



4 Day Omak Fixed Base Tour

May 19-23, 2016

Total cost: **\$525**

Single supplement: **\$265** (paid at time of registration)

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

Final Payment: **\$325 due by February 15, 2016**

Rider limit: **30**

Tour Leaders: Ralph Nussbaum & Mike Nelson

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

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OVERVIEW:

For the past four 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 23 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 4,500 feet which should be snow free in mid-May.

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 19– 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 20 – Oroville Loop, 60 miles – 2100' elev. gain

The first day's ride will go north and west from Tonasket (a 23 mile drive north of Omak) uphill along several very pretty lakes to Oroville and then back along the Okanogan River to our vehicles in Tonasket.

Saturday, May 21 – Disautel Pass Loop, 80 miles – 4200' elev. gain

The second day we will make a loop from Omak south to Omak Lake, then along a bluff above the Columbia River uphill to Nespelem, and finally over Disautel Pass (3200') before we plunge back into Omak.

Sunday, May 22 – Bonaparte Recreation Area Loop, 85-105 miles – 4500’ elev. gain

The third day (the “Queen Stage”) is perhaps the most difficult. We return to Tonasket and go north and east towards Chesaw via the small Sitzmark Ski area at 4,500’ and onto Toroda Creek Road before turning off to the Bonaparte Recreation Area and up to Highway 20 just below the summit of Wauconda Pass. From there it’s a quick plunge back to our cars.

Monday, May 23 – Conconully Loop, 50 miles – 2500’ elev. gain

The last day is a short one, about 50 miles and about 3,000 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 Mike at: RENussbaum@outlook.com or mikenelson@seanet.com

