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## Mount Hood to Columbia River Gorge

LENGTH: 5 Days / 4 Nights

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping

FITNESS LEVEL: Intermediate

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An incredible succession of terrains (glacial plains, mountainous ridges, dense rainforests, evergreen and oak woodlands, and lush orchard valleys) form this ride from Oregon's most prominent landmark - Mt. Hood.

After following a portion of the historic Oregon Trail along the flanks of Mt. Hood, our route traces an ancient glacial ridgeline to the Columbia River National Scenic Area. Along the way, we'll experience the legendary single-track atop Surveyor's Ridge, a thrilling descent from High Prairie, and panoramic views of the Cascade Mountain Range. This trip is filled with exciting novelties such as camping at a fire lookout tower, crisscrossing glacier streams, riding through the scenic Hood River Valley, and dipping into the cool waters of the mighty Columbia River.

Though we descend from alpine to high desert (total elevation loss of 4,000 feet), this is an athletic route with a significant amount of climbing (van supported) and descending each day. Many of the routes we follow have options for easier logging road riding or more technical single-track, making this an ideal tour for riders of varying abilities.

### Trip Amenities

All camping on this trip is in primitive campsites with no running water. On this trip we utilize our own portable toilet, and exercise a leave-no-trace policy. There are no shower facilities, but solar showers will be available. Cell coverage is very spotty. In case of emergency, land lines are available. All meals on this trip are prepared by your experienced guides.



## Day 1 | Barlow Road

We'll spend most of our day following the Barlow Road. This is part of the Oregon Trail and was built in the mid-1800s. The trail is mostly narrow jeep road. Our route drops from approximately 4,200 feet to 2,800 feet. This 1,400-foot drop will take us from a sub-alpine rain forest environment to a high desert environment. A stop for lunch gives us a quick break before we ascend 1,000 feet to Grasshopper Point, tonight's camp.

**Total Mileage** | 22 miles

**Camp** | Grasshopper Point

**Terrain** | Jeep Road, Some Van Support

## Day 2 | Gunsight Ridge and Lookout Mountain

The ride today takes us alongside Mt. Hood's Gunsight Ridge. We'll have superb views of Mt. Hood and Badger Lake all day, with a challenging climb leading to the lunch spot. The second half of our day starts with a short hike to Lookout Mountain (elevation: 6,200 feet). From here we can see 8 surrounding peaks and views of several glacially carved valleys. We'll spend the rest of the day descending on exceptional single-track to our camp.

**Total Mileage** | 22 miles

**Camp** | Eight Mile Creek

**Terrain** | Doubletrack and Single-track, No Van Support

## Day 3 | Kneable Springs, Bottle Prairie and Eight Mile Creek

The morning begins with a delicious breakfast prepared by your guides. Eat up, because you'll need the energy for the unbelievable day of single-track awaiting you. Miles and miles of fast, flowing single-track dot the mountain and we intend to ride most of it. The descending is fast and the climbs are worth it. Highlights include the highly rated Bottle Prairie descent, a rest stop at a fire tower and even a few stunts.

**Total Mileage** | 25 miles

**Camp** | Eight Mile Creek

**Terrain** | Jeep Road and Single-track, Some Van Support



## Day 4 | Dog River and Surveyor's Ridge

Today we ride one of our favorite trails in Oregon, Dog River trail. This trail winds its way along the Mt. Hood watershed, proving exceptional single-track riding. After this descent, we shuttle back up to the top of the ridge for lunch then tackle Surveyor's Ridge - a fabulous single-track that traverses its length the south end to the north. Along the way, you'll be rewarded with exceptional views of Mount Hood and the Hood River Valley. The single-track we'll be riding on is challenging at times, but, for the most part, it's great intermediate cruising terrain. If you'd like, an optional late afternoon ride takes us down the Oak Ridge Trail, for awesome single-track riding.

**Total Mileage** | 20-34 miles

**Camping** | Surveyor's Ridge

**Terrain** | Single-track, Some Van Support

## Day 5 | Surveyor's Ridge to Hood River

After a brisk "warm-up" climb of a couple miles, the next 15 miles is a long descent on logging roads. The terrain will vary from gravel to smooth doubletrack. We'll have another quick climb and descend to our lunch spot. After lunch, a short climb takes us to the top of a ridge with great view of the town of Hood River and the Columbia River far below. A short single-track leads to Whiskey Creek Road (gravel) and several miles of fast descent. Once down in the valley, we'll follow paved country roads through the orchards of the Hood River Valley and ride our final descent down to the tour's end at the Columbia River.

**Total Mileage** | 28 miles

**Terrain** | Doubletrack and Jeep Road, Some Van Support



## WHAT SETS US APART?

**Our People:** Our guides are the best in the business! Trained personally by the owners, our guides understand the areas you ride and the safety of the group.

**Our Commitment:** We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it! We recycle 90% of our waste, run our facilities with solar and wind power, and we are the world's 1st carbon-neutral outfitter.

**Our Food:** Our guides lovingly prepare meals for the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious meal at the same time- including dessert!

## The Basics

**State:** Oregon

**Duration:** 5 days/4 Nights

**Type:** Camping

**Airport:** Portland, OR

**Mileage:** 106-120 Miles

**Season:** Summer

**Elevation:** 2,800–6,200ft

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Location:** Courtyard by Marriott Portland Airport

**Address:** 11550 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR  
97220

**Time:** 10:00 am

\*We will return to Portland around 4:00pm on the last day.

## BIKE RENTALS

We offer Santa Cruz and Specialized bikes. Please click for more information. [Learn more about our rental gear on our website.](#)

## CAMPING RENTALS

- Three-man tent with fly and ground tarp
- 30 degree sleeping bag
- Camp Pillow  
(BYO pillowcase)
- Self-inflating ground pad

Bringing or shipping your own gear? [See our shipping policy.](#)



### Specific Trip Tips

Portland, Oregon is the closest city with a major airport and car rentals. We recommend that you fly into Portland and drive or take a shuttle to Hood River.

You can also take the Escape Shuttle (\$75) from Portland. The shuttle will leave from the Courtyard Portland Airport in Portland, Oregon at 9am on the first day of the tour.

Please arrive in Hood River at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour.

Don't forget your swimsuit, we will have opportunities to swim.

Weather predictions in this area are often unreliable due to the elevation, so it is best to be prepared for cold nights and inclement weather. Please use the following locations when checking the weather online:

Government Camp, OR and Hood River, OR

Use our [Pre-Trip Information Center](#) for packing lists, how to prepare, FAQ and more!

**Trip Cost Includes:** Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.

**Trip Cost Does Not Include:** Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear, rental bike, or gratuities to Escape Adventures guides. Tips to the guides are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost to be divided between the guides.

*This is a general itinerary and may vary. Escape Adventures reserves the right to make changes due to weather, local conditions, government intervention, or any unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Inns are subject to change.*

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