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Lincoln County Bike Maps

www.co.lincoln.or.us

Here you can find information on biking in Lincoln County.

Newport Bike Maps

www.discovernewport.com

A useful resource for riding within the town of Newport.

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Lincoln County Scenic Bikeways



Welcome to Lincoln County on the Oregon coast. This guide will introduce you to some of the best biking in the state from forested back roads to rides along majestic ocean cliffs. There is no better way to experience our county than by bike so pick any of these rides and enjoy!



Cascade Head Loop

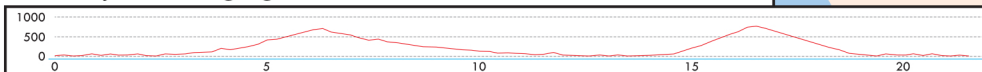
This challenging ride begins at Knight Park along the Salmon River estuary near the northern boundary of Lincoln County. Leaving the parking area turn right, then right again on Three Rocks Rd. Ride two miles to Hwy 101. Turn left onto Hwy 101 and climb to the top of the ridge, then down to Slab Cr. Rd. Continue to the town of Neskowin for a welcome break before attempting the return climb. For the return trip from Neskowin, head south on Hwy 101 to Slab Cr. Rd. Turn left and ride along the valley until you cross Slab Creek. The route then climbs the ridge again through scenic old growth forest in the Cascade Head Experimental Forest. Continue on Slab Cr. Rd., which becomes Old Hwy 101, to East Three Rocks Rd.

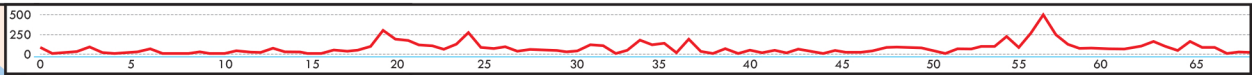
Turn right and return to Knight Park.

Difficulty: Challenging



#1
22 miles





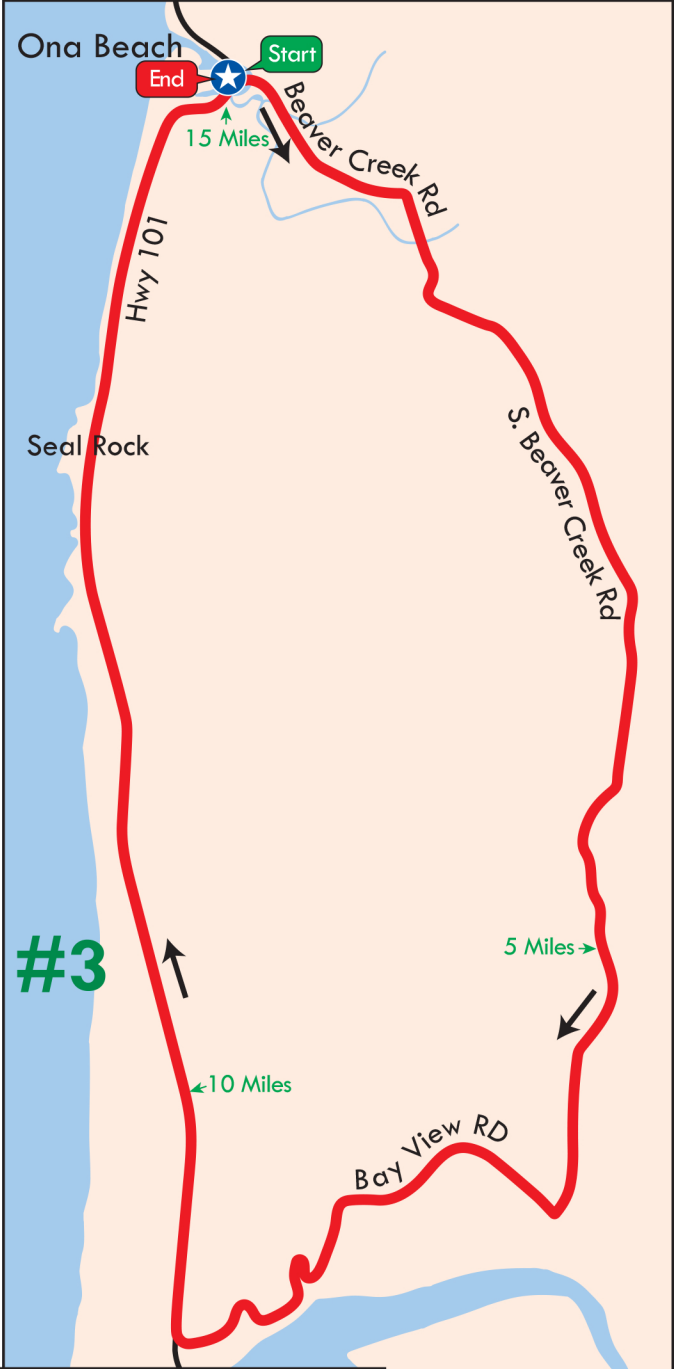
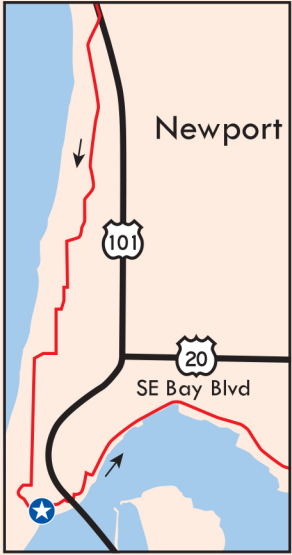
Kernville ←45 Miles

#2 Big Loop

69 miles

This trip has all the best of Lincoln County packed into one challenging ride. Along this route you will follow two major coastal rivers and ride above steep ocean cliffs offering stunning views of the Pacific. The ride begins at Yaquina Bay Lighthouse State Park (see Newport map) and riding east, passes under the Yaquina Bay Bridge. Turn right on Naterlin Dr. then right on Bay Dr. and drop down to the Newport waterfront. From there the ride stretches out along Yaquina Bay Road offering sweeping views of the river. A short steep climb beckons before reaching the town of Toledo (see Toledo map). Turn left on Hwy 20 to Hwy 299 to pick up the Siletz River Rd. and pass the town of Siletz and follow the river until it meets the Siletz Bay NWR. At the junction with Hwy. 101 head south. On your return trip, make sure to follow the signs for the Otter Crest Loop Rd at the base of Cape Foulweather to enjoy the ocean vistas. Arriving back in Newport look for the Agate Beach Wayside and follow the bike route signs which will deliver you to your starting point at Yaquina Bay Lighthouse.

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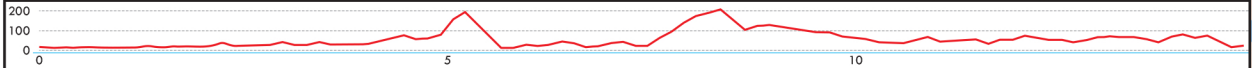


Beaver Creek Loop #3

15 miles

A pleasant loop ride that begins at Brian Booth State Park at the junction of Hwy 101 and Beaver Cr. Rd. and then heads inland along the little traveled and scenic South Beaver Creek road. Near mile 6 the ride turns west and connects with Bay View Road offering expansive views of Alsea Bay and the Waldport bridge. To complete the loop, turn right at the junction with Hwy. 101 and follow it north, passing the sea stacks off Seal Rock, until you arrive back at the state park.

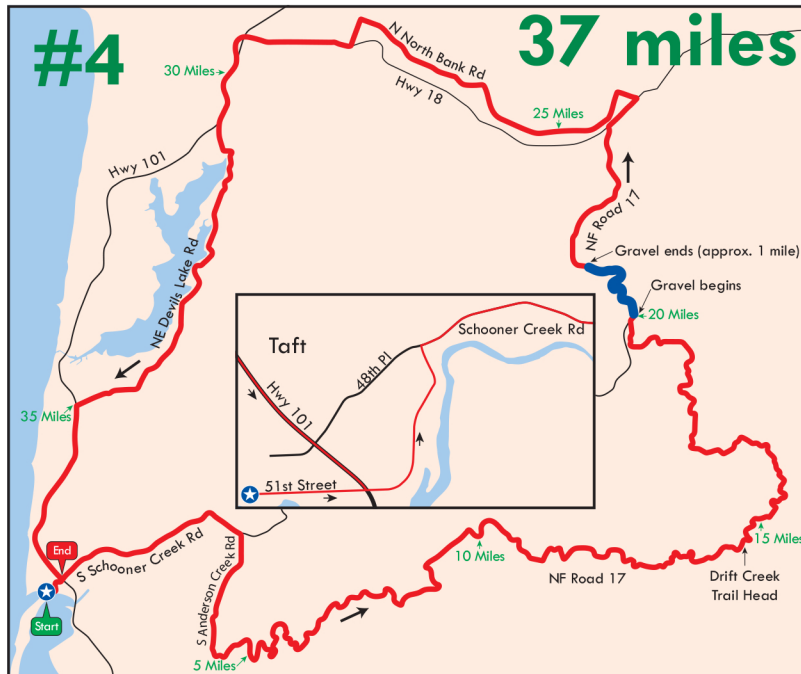
Difficulty: Easy



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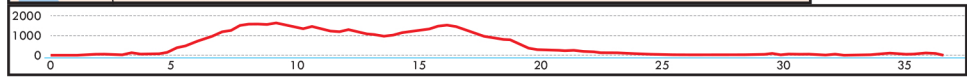
37 miles

Drift Creek Falls Loop



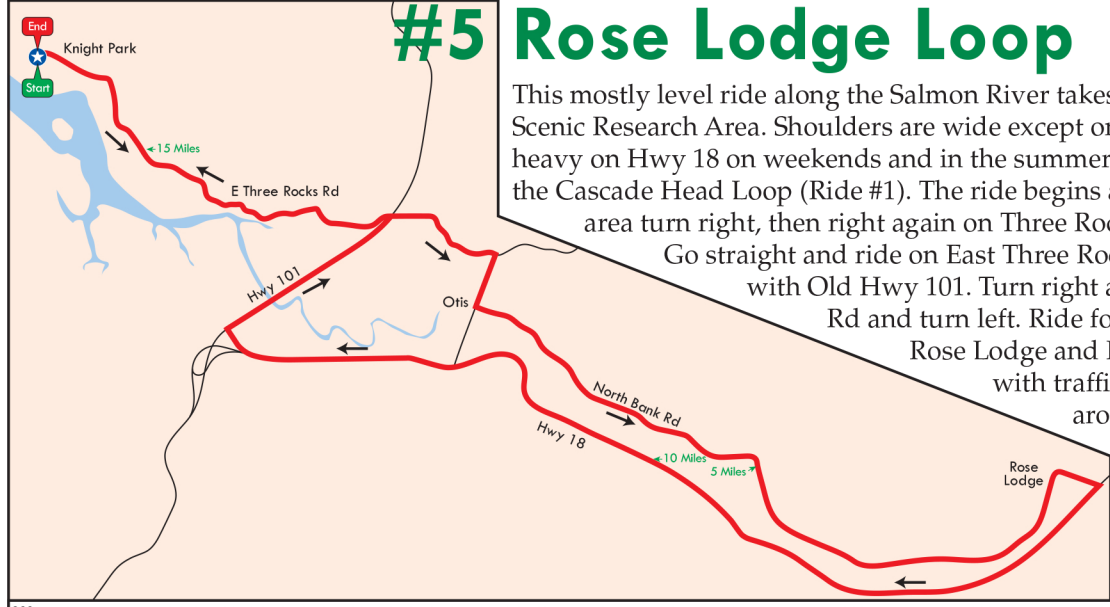
A very challenging loop ride designed for those who can handle steep gains in elevation. Caution: One mile of this ride is gravel. See map for location. The ride begins in the Taft section of Lincoln City and heads out along 51st street until it meets up with Schooner Creek Road (see Lincoln City map). Turn right onto Anderson Creek Road and continue onto S. Drift Creek Road. Make a left at the sign for Drift Creek Falls Trail which will take you onto NF-17. The ride then climbs nearly 1500 feet in 5 miles before reaching the Drift Creek Falls trail head. The two-mile hike and its suspension bridge overlooking the falls is well worth the effort. The ride continues along forested hillsides before descending on a gravel road to Bear Cr. Rd. Turn right on Hwy 18 and continue 1/2 mile to North Bank Rd. Turn left and ride 4 miles to Old Hwy 101, turn left and ride 1/2 mile to Hwy 18. Turn right and ride to Hwy 101. Head south at the interchange. Turn left on East Devil's Lake Rd. and ride four miles to connect with Hwy 101 again. Turn left and follow Hwy 101 south to return to your starting point.

Difficulty: Challenging



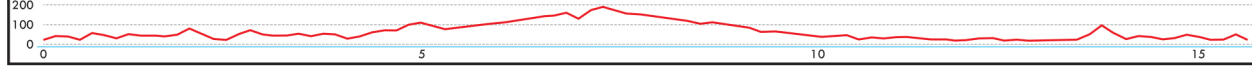
#5 Rose Lodge Loop

16 miles



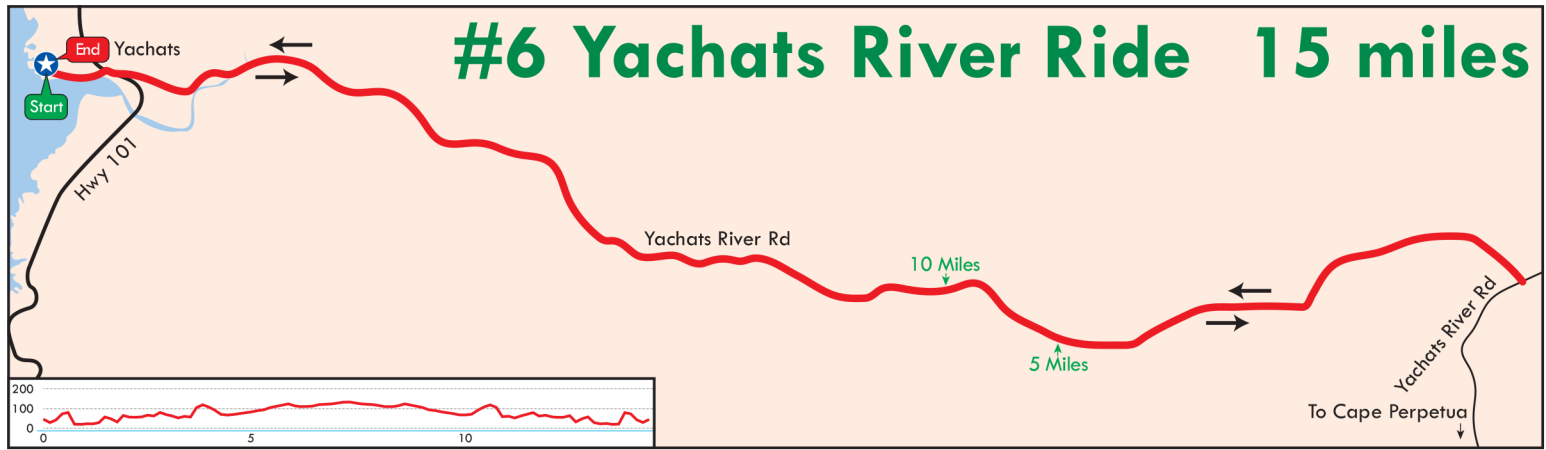
This mostly level ride along the Salmon River takes you through the Cascade Head Scenic Research Area. Shoulders are wide except on Three Rocks Rd., and traffic can be heavy on Hwy 18 on weekends and in the summer. It can be ridden alone or as part of the Cascade Head Loop (Ride #1). The ride begins at Knight Park. Leaving the parking area turn right, then right again on Three Rocks Rd. Ride two miles to Hwy 101. Go straight and ride on East Three Rocks Rd for a mile until a junction with Old Hwy 101. Turn right and continue 1/2 mile to North Bank Rd and turn left. Ride four miles on this level rural road to Rose Lodge and Hwy 18. (If you are uncomfortable with traffic this would be the place to turn around and retrace your ride.) Turn right and ride five miles to Hwy 101, passing Otis. Turn right (north) on Hwy 101 and ride one mile to Three Rocks Rd. Turn left and retrace your ride to Knight Park.

Difficulty: Easy



#6 Yachats River Ride

15 miles



This pleasant, rolling, out-and-back ride through old growth forests, farms and elk meadows highlights this beautiful valley. The ride begins at Yachats State Park in Yachats. Ride east on Ocean View Dr. then turn right on Hwy 101 and take the first left on Yachats River Rd. The village of Yachats is quickly left behind as the mostly level road continues for seven miles before reaching a junction. A left turn will take you on a gravel road to the Yachats River Covered Bridge in two miles. A right turn will head south to Cape Perpetua (on a road with a long gravel stretch) that can be turned into a loop on Hwy 101 back to Yachats in 15 miles. Our ride turns around and returns to Yachats.

Difficulty: Easy