



4 Day Omak Fixed Base Tour

Dates: May 2 – 6, 2019

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 February 1, 2019**

Rider limit: **36**

Tour Leaders: Ralph Nussbaum & Dean Karlen

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 early-May. We have added some new routes in 2018 which we weren’t able to fully ride due to flooding!

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 2– 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 3 – Twisp Chewuch River Ride, 60 miles – 2100’ elev. gain

The first day’s ride is a new one and comes highly recommended by the Mountaineer’s *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 4 – 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 5 – Cheesaw-Oroville Loop, 82 miles – 5575’ elev. gain

The third day (the “Queen Stage”) is probably the most difficult. We have altered this route as well! 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. This year, instead of heading towards towards Bonaparte Lake we will turn westward down to Oroville. From there it’s a relatively easy ride back to Tonasket on roads familiar to those who have been on this tour before.

Monday, May 6 – 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's a quick plunge back to our cars and the end of a wonderful weekend of riding.

For more information contact Ralph or Dean at: RENussbaum@outlook.com or dean@karlen.email.

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