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The Cycle Oregon

experience...

to the third power



More challenging routes

More amenities

More connection  
with communities



## RIDE C03: CYCLE OREGON TO THE THIRD POWER

Join us for a unique Cycle Oregon experience and see firsthand how we transform individuals and communities through bicycling. Riding C03 will show you how your support improves rural communities by building local relationships, supporting community projects and experiencing the best rides our region has to offer.

### THE 2014 ROUTE

The 2014 debut of C03 includes epic routes in Washington and Oregon. We start in Walla Walla and Waitsburg, Wash., then make our way to Enterprise, Halfway and Baker City, Ore. Over the course of five days we'll cover 331 miles and ascend more than 24,000 feet. Climbing highlights on the route include the serpentine Rattlesnake Grade, the challenging up-and-over from Enterprise to Halfway, and the alpine ascent to Anthony Lakes ski area. At the end of the day we'll enjoy delectable, fresh dinners and stay in historic hotels and rustic lodges, and also meet local leaders working on important projects and programs.

#### Walla Walla to Baker City: 331 miles, 24,435 feet of climbing

Day 1 – Walla Walla to Waitsburg: 22 miles, 1,050 feet

Day 2 – Clarkston to Enterprise: 80 miles, 7,500 feet

Day 3 – Enterprise to Halfway: 85 miles, 6,185 feet

Day 4 – Halfway to Baker City: 54 miles, 3,100 feet

Day 5 – Anthony Lakes Loop: 90 miles, 6,600 feet

### C03 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

In addition to an epic five days of riding, personal interactions with local residents and leaders and fantastic local fare, a primary goal of C03 is to raise \$30,000 to support the communities we ride through. We will hear

about important community initiatives and discuss what kinds of projects most positively impact the places we visit. We will invest the \$30,000 you help us raise directly toward one or more of these projects.

### AMENITIES AND MEALS

We'll rest our weary bones in some of the storied accommodations of the region, including the historic Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla, the Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City, the Pine Valley Lodge in Halfway and the Ponderosa in Enterprise.

Mealtimes will feature locally grown and prepared farm-to-table dinners at hidden gems like the Jim German Bar in Waitsburg, the Terminal Gravity Brewery in Enterprise, a special llama ranch in Halfway, and both the Geiser Grand Hotel and Barley Brown's Brewery in Baker City.

Extras include a complimentary C03 jersey, walking tours, receptions at local galleries and hotels, and evenings with local community leaders.

### REGISTRATION, PRICING AND CANCELLATION POLICIES

Registration for C03 2014 opens March 17. The cost for the ride is \$3,000, of which \$1,000 is tax deductible as a contribution to the Cycle Oregon Fund. The price is all-inclusive, encompassing lodging, meals and select beverages, support, transportation and an event jersey.

If you must cancel, the Cycle Oregon Fund contribution is non-refundable. If you cancel by April 1, \$1,750 will be refunded. From April 1 to May 19, the \$1,750 is only refundable if we can find a replacement for your spot. After May 19, no refunds will be granted (sorry; no exceptions).



**DAY 1, THURSDAY, JUNE 19 – PORTLAND TO WALLA WALLA**

We'll depart from Portland and travel to the center of the burgeoning wine region of Walla Walla, Wash. Upon our mid-afternoon arrival we'll check in to the historic Marcus Whitman Hotel. Though you may not run into Dwight Eisenhower, Louis Armstrong or Shirley Temple – all previous guests of the hotel – you will be sure to be swept away by its historic charm just the same.

After a short stay in Walla Walla, we'll jump on our bikes for a leg-stretching cruise to the small town of Waitsburg. Along the way we'll pass lovely old farms with brightly painted barns as we climb up and over the rolling hills that surround this quaint agricultural community.

We'll enjoy a warm welcome followed by a farm-to-table dinner at the eclectic Jim German Bar in Waitsburg. After we're sated, we'll return to Walla Walla in our vans and enjoy a restful sleep in preparation for the next day's epic ride.

**DAY 2, FRIDAY, JUNE 20 – WALLA WALLA TO ENTERPRISE**

After an early breakfast at the Marcus Whitman, we'll jump in the vans and head for Clarkston, our starting point, which is nestled at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers.

After a warm-up ride alongside the Snake River, we'll reach the town of Asotin and tackle the first of our two big climbs, emerging into big skies and wheat fields. The descent down Rattlesnake Grade will elicit moments of pure joy as it plunges down to the Grand Ronde River and across the border into Oregon.

The challenging, extended climb back out of the gorge offers the reward of a spectacular view down into Chief Joseph Canyon. From there we'll descend through forests and hilly rangeland headed for the next stop, Enterprise. A well-deserved shower at the Ponderosa Inn will be followed by a reception and farm-to-table dinner, putting a cap on a perfect day.





**DAY 3, SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – ENTERPRISE TO HALFWAY**

Eat a hearty breakfast this morning! On the menu today we have three major climbs, plus a few bonus hills. Leaving Enterprise, we'll climb into the Wallowas on iconic Forest Road 39 – a long, steady climb into wilderness. Smelling the morning dew on the pines, it will feel like it's just us against the hills out there.

After a recovery glide down to the Imnaha River, we'll take on the last of today's big elevation gains. Those with a passion for climbing can choose the option to propel up to the stunning Hells Canyon Overlook. Afterward, we'll pass through multiple geographic zones on the way back down; relax into it – the scenery is peaceful and replenishing. Our ride will finish in Halfway, where we'll put our feet up at the Pine Valley Lodge. After a reception at Babette Beatty's art gallery (Babette was the first-ever Sports Illustrated swimsuit cover girl), we'll take a short journey to a local llama ranch and immerse ourselves in another farm-to-table dinner.

**DAY 4, SUNDAY, JUNE 22 – HALFWAY TO BAKER CITY**

If there's a "recovery day" on this tour, today is that day. We'll take our time this morning with a leisurely breakfast at the Pine Valley Lodge as we soak up the morning freshness. Then we'll spin out of Halfway and begin our only major climb of the day – about 1,000 feet up, but with a 1,500-foot descent.

Then we'll resume a gradual all-day rise, joining up with the winding Powder River and riding beside it for miles before finally cutting through the high desert on the Hells Canyon Scenic Byway and into Baker City.

When we check into the Geiser Grand for tonight's stay, take a moment to marvel at the ornately carved mahogany columns soaring up to the high ceiling, the Victorian-style chandeliers gracing the hallways, and the beautiful stained-glass ceiling in the dining room. After cleaning up, there will be time to stroll down Main Street and do some exploring. Our evening's reception and farm-to-table dinner will be back at the Geiser Grand. After taking our fill, we'll head up to our rooms, where terrycloth robes, plush beds and chandeliers await.





**DAY 5, MONDAY, JUNE 23 – BAKER CITY TO NORTH POWDER**

It's hard to determine whether we saved the best for last, but this is a day that will land on your personal list of epic rides. Tucked away in the trees and nestled in Oregon's Elkhorn mountain range sits the historic gold mining town of Sumpter; a serene and gentle 30-mile climb out of Baker City brings us there.

We'll pass the historic steam-powered narrow-gauge railroad and Sumpter Dredge State Heritage Park as we start the first of our last three big climbs of the week. Alpine meadows, creeks and wildlife will surround us as we pass through Granite.

Over the next 25 miles we'll climb 3,300 feet up to Anthony Lake and enjoy a well-earned and beautiful lakeside break. Then, with the exception of a brief bump, it'll be all downhill from there. The steep descent with big wide turns offers incredible views of the Wallowas, bringing to mind the dinner at the llama ranch and Babette's cozy art gallery. Once we hit the bottom, the ride across the valley is spectacular. Ranches framed by mountains and views of the Wallowas will follow us all the way to North Powder.

As we get back in the vans for a short trip back to Baker City, our heads and hearts will be filled with feelings of achievement, satisfaction and serenity. Following a reception at the Geiser Grand, we'll walk a few blocks down Main Street to our final farm-to-table dinner at Barley Brown's Brewery, pairing local beer with local food and toasting the amazing experience we've just shared.

**DAY 6, TUESDAY, JUNE 24 – BAKER CITY TO PORTLAND**

After a good night's sleep and another well-deserved breakfast at the Geiser Grand, we'll depart for home. With tired legs, a head full of scenic visuals, and the local residents and fare still fresh in our minds, we'll take home not only memories of a fantastic week, but the satisfaction of doing some serious good along the way.

**TO REGISTER**

Register online at [CYCLEOREGON.COM/CO3-RIDE](http://CYCLEOREGON.COM/CO3-RIDE) at noon PST on Monday March 17, 2014.









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### OUR MISSION

Cycle Oregon is a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming individuals and communities through bicycling.



### THE CYCLE OREGON FUND

With nearly \$2 million in assets, the Cycle Oregon Fund disburses approximately \$100,000 each year in grants.