

HEART CYCLE BICYCLE TOURING CLUB

BICYCLING IN OZ: THE OZARKS

- Dates:** Orientation meeting: Tuesday October 29. Riding: Wednesday, October 30 – Wednesday, November 6. Departure: Thursday AM November 7
- Leaders:** Jim Schroeder and Tom Biggi; **SAGs:** Mayoma Pendergast, Kathleen Schindler
- Rating:** Advanced. Up to 430 miles (44-79/day), up to 28,000 feet of climbing over 7 days.
- Pd Riders:** 30 Maximum (plus leaders and SAGs)
- Price:** \$ 1,540 (Double Occupancy); \$450 at Registration. Remainder due by 6/28/19. Single Supplement +\$770 (+50%). Standard cancellation policy applies.
- Note:** A few of the lodgings are at a rustic resort or old hotels with creative room assignments. A two night stay at the mountain resort has different sized cabins and two breakfasts and two dinners will be prepared by HeartCycle staff. Saturday's group dinner will be Jamie's Local Flavor in Harrison.

DESCRIPTION



So, you're not a skier or you desire a season ending solid week of adventure and some of the most scenic terrain in a place that you've never ridden in. That would be Arkansas! It's even the only state off of Adventure Cycling's radar. The northeast corner of Arkansas is a hidden gem called the Ozarks and this quite rustic tour is deep into its fall foliage. If you haven't already, check out the "dark" Netflix two seasons of Ozark to get the feel of the area!

This tour is rated as advanced but there are two opportunities for short cuts or additional days off. Our official day off is day 4 in Harrison. Morning lows may be in the 40's with afternoon highs in the 60's to 70's. This week of riding starts and ends in Fayetteville and we visit Branson, Missouri for a visit to its entertainment strip.

Day 0: Tues Oct 29. Arrival and Orientation Meeting in the evening. Lodging included.

Day 1: Wed Oct 30. Fayetteville is a college town of the Razorbacks of Arkansas. Our first day of riding will be from Fayetteville to Mulberry Mountain; a relaxing 44 miles with 2000 ft of climbing! Breakfasts and dinners will be prepared by Heartcycle staff in this resort nestled in absolutely nowhere in the heart of the Ozark National Forest.



Day 2: Thurs. Oct 31. On this last day of October, we ride a 64 mile loop of the southern part of the Ozark National Forest, returning to Mulberry Mountain. Or, if you want to skip the riding, there is plenty of hiking around Mulberry Mountain



Day 3: Fri Nov 1/Day4: Sat Nov 2. Our queen stage is a whopper of 79 miles to historic Harrison where we will be staying at historic Hotel Seville for our well-deserved day off, and will shuttle to Jamie's Local Flavor for our group dinner .

Day 5: Sun. Nov 3. Did you remember the time change, because we're leaving 1 hour early, but as everyone says, "not really!" We venture south of Harrison with a 61 miles loop ride, including an out n back to the famous Cliff House and the Grand Canyon of Arkansas.

Day 6: Mon. Nov 4. We ride about 58 miles north to Branson, Missouri. You can take in a show in the Showtime capital of the south.



Day 7: Tues November 5. We start back home, but first we stop at historic Eureka Springs for a night at the Basin Park Hotel. About 68 miles.



Day 8: Wed Nov 6. We complete our journey with a 62 mile ride to Fayetteville, where we stay overnight again at the Chancellor Hotel.

Thursday Nov 7. Departure on your own.



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