

# THE BIKE FLYER - A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## PEGASUS BIKE TOURS



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### Still Some Spots Open on Eastern Washington and Omak Tours!

Although we've had some recent sign up for the Eastern Washington and Omak 4-Day Tours, there are still a few spots left. We know that some of you may be wary of potential hot weather in Eastern Washington. Rest assured we will do everything to help you stay cool if the temperatures do get to be high. To be honest, we have had very hot weather in late May/early June and on the other hand, running other tours east of the mountains in August have been quite bearable. The Omak Tour is in mid-September and we may end up with some beautiful fall foliage and temperate days. Be sure to check them out now and sign up before the final few spots are gone!

### 2021 International Tour Open Registration Will Be August 6-15!

Next year at this time we will be riding and cruising down the Po River delta to Venice! The two twice postponed tours to Spain and Italy will undoubtedly be incredible. We're sure you'll want to join us! Make sure you register the second week of August with only a handful of openings on each of these tours the spots are sure to fill fast.

### 20th Year of Our Eastern Washington Tour!

On August 12 we will meet many old friends and some new folks for the 20th edition of the Eastern Washington Tour which we first ran in 2001. For most of the past 21 years this has been our most popular tour. In fact it was so popular that for several years we ran it twice on back-to-back weekends! We thought we would showcase it here as there are still some spots open on this year's edition.



## 4 Day Eastern Washington Tour Thursday, August 12 – Monday, August 16, 2021

Total cost: **\$600 (Price includes tour souvenir)**

Single supplement: **\$300** (paid at time of registration)

Deposit: **\$200** (paid at time of registration)

Final Payment: **\$400 due by May 15, 2021**

Rider limit: **30**

**Tour Leaders:** Ralph Nussbaum & TBD

**Tour Rating:** Intermediate/Advanced (Read Level of Difficulty below.)

### OVERVIEW:

Join us on the **20th** edition of this 295 or 325-mile loop which has it all - beautiful quiet roads, lush valleys, and challenging climbs up several mountain passes. It starts in Chelan and goes through the Methow Valley and over Loup Loup to Omak. The next day climbs over Wauconda Pass (or take the longer, rolling route through the Toroda Creek valley) to the tiny town of Republic. On the third day, we cruise down the Sanpoil River, over a big hill and down into Grand Coulee Dam to stay at the base of the dam. Many of us consider the ~50 miles along the Sanpoil as one of the prettiest roads this state has to offer. The final day includes a climb out of the Columbia River valley, a ride across a rolling plateau, a descent of stunning McNeil Canyon and the return to Chelan. This tour is gorgeous and has been considered by many repeat participants as the necessary training ride for a summer of great riding.

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# WHAT TO EXPECT:

## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:

This tour is rated Intermediate/Advanced. This four-day tour has a 75-mile daily average and significant climbing every day. We climb Loup Loup and Wauconda Passes as well as Manilla Creek Hill and a long hill out of Grand Coulee Dam. Please note there is no "rest day" on this tour – we will be riding four days straight (Friday thru Monday). Day 2 provides you both a short and a long option. See details below.

## WEATHER:

August can be unpredictable in Eastern Washington. Days are likely be warm and dry (even hot!), but you should also be prepared for both rain and cold temperatures as this tour goes through stretches at high elevation and over two high mountain passes.

## LODGING/MEALS:

Lodging varies from very nice to quite basic. This tour will provide all breakfasts (three of them through the hotels we are staying at), lunch and snacks on riding days. The one remaining breakfast will be provided by the tour leaders and sags. Dinners are on your own except for one group dinner that is included in the tour cost.

**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:** (Mileages & Elevation gains are approximate – route may vary slightly due to unforeseen circumstances.)



### Thursday, August 12 – Orientation Meeting in Chelan

We meet the first night in Chelan at 8:00 PM and get to know each other during a brief informational meeting. Folks may wish to get together for dinner informally beforehand.



### Friday, August 13 - 85 miles – approximately 5000' elevation gain

We start off riding along the scenic Columbia River. From there we wind our way gently up the beautiful Methow Valley to the base of Loup Loup Pass. Climbing the western slope through farmland and pine forests, we get up to 4,000' and enjoy a beautiful descent down to Okanogan and Omak where we will spend the night.

### Saturday, August 14 - 70 or 102 miles– approximately 4600' or 5000'elevation gain



This day allows you to choose from two options. In both routes we follow the Okanogan River up to Tonasket. From Tonasket, we will climb little known Wauconda Pass up to 4300 feet - or you can turn off the highway approximately 300' below the pass and take a longer but very scenic route through the Toroda Creek and Kettle River Valleys. The climb up Wauconda is gradual, through pines and open meadows. Both routes bring us to the tiny town of Republic, an old mining town, where we'll stay for the night.

### Sunday, August 15 - 70 miles– approximately 3200' gain

This day starts with a lovely descent down the Sanpoil River Valley, through ranches, forest lands, and the Colville Indian Reservation. It is our favorite road in all of the state of Washington. After approximately 50 miles, we have a gorgeous lunch stop right on Lake Roosevelt. After lunch we have one of our steepest but shortest climbs - up Manilla Creek Road. This road climbs through pine forests to an elevation of 3,100 feet, then plunges down to the Columbia River, affording panoramic views of the valley north of the Coulee Dam. The descent brings us shortly into the town of Coulee Dam where we will stay at one of our favorite motels at the foot of the dam.

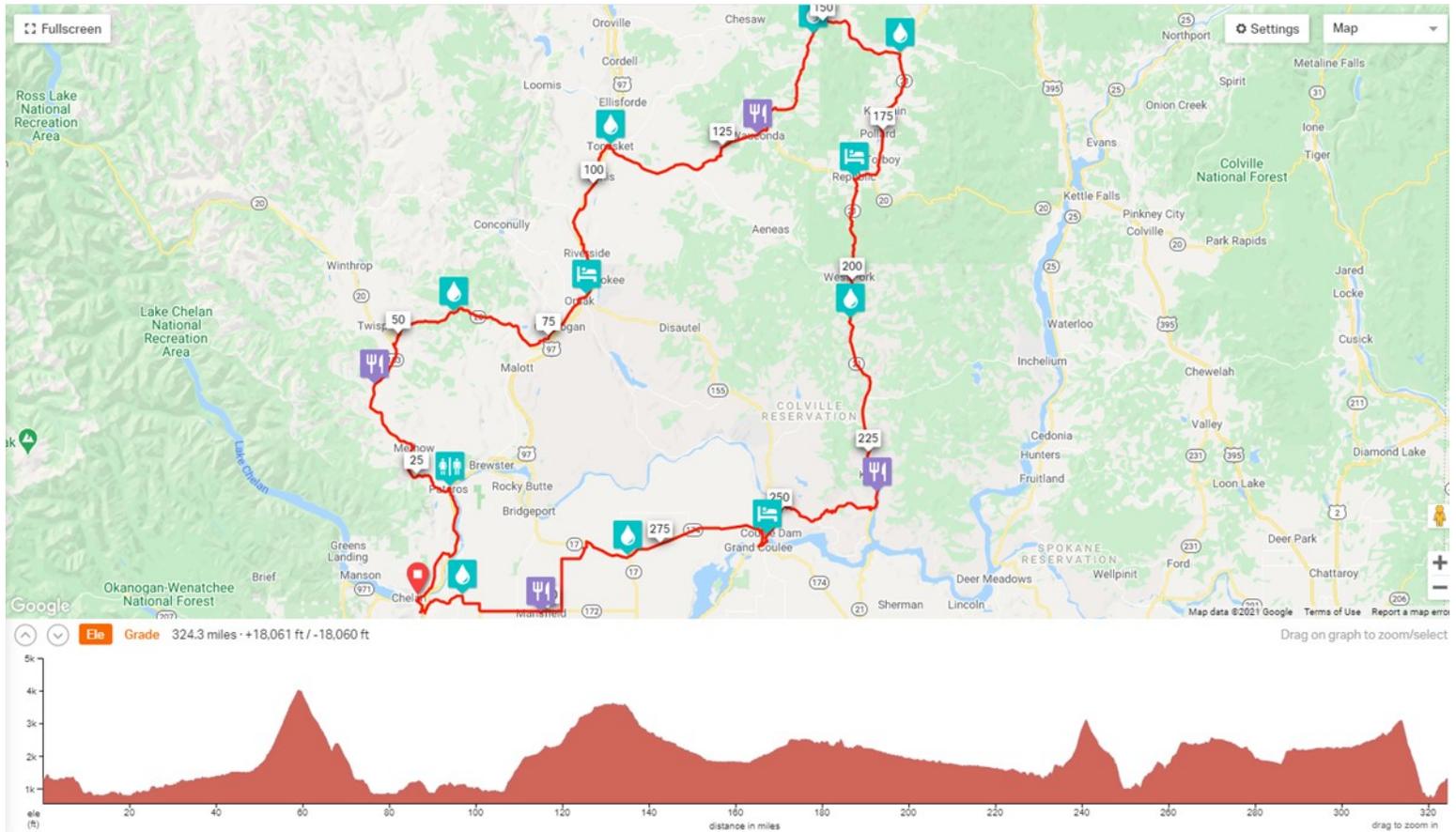


### Monday, August 16 - 70 miles – approximately 3500' elevation gain

After a steep climb out of Coulee Dam to a viewpoint above the dam we cross the high plateau where ranchlands can be seen extending for miles in all directions to the small town of Mansfield for lunch. We drop back down on McNeil Canyon Road where we can look down on Lake Chelan and the Columbia River before crossing it. We end the tour with one final climb back to Chelan. Here we'll say goodbye and each take home fun memories and the feeling of having left the workaday world behind for a few days.

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# 2021 EASTERN WASHINGTON TOUR



## 2021 & 2022 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

DATES	TOUR	LOCATION	LEVEL
August 12-16	<u>4-Day Eastern Washington Tour</u>	Chelan, WA	Intermediate/Adv
September 11-19	<u>Oregon Coast Tour</u>	McMinnville, OR	Intermediate
September 22-26	<u>4-Day Fixed Base Omak Tour</u>	Omak, WA	Intermediate/Adv
April 21-25 2022	<u>4-Day Eastern Washington Tour</u>	Chelan, WA	Intermediate/Adv
April 30-May 8, 2022	<u>North Sonoma County Fixed Base Tour</u>	Healdsburg, CA	Intermediate/Adv
May 12-16 2022	<u>4-Day Fixed Base Omak Tour</u>	Omak, WA	Intermediate/Adv
May 29-June 7, 2022	<u>Andalusia, Spain - Fixed Base</u>	Ronda, Spain	Intermediate
June 18-July 2, 2022	<u>Bolzano-Venice, Italy Hybrid Tour</u>	Bolzano, Italy	Easy/Intermediate
August 20-28, 2022	<u>Idaho Panhandle Tour</u>	Spokane, WA	Intermediate
September 10-18, 2022	<u>Willamette Valley Tour</u>	Salem, OR	Easy/Intermediate