

Hell on Wheels

CYCLE OREGON 2015 HELLS CANYON/WALLOWAS

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We may be born to be wild, but we live to do good things. From mountain bike trails near Baker City to a renovated city park in Cambridge, Cycle Oregon has been using biking to transform lives and communities for more than 28 years. Our non-profit organization supports Oregon's rural communities, funds projects and promotes bike advocacy all over our great state. Proceeds from our events go to the Cycle Oregon Fund, which awards more than \$50,000 every year to preserve and promote Oregon's most scenic areas. We're rebels with a cause. Are you? Then saddle up and get ready to meet the open road.



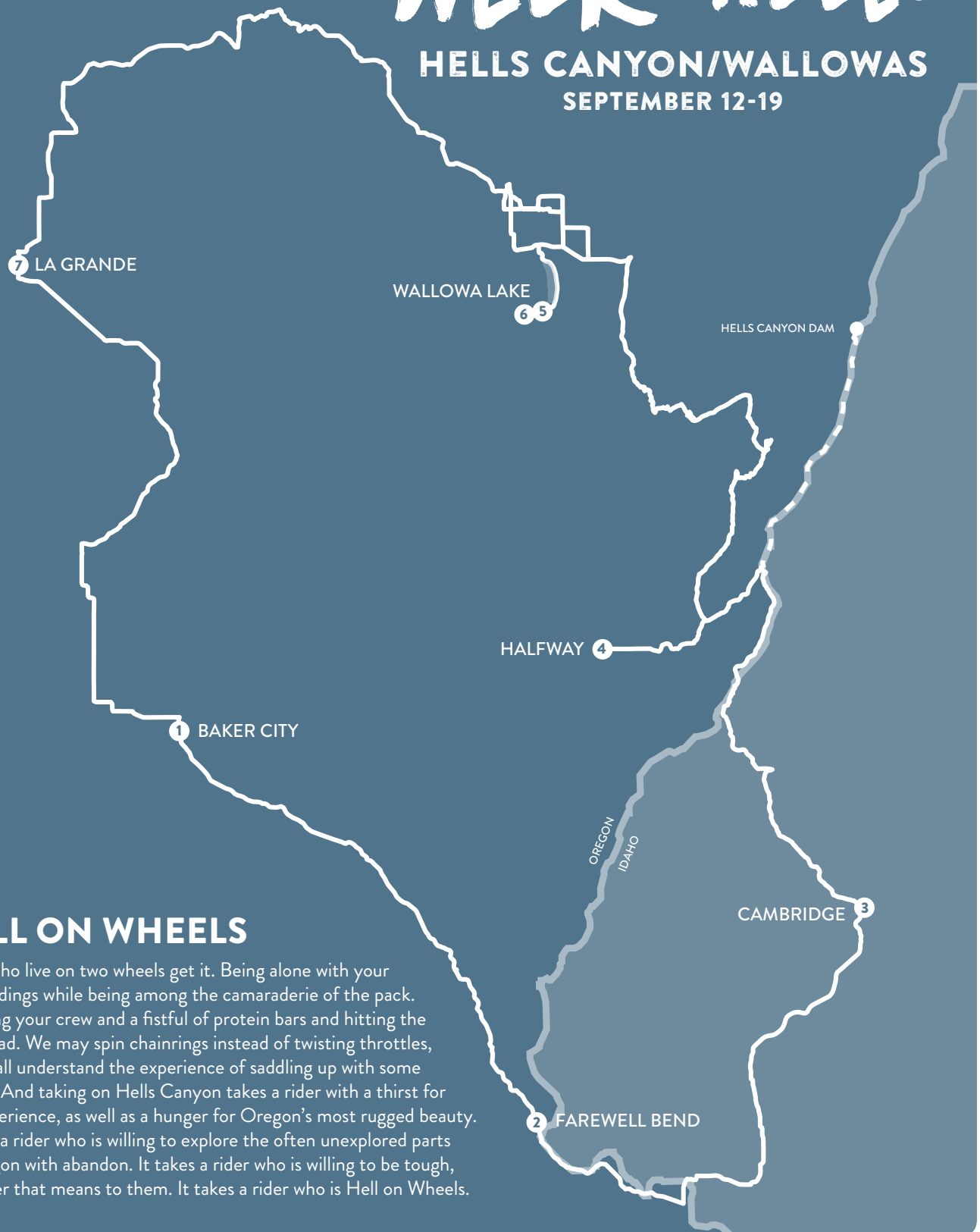
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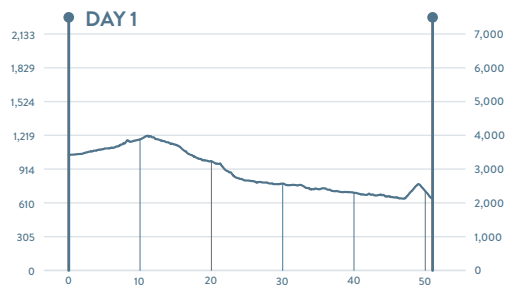
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Those who live on two wheels get it. Being alone with your surroundings while being among the camaraderie of the pack. Grabbing your crew and a fistful of protein bars and hitting the open road. We may spin chainrings instead of twisting throttles, but we all understand the experience of saddling up with some friends. And taking on Hells Canyon takes a rider with a thirst for this experience, as well as a hunger for Oregon's most rugged beauty. It takes a rider who is willing to explore the often unexplored parts of Oregon with abandon. It takes a rider who is willing to be tough, whatever that means to them. It takes a rider who is Hell on Wheels.

DAY 1: PIONEERING SPIRITS

MILES: 51 | ELEVATION: 1,500

Baker City to Farewell Bend. Welcome, two-wheel warriors, to the Highway to Hells. Today, we'll leave the 19th-century historic homes of Baker City behind and begin our glorious ride through Pleasant Valley. We'll spend most of today's majestic miles on a gentle downgrade through the Burnt River Canyon before wrapping up our first day at the unforgettable Farewell Bend State Park. Here, we'll pitch riverfront camp on the Snake River and drink in the beauty of the first Oregon state park on our tour. Warm up around the campfire, but keep an eye out for ghosts of pioneers past. One hundred and fifty years ago, at this very site, thousands set out on the Oregon Trail for the Land at Eden's Gate.



DAY 2: BREAKING AWAY

MILES: 53.5 | ELEVATION: 2,600

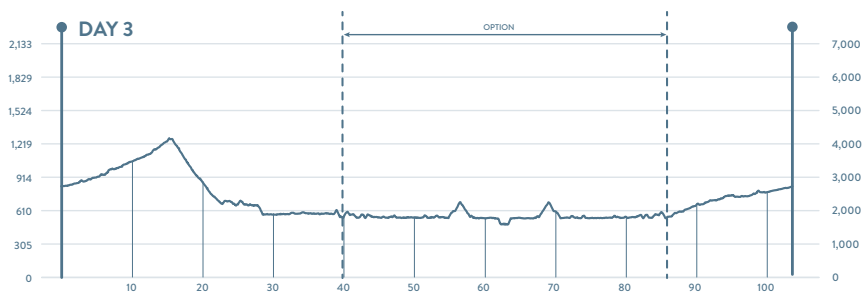
Farewell Bend to Cambridge. Day breaks and the water calls. Take an early morning swim in the Snake River before setting out for another triumphant day with the pack. We'll say goodbye to Farewell Bend and to Oregon for a while, as we cross the border into Idaho. We'll break in Weiser before heading north for many a scenic country mile to the small town of Cambridge. Kick back and rest up, because the gates of Hells Canyon await you tomorrow.



DAY 3: SOARING WITH EAGLES

MILES: 57.4 | ELEVATION: 3,462
MILES: 103.4 | ELEVATION: 6,662
(W/ OPTION)

Cambridge to Halfway. Following the thundering path forged by the Snake River, we'll travel along scenic Highway 71, stopping only to marvel at the native big-horned sheep along the way. Soak up the grassy splendor surrounding the Oxbow Dam over lunch. Are you up for a century ride? Then follow the winding paved road along the riverfront for an up-close encounter with soaring canyon walls and amazing swimming holes. Or catch your first glimpse of the Eagle Cap Wilderness to reach the undeniably beautiful Halfway, appropriately named by its founders, who believed they must be halfway to heaven.

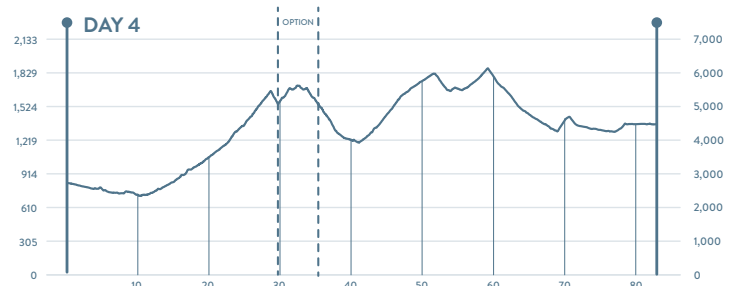


DAY 4: HIGHWAY TO HELL

MILES: 77 | ELEVATION: 6,862

MILES: 83 | ELEVATION: 7,412 (W/ OPTION)

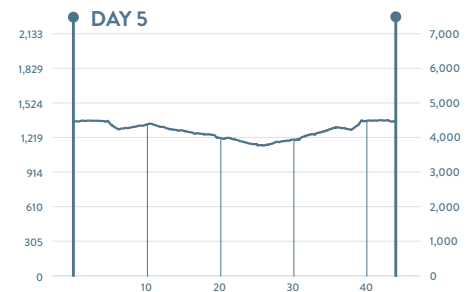
Halfway to Wallowa Lake. Saddle up and prepare for the ride of a lifetime. The climb from Pine Valley to the High Wallows is the most memorable we've ever laid wheels on. We'll ascend through the pine-scented shade of the Wallowa National Forest and summit to the Hells Canyon Overlook. To call it spectacular would be an understatement. Go ahead, take in the view. On a clear day, they say you can see Chicago. After a couple more climbs and screaming descents, we'll roll past the town of Joseph to the base of the "Alps of Oregon" and settle in for the night beside Wallowa Lake.



DAY 5: FREEDOM RINGS

MILES: 44.1 | ELEVATION: 1,342

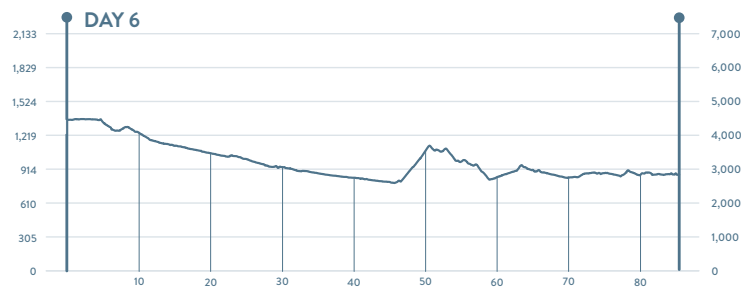
Wallowa Lake Loop. Air out the lycra a little longer, there's no need to move your tent today. Just kick off your cleats and stay for a while in the beautiful Wallowa Valley. If you're eager for another day of riding, mount your bike and head out across the valley floor to Enterprise for lunch. It's an easy day to just spin out the legs after yesterday's epic climb. If your legs are screaming "uncle," take a seat and ride the gondola to the summit of Mount Howard. Hike the afternoon away. Stroll. Swim. You decide. Visit the art galleries of Joseph or their world-renowned bronze foundries. Then rest up, the open road is calling you back.



DAY 6: DOWNWARD DRIFT

MILES: 85 | ELEVATION: 2,803

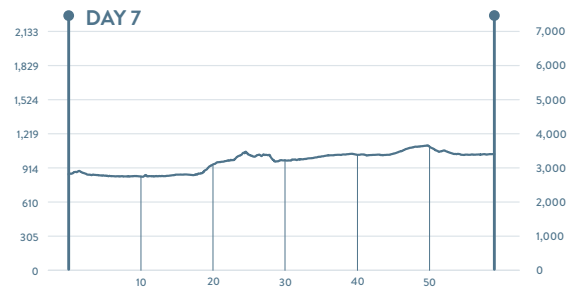
Wallowa Lake to La Grande. What goes up, must go down. Descend with us to where the winding Wallow meets the Minam River before heading toward the Grand Ronde. Kick back for a bit on the decline because we've got one little climb ahead of us as we cross the ridge on the picturesque Minam Grade. It's all free-wheeling from there as we ride through the Grand Ronde Valley with breathtaking views of the Wallows and Blue Mountains on our way down to La Grande. Main Street bars will be pouring and the pack will be rightly thirsty.



DAY 7: THE BIG FINISH

MILES: 58.4 | ELEVATION: 1,800

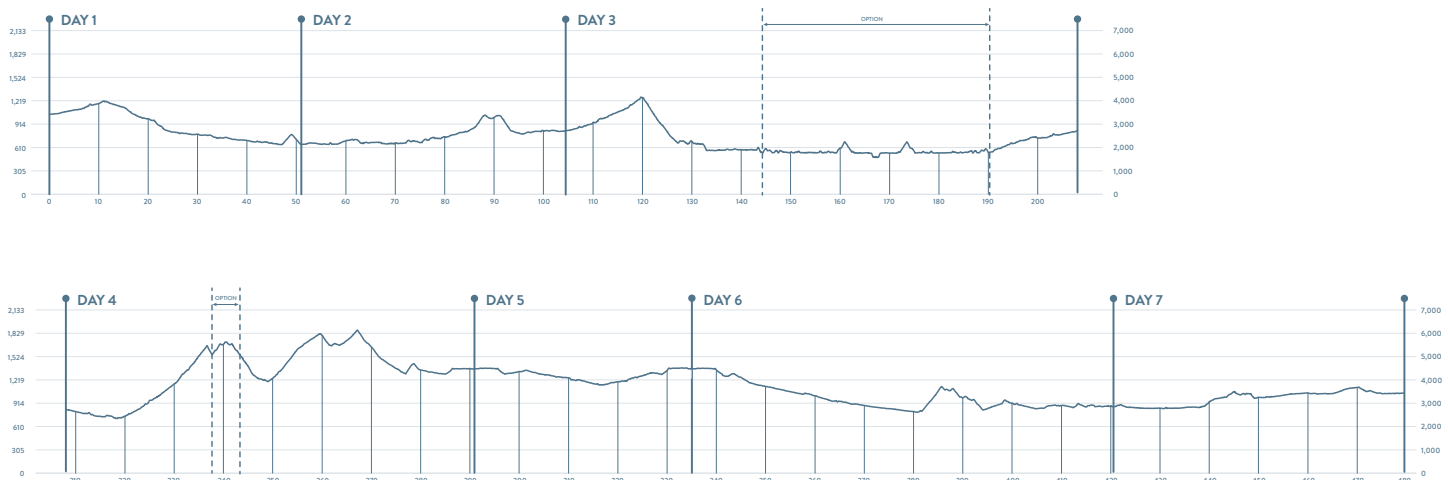
La Grande to Baker City. Last night's festivities have you moving slowly? Relax and enjoy the ride. We're in no hurry and the hills are behind us. Say goodbye to LaGrande as we head toward the historic town of Union. After a gentle climb, we'll pass through North Powder and then bask in the foothills of the Elkhorn Mountains for 20 miles before we make our final approach. We'll wind down the back roads of Baker County, past the locals waving eagerly from their front porches. A finish line celebration awaits at Tour's End, put on by Baker City's natives. Wave and smile, warriors. It's officially time to bask in the glory.



ELEVATION AND MILEAGE TOTALS

MILES: 382.3 | ELEVATION: 19,027

MILES: 478.4 | ELEVATION: 24,119 (W/ OPTIONS)



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THE ORIGINAL ROAD TO GOOD INTENTIONS.

Each year since 1988, Cycle Oregon has organized bike tours to different parts of Oregon, but this is the original. It's a seven-day excursion with a fully supported route. Even the wildlings like to be pampered, so riders can expect beautiful campsites, plenty of good grub, hot showers and live entertainment. Kick back and enjoy a massage. Throw back a cold microbrew or a hot cup of joe. Enjoy Oregon's wines and everything our great state has to offer.

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