 feet.

Following our long day yesterday, today we can sleep in and have a late start. Day 4 is a sightseers delight. Everyone will be encouraged to take their time and enjoy the vistas as we travel along the ocean. Have your camera close by, as there are many photo opportunities including:

Boiler Bay Scenic Viewpoint

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boiler_Bay_State_Scenic_Viewpoint

<https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.calendar>

Depoe Bay is the world's smallest navigable harbor and proclaimed Whale Watching Capital of the Oregon Coast. On a good day at the Whale Watching Center or along the seawall you can catch a glimpse of the whales, nearly at your feet. No binoculars required.

<https://visittheoregoncoast.com/cities/depoe-bay/>

Otter Crest Loop This narrow winding road, will have us hugging the ocean for 4 miles with little or no traffic.

Devil's Punchbowl https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=parkPage.dsp_parkPage&parkId=156

Yaquina Head Lighthouse (pronounced “Yuh-quinn-uh”) Oregon’s tallest lighthouse. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yaquina_Head_Light

The riding day finishes with a crab feast for lunch prior to checking into our hotel. We spend the night in the charming tourist town of Newport with its many quaint shops, hundreds of playful, barking seals and the popular Rogue Brewery.



Day 5 - Thursday August 26. Newport to Florence. 53 miles /2580 feet.

The sightseeing doesn't stop on our way to Florence. On Day 5 we continue down the coast where the wind is typically at our backs. Keep that camera out, some of today's highlights include: **Cape Perpetua** home to **Devils Churn**, **Thor's Well** and **Spouting Horn**. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_Perpetua

Our hotel for tonight is on the Suislaw River, just steps from all of the restaurants and shops of charming Florence. Florence lies at the edge of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, one of the largest expanses of coastal sand dunes in the world.



Day - 6 Friday August 27. Layover day in Florence.

A number of non-cycling options are available today. One favorite is a kayak journey on the Siltcoos River. This is a lazy river with little or no current that travels from Siltcoos Lake to the Pacific. Paddle through temperate rain forest, sand dunes and over a small dam portage. Take along a picnic lunch to enjoy on the beach. Out and back approx. 4 hrs. Another option is either a Sandrail or Dune Buggy Tour on the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. Options range from 1 hr up.

(Kayak and Sand Dune Tours are NOT included in the price of the Heartcycle Tour. The typical additional cost for the Kayak Tour is single \$40, dbl \$60. and for the Sand Dune Tour different options from \$16-\$65) Option 3 is to spend the day shopping or relaxing in Old Town Florence. <https://florencechamber.com/visit-florence/historic-old-town/> While Day 6 is planned as a day off the bike, unsupported ride options will be offered.



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Day 7 - Saturday August 28. Florence to Eugene. 81 miles /2920 feet.

Today we leave the coast and head back to Eugene. The route follows the Suislaw River into the Oregon Coast Range. The highest summit on this route is named Low Pass at 1,022 feet. The route finishes with about 7 miles of bike paths into Eugene where we return to our hotel on the Willamette River. Relax after a long day in the saddle and think back on our awesome journey together.

Sunday August 29. Wave goodbye to your new friends and depart.

Travel to and from Eugene

Flying - There are flights into either Eugene or Portland. Eugene is serviced by several of the major airlines. Shuttles are available from the Eugene airport to our hotel.

Portland airport is a major hub for most airlines, however the drive to Eugene is about 150 miles, and this drive can be challenged by heavy traffic through Portland.

Driving - If driving, your car can be parked for free at the hotel for the week.

SPECIAL NOTES: If you are considering using an electric bike please contact either of the tour leaders to discuss prior to registration. Electric bikes may be challenged by the 2 long days with climbing, it is ultimately up to the participant to judge best whether their battery will last through each day of the tour. Bringing a second battery is highly recommended. They can be carried by staff, but may need to be carried by the participant. Due to the remote roads there may be longer miles between sag stops. Please take these facts into consideration.

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