

THE BIKE FLYER - A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PEGASUS BIKE TOURS



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2022 Domestic Tour Openings

As stated in the last newsletter we still have two tours open for 2022. The Omak Tour is back in its usual May slot. We are still hopeful we can make a go of it but need some more registrants. See a full description of that tour below. As stated the Willamette Valley Tour will run but still has quite a few openings. As always, you can check the Tour Status here! Please note: it never hurts to put yourself on the Wait List for a full tour. Our experience is that with a little patience many folks get themselves on their selected tour down the road. Just go to the registration page and fill out the registration form and pay the initial deposit. You will get all of that back if we are unable to get you on that tour in a timely manner. Don't miss out on what may well be Pegasus's last year for domestic tours.

Opportunity to Purchase Pegasus Gear

There has been quite a bit of interest in re-offering the Pegasus souvenirs given out in past years. We have pretty much run out of our left-overs and so are going to offer all three items as a pre-paid order. We will be selling them at cost: \$50 for the jackets and \$45 each for the jersey and wind vest. We need a minimum order of ten (10) for each item. They can be any size or gender, just as long as we get an order of at least 10 for any item. To order, click [here](#) and follow the directions. You will be asked to pay for the items via PayPal. The order won't be taken without the payment. We are planning on hosting an Open House at our house to distribute the ordered items but if you know you won't be able to make that event, we have given you an option to pay an additional \$15 for us to mail your souvenir(s). Of course if you are participating in one of our tours next year, we can bring the souvenir to that tour. We need to place the order by no later than February 15, 2022 in order to get the items back by mid-April. Please don't procrastinate too long. Perhaps you'd like to give or even receive one of these items as a Christmas gift??? **Order** a jacket, jersey or vest now.



4 Day Omak Fixed Base Tour

Thursday, May 12 – Monday, May 16, 2022

Total cost: **\$625** (Price includes tour souvenir)

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

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

Final Payment: **\$425 due by February 15, 2021**

Rider limit: **36**

Tour Leaders: Ralph Nussbaum & TBD

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

OVERVIEW:

For the past seven years we have enjoyed leading a four-day fixed base weekend tour on the east side of Washington to escape the rather dreary cold and wet spring weather of the Seattle region. This year we are again leading a classic "Hub and Spoke" tour out of Omak. This tour offers early season challenges to strong riders. While the tour is based in Omak, the ride start location may be as much as 40 miles away in order to keep the daily mileage down to under 100 miles. Each day's route will have varying lengths and elevation gains, though three days go over mountain passes. Omak itself lies at only 800 feet and the surrounding passes go up as high as 3,500 to 4,300 feet which should be snow free in May. We added some new routes in 2018 which we weren't able to fully ride due to flooding!

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WHAT TO EXPECT:

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:

This tour is rated as Intermediate/Advanced. The routes start at sixty miles and get as long as almost ninety miles. Most routes are hilly; there are three mountain passes. In addition, possible wind and rain may make the rides more difficult. On the other hand, as a hub and spoke tour one can always turn back early and return to the hotel.

WEATHER:

Weather in the Okanogan Valley and surrounding mountains in May can be quite variable; both warm/sunny days as well as cold rain/hail, and wind are possible. Riders need to be prepared for all types of weather.

LODGING/MEALS:

Our lodging is the very nice Best Western Peppertree Inn in Omak, with easy access to restaurants by foot or by car. A daily hot breakfast is included. Snacks and lunch will be provided off the sag vehicles.

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

Thursday, May 12 – Orientation Meeting in Omak

We **meet** the first night in Omak 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, May 13 – Twisp Chewuch River Ride, 60 miles – 2100' elev. gain

The first day's ride, first pioneered 2 years ago, comes highly recommended by the Mountaineer's as one of *75 Classic Rides of Washington*. We will go due north and west from Twisp (a 37 mile drive west of Omak) uphill along through gorgeous valleys and back to Twisp. A great warm-up ride.

Saturday, May 14 – Disautel Pass Loop, 84 miles – 5100' elev. gain

The second day we will make a loop from Omak in a southeast direction. We start by climbing over Disautel Pass (3200') to Nespelem. From there we drop down to the bluffs above the Columbia River and past Omak Lake before returning back into Omak.

Sunday, May 15 – Cheesaw-Oroville Loop, 82 miles – 5575' elev. gain

The third day (the "Queen Stage") is probably the most difficult. This new version was first fully ridden last year! We drive to Tonasket and start the arduous climb up to the small Sitzmark Ski Area at 4,00' as we have in previous years. Again, instead of heading towards Bonaparte Lake we will turn westward down to Oroville. From there it is a relatively easy ride back to Tonasket on roads familiar to those who have been on this tour before.

Monday, May 16 – Conconully Loop, 52 miles – 2500' elev. gain

The last day is a short one, about 52 miles and about 2,500 feet of climbing up to the old gold mining town of Conconully nestled between Conconully Lake and Conconully Reservoir. From there it is a quick plunge back to our cars and the end of a wonderful weekend of riding.

2022 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

| DATES | TOUR | LOCATION | LEVEL |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| April 21-25 2022 | <u>4-Day Eastern Washington Tour</u> Wait Lists Only | Chelan, WA | Intermediate/Adv |
| April 30-May 8, 2022 | <u>North Sonoma County Fixed Base Tour</u> Room for Single Female | Healdsburg, CA | Intermediate/Adv |
| May 12-16 2022 | <u>4-Day Fixed Base Omak Tour</u> Open | Omak, WA | Intermediate/Adv |
| May 29-June 7, 2022 | <u>Andalusia, Spain - Fixed Base</u> Wait Lists Only | Ronda, Spain | Intermediate |
| June 18-July 2, 2022 | <u>Bolzano-Venice, Italy Hybrid Tour</u> Wait Lists Only | Bolzano, Italy | Easy/Intermediate |
| August 20-28, 2022 | <u>Idaho Panhandle Tour</u> Wait Lists Only | Spokane, WA | Intermediate |
| September 10-18, 2022 | <u>Willamette Valley Tour</u> Open | Salem, OR | Easy/Intermediate |