

The Route

The Grande Tour Scenic Bikeway in northeast Oregon offers cycling opportunities for every rider. If you are an adventure cyclist seeking a challenging destination ride, try the entire 134-mile figure-eight route, where you'll find plenty of rolling, winding country roads with little traffic. Cyclists wanting a more leisurely trip can ride segments near small communities to make your ride fun, comfortable, and memorable.

All riders will thrill at Oregon's outback: stunning mountain vistas, clear streams, and serene farmland. The route will take you under the scented canopy of Ponderosa pine forests, alongside towering windmills, and across sweeping sagebrush-covered rangeland.

The Grande Tour Scenic Bikeway covers some the route traveled by pioneers on the Oregon Trail. Be a pioneer yourself and discover beautiful Eastern Oregon. Watch for wildlife: elk, deer, antelope, eagles, hawks, foxes, and many other wild creatures. Enjoy pastoral views of cows and horses grazing. Explore a pioneer cemetery. Visit a world-famous bronze foundry. Reconnect with your soul.

Your ride begins at Riverside Park in La Grande. A community of just over 13,000, with convenient access to restaurants, motels, grocery stores, and myriad specialty shops—including a bike shop. The halfway point of the ride is in historic Baker City, where you can refresh and spend a relaxing night enjoying excellent dining and accommodations. Treat yourself to an award-winning microbrew.

A different route brings you back to La Grande. Your wheels will sing under the big sky as miles of remote open road beckon and your cares melt away. Relax, inhale the fragrant sage, and crank on! Bring snacks and plenty of water. It's a long way between towns.

Distance

134 miles

Time to Allow

You can ride the entire route in 2-3 days, depending on your skill level, or segments in just a few hours.

Best Time to Travel

Spring through fall are best, but the road is enjoyable all year round.

Road Conditions

Roads are paved and well maintained. You'll find signs along the bikeway to mark your route.

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Bicycle Safety Tips

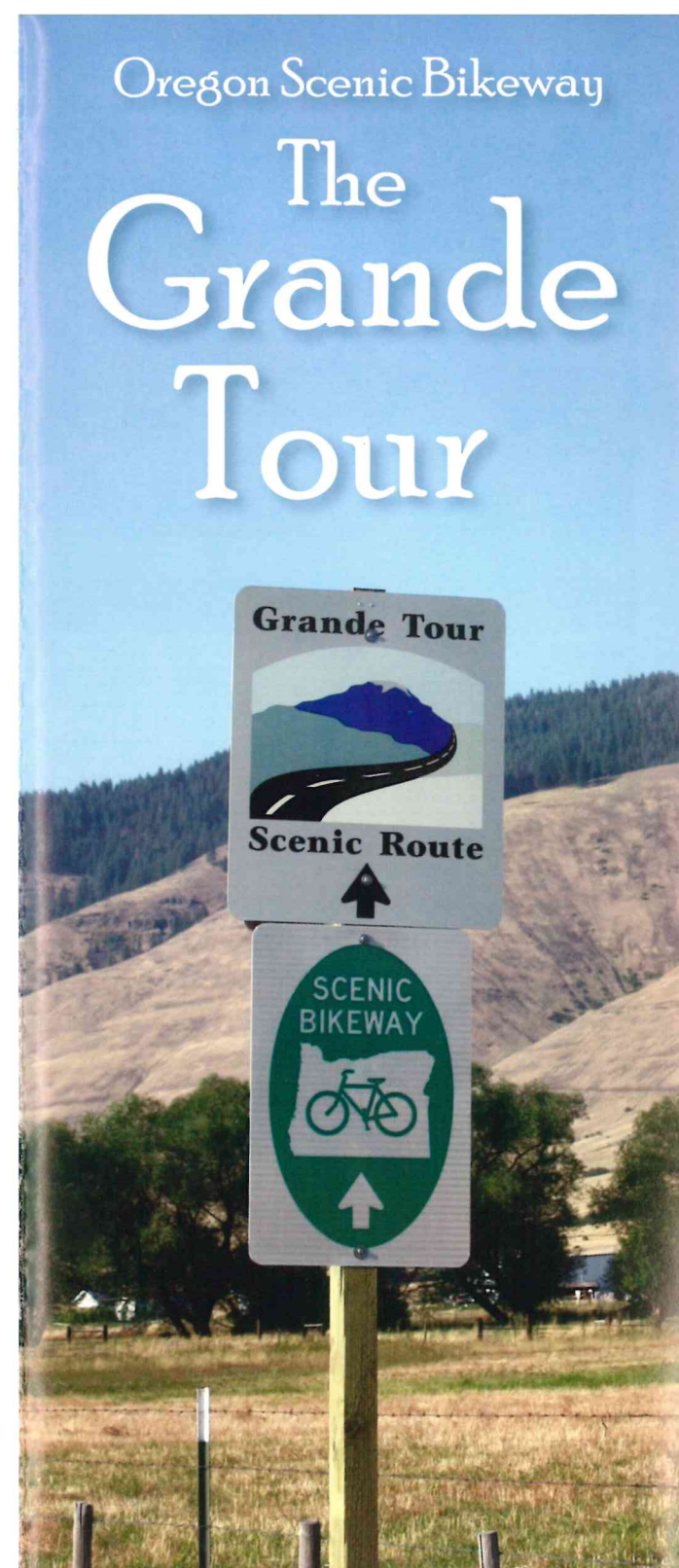
- 🚲 Always maintain control of your bicycle.
- 🚲 Ride on the right, with traffic.
- 🚲 Be visible, be alert.
- 🚲 Wear a helmet and reflective clothing.

Learn more! Find an *Oregon Bicyclist Manual* online at Oregon.gov.



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Online visitor guide - VisitLaGrande.com
Union County trails & recreation - LaGrandeNaturally.com
Visitor & community info - UnionCountyChamber.org



Adventure Cyclists (100+ miles a day)

The Grande Tour Scenic Bikeway is 134 miles long and provides a variety of challenges for the experienced cyclist. Several sections are very hilly and contain long grades at a moderate elevation gain. Some sections are remote with minimal traffic and services, while offering solitude and awesome vistas of Northeast Oregon's classic high valleys and surrounding mountains. The Wallowa, Eagle Cap, and Elkhorn mountain ranges provide vistas typical of the Great Basin region. Vegetation varies from farms and ranches to rolling sagebrush hills and forested mountain slopes. Populated areas range from communities of 13,100 to small hamlets and ghost towns. Ride the bikeway twice: counterclockwise, then clockwise for a totally new experience.



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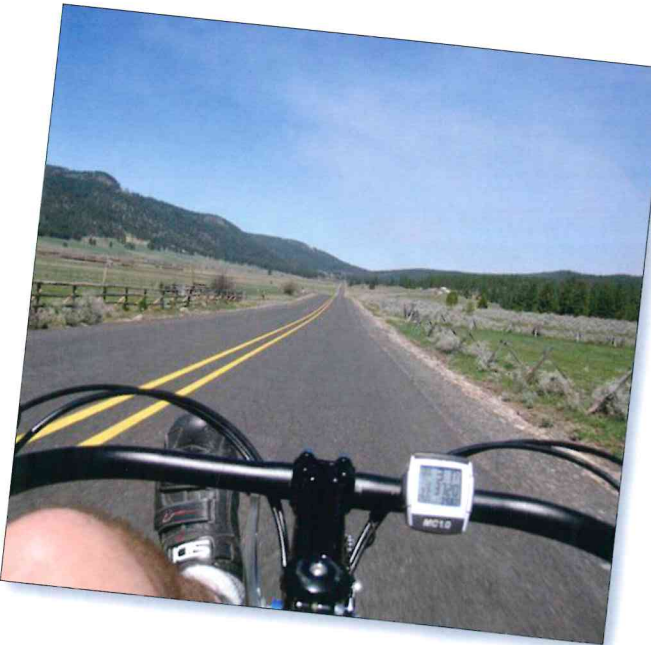
Day Trippers (10-40 miles a day)

Due to the figure-eight design of the Grande Tour Scenic Bikeway and location of towns, there are a variety of 10- to 40-mile day trips that can be identified along the route.

🚲 Baker City-Medical Springs-Union, or Baker City-Haines-North Powder sections go through rolling rangeland, sagebrush hills, and forested areas.

🚲 Day trips: From your campsite at Catherine Creek State Park, heading south provides challenging terrain with views of the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountains. From your motel or vacation rental in North Powder or Haines, day trips in each direction along the Bikeway offer fantastic views and varying terrain.

🚲 Grande Ronde Valley Loop (La Grande-Union-Cove) passes through rich farmland and is a relatively flat and easy ride.



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Family, Youth, Special Groups, or Novice Cyclists:

Numerous segments of the Bikeway are relatively flat, have low traffic, and offer small town amenities like parks, museums, camping, and eateries. Plan on riding 1-10 miles a day.

Baker County area:

🚲 The segment from Baker City west, then north to Haines, has great valley and mountain views, low traffic, and good roads.

🚲 The segment from Haines to North Powder has views of the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountains, wildlife and ranch views, and low traffic.

Union County area:

🚲 A ride starting at Catherine Creek State Park and going north to Union or south to Medical Springs (and on to Pondosa for a challenging ride) offers camping, and timber, wildlife and ranch views.

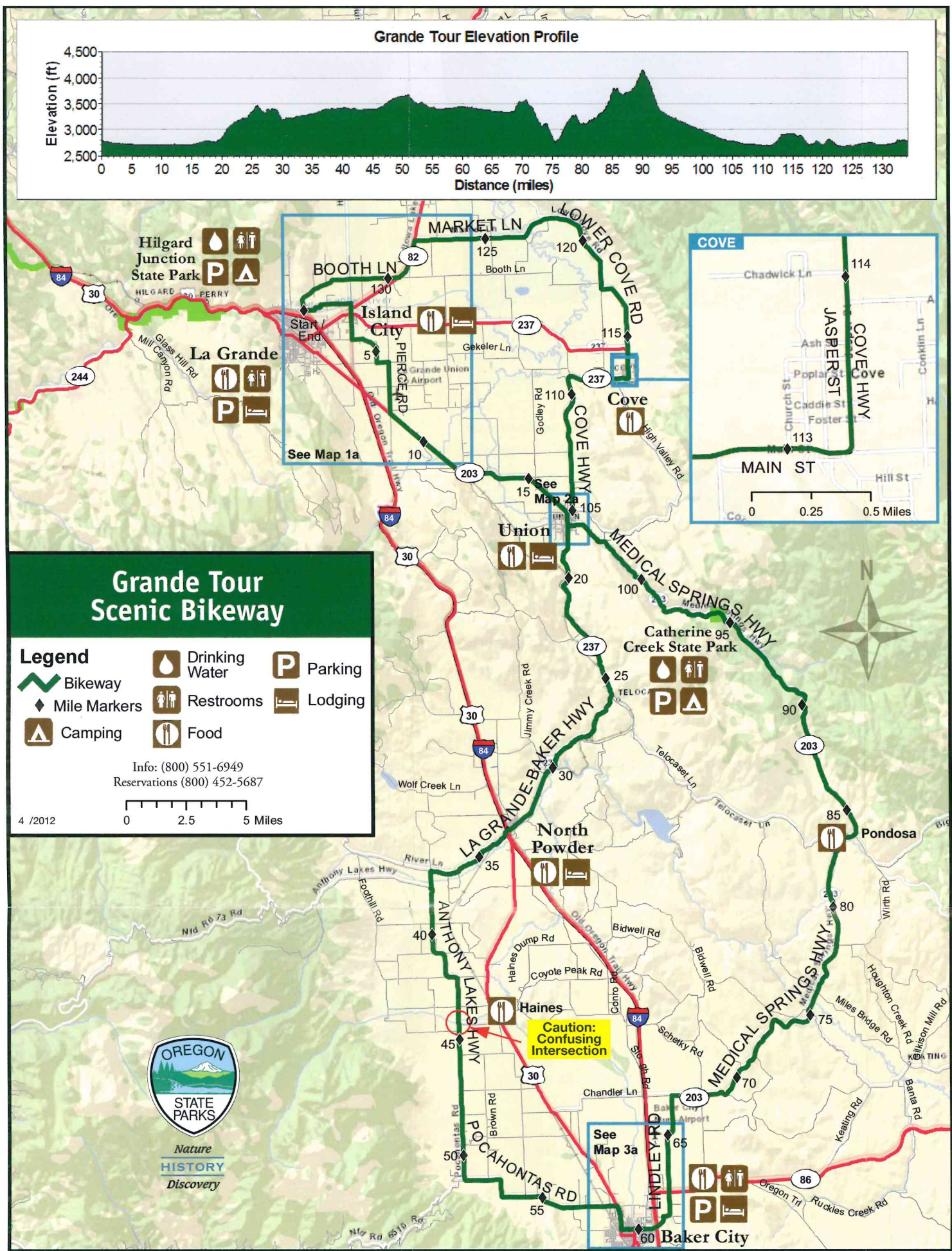


🚲 Ride from the City of Union to Pyles Canyon, or simply around town. You'll encounter small-town charm, Victorian homes, an extensive museum, Oregon State University Research Center, delightful shops, golf, art, and eateries.

🚲 Ride along Lower Cove Road north of the City of Cove for quiet farmlands and surrounding forested hills as you pedal toward La Grande and Mount Emily. The Eagle Cap Wilderness is east of the Grande Ronde Valley, with access near Cove.

🚲 Ride from Riverside Park in La Grande to the Historic District, city parks, and Eastern Oregon University.

Scenic Bikeway & Amenities



Location	Route Road	Junction	Miles to turn	Total miles	Counterclockwise (mileage on map)
LA GRANDE	RIVERSIDE PARK	FRUITDALE LN	0.0	0.0	RIGHT
	FRUITDALE LN	LEFFEL RD	0.6	0.6	LEFT
	LEFFEL RD	FRUITDALE LN	0.1	0.7	RIGHT
	FRUITDALE LN	HUNTER RD	1.7	2.4	RIGHT
	HUNTER RD	OR HWY 82	0.2	2.6	RIGHT
ISLAND CITY	OR HWY 82	STOP LIGHT	0.2	2.8	STRAIGHT
	N MCALLISTER RD	BUCHANAN LN	1.1	3.9	LEFT
	BUCHANAN LN	GEKELER LN	1.8	5.7	LEFT
	GEKELER LN	PIERCE RD	0.5	6.2	RIGHT
	PIERCE RD	OR HWY 203	2.1	8.3	LEFT
UNION	OR HWY 203	N POWDER/HWY 237	8.9	17.2	STRAIGHT
	OR HWY 237	STRAIGHT	8.6	25.8	STRAIGHT
TELOCASET	OR HWY 237	STRAIGHT	8.6	25.8	STRAIGHT
	OR HWY 237	FREEWAY UNDER	7.6	33.4	STRAIGHT
N POWDER	OR HWY 237	N POWDER RIVER LN	0.1	33.5	STRAIGHT
	N POWDER RIVER LN	ELLIS RD	3.9	37.4	LEFT
	ELLIS RD	ANTHONY LAKES HWY	0.7	38.1	LEFT
	ANTHONY LAKES HWY	POCAHONTAS RD	5.8	43.9	STRAIGHT
	POCAHONTAS RD	POCAHONTAS RD	0.7	44.6	STRAIGHT (curve goes to Haines)
	POCAHONTAS RD	MARBLE CRK RD	6.6	51.2	LEFT

Location	Route Road	Junction	Miles to turn	Total miles	Counterclockwise (mileage on map)
BAKER CITY	POCAHONTAS RD	OR HWY 30	7.1	58.3	RIGHT
	OR HWY 30	CAMPBELL ST	1.0	59.3	LEFT
	CAMPBELL ST	HWY 7/CAMPBELL/PARK	0.7	60.0	STRAIGHT
	HWY 7/CAMPBELL	FREEWAY UNDER	0.9	60.9	STRAIGHT
	HWY 7/CAMPBELL	ATWOOD	0.2	61.1	RIGHT
	ATWOOD	ATWOOD/LINDLEY	0.3	61.4	LEFT
	LINDLEY	OR HWY 86	1.2	62.2	STRAIGHT
PONDOSA	LINDLEY	AIRPORT	2.2	64.8	STRAIGHT
MEDICAL SPGS	LINDLEY	OR HWY 203	2.0	66.8	RIGHT
UNION	OR HWY 203	OR HWY 237/MAIN	37.2	104.0	RIGHT
	OR HWY 237/MAIN	HWY 237/E BYRON	0.6	104.6	RIGHT
	HWY 237/ E BYRON	COVE OR HWY 237	0.3	104.9	LEFT
	COVE/OR HWY 237	DOLLARS/HWY 237	8.3	113.2	LEFT
COVE	OR HWY 237	LOWER COVE RD	1.2	114.4	STRAIGHT
	LOWER COVE RD	MARKET LN	7.6	122.0	LEFT
	MARKET LN	OR HWY 82	5.8	127.8	LEFT
	OR HWY 82	BOOTH LN	0.9	128.7	RIGHT
	BOOTH LN	HUNTER RD	0.8	129.5	STRAIGHT
	BOOTH LN	MT GLEN RD	3.1	132.6	STRAIGHT
LA GRANDE	FRUITDALE LN	RIVERSIDE PARK	1.7	134.3	LEFT

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