



Rogue River Ramble

August 20-28, 2016

Total cost: \$1,550 if 18-24 Paid Participants

Total Cost: \$1,400 if 25 or more Paid Participants

NOTE: COST INCLUDES DUNE BUGGY RENTAL & JET BOAT

Single supplement: \$750 (paid at time of registration)

Deposit: \$450 (paid at time of registration)

Final Payment: \$1,100/\$950 due by May 20, 2016

Rider limit: 30

Tour Leaders: Ralph & Carol Nussbaum

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

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OVERVIEW

This tour takes in the southwest corner of Oregon, enjoying some of the best scenery Oregon has to offer. We begin at the southern end of the Willamette Valley in Sutherlin where the hills are steeper and the roads quieter and windier. We head east across the Coast Range over some of those lovely steep and windy roads to Reedsport. From there, we head south to Gold Beach and then to Brookings along the Oregon coast, sometimes hugging the shoreline and sometimes in the hills above. This is some of the less known yet prettiest portion of the Oregon Coast. In Gold Beach, we will take the Rogue River jet boat up the river on a scenic tour of this remote river. The last two days we will return to Sutherlin first riding along the Rogue, then heading north and finally back east through the coast range. The daily distances average 70 miles, while elevation gains vary from 3,000 to 5,000 ft. All told, we should end up with over 420 miles and 25,000' of climbing. **See overview route map below.**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:

The ride is intended for riders with moderate to advanced biking skill levels or better. Everyone can ride at their own comfortable pace. We will be climbing 3,000' – 4,000' most days with one day at 5,000'. There will be a day off in Gold Beach with a tour of the Rogue River on a Jet Boat. Although the route generally traverses lightly travelled rural roads, there are occasional stretches with no shoulder and/or significant traffic.

WEATHER:

The weather inland of the Oregon Coast can be very warm in August but is usually cooler along the coast and there's always the chance of rain and even some chilly conditions.

MEALS:

This tour will provide both snacks and lunch on riding days. Breakfast and dinner are your responsibility; however most of our accommodations provide a complimentary warm breakfast.

LODGING:

Most of our lodging will be at very nice Best Western Plus and Holiday Inn Express hotels. There is one night where we will be staying in a very nice but more basic hotel.

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

Saturday, August 20 – Orientation Meeting in Sutherlin

We meet the first night at the Sutherlin Best Western – Hartford Lodge for an 8:00 PM briefing meeting. Folks may wish to get together for dinner informally beforehand.

Sunday, August 21 - Sutherlin-Reedsport, 70 miles, 4100 ft. of climbing

We start out wandering along the Umpqua River and then climb steeply over the coast range on a very quiet BLM Road with almost no traffic, just thickly forested hills. After a gentle 5 mile climb, there is a 20 mile descent to sea level and the town of Reedsport. This is one of the prettiest, quietest and windiest road we have ever ridden. It is just stunning!

Monday, August 22 - Reedsport-Bandon, 71 miles, 3900 ft. climbing

We leave Reedsport and enter the Oregon Dunes Recreation area. We will stop to rent dune buggies to play in those gorgeous dunes. (This is included in the tour cost.) We then continue south, partly in forest, partly on US 101, and partly along quiet shoreline roads to the resort town of Bandon. We will stop at Cape Arago for lunch where one can often see a wide variety of seals and sea lions.

Tuesday, August 23 - Bandon-Gold Beach, 65 miles, 3100 ft. climbing

From Bandon, we ride to Gold Beach along the coast, about half along US 101, with many forays to the shoreline. We will stop at Cape Blanco for snacks and Humbug State Park for lunch.

Wednesday, August 24 - Day off in Gold Beach

We have scheduled an extraordinary ride on a jet boat of the kind that historically delivered mail up to the isolated towns along the Rogue River. We will stop for lunch in historic Agness, before returning to Gold Beach for the afternoon with time to stroll the beach, shop or ride a short loop. (Cost included in tour price.)

Thursday, August 25 - Gold Beach-Brookings and back, 60 miles, 5500 ft. of climbing

We head south from Gold Beach climbing up the Old Coast Highway high above the ocean and the new highway for some extraordinary stunning views. After reaching the summit there is a brisk descent into Brookings (almost on the California border) with its incredible beaches and lunch. We return more easily along US-101 to Gold Beach for our final (third) night there.

Friday, August 26 - Gold Beach-Myrtle Point, 78 miles, 3900 ft. climbing

There is now a highway along the Rogue River which we will take partway up to meet transport to take us over 12 miles of gravel and a 2500ft climb. From where we are let off at the top of Agness Pass, we will cruise easily down into Myrtle Point for the night.

Saturday, August 27 - Myrtle Point-Sutherlin, 78 miles, 4500 ft. climbing

On the last day we start on the highway to ride over the coast range. After we get over it, we will take small roads through forest, farmlands, and vineyards back to Sutherlin. The last night's lodging at the Sutherlin Best Western – Hartford Lodge will be included in this tour. So take it easy today and enjoy one more evening with newly made friends before heading home Sunday, August 28.

For more information contact Ralph and Carol at: RENussbaum@outlook.com



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