

A pedaler's paradise awaits you in Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country, where seemingly endless sunny summer days smile over pine-covered hills and gentle mountain valleys. Escape the noisy world of telephones, TVs and automobiles as you cruise swiftly and silently through a wildlife refuge, around Crater Lake or past quiet farms and ranches.

I nside this brochure you'll find a list of bicycle tour routes favored by local residents and popular with tourists. The itinerary can be as easy or as challenging as you like. Every route offers a different view of Southern Oregon or Northern California, but each offers a safe pathway for bicycles and plenty of gorgeous scenery.

K lamath, Lake and Modoc Country lies at the edge of the Great Basin, where beautiful weather stretches from April through October. Temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees even in late summer. Chances are, the weather will be picture-perfect anytime you plan your ride.

S till, weather can be a tricky factor in any mountainous terrain. A sudden thunderstorm can drop an inch or more of rain and cool the temperature by more than 10 degrees. But if you're prepared, a cloud-burst can be a marvellous spectacle to observe.

F ood and lodging are available along some of the routes described in this brochure. But Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country has plenty of wide open space — it may be many miles from one convenience store to the next. Take water and protective clothing with you.

D on't have a bike? Inquire at a local bike shop for rentals. In any case, don't forget to carry a camera, and remember to follow the rules of the road. Oregon & California state law requires minors to wear helmets when riding bicycles. Have a safe and pleasant ride!

Bonus Points

L ooking for something more challenging than a ride in the park? Here are a few ideas for more memorable cycling experiences:

- Try biking around Upper Klamath Lake, Oregon's largest body of fresh water. With one major hill, the 85-mile route can be a tough one-day ride, or a pleasant two-day jaunt. Campgrounds along the scenic west side of Upper Klamath Lake offer convenient stopping points. **Information: Klamath Ranger District, (541) 885-3400.**
- Start in Klamath Falls and set your sights for the Lava Beds National Monument in Northern California. One route passes a state wildlife area and two national wildlife refuges. Explore lava caves at the end of the tour, or spend the night in a campground at the monument. **Information: Lava Beds National Monument, (530) 667-2282.**
- Check out the Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad bicycle path. The rails-to-trails conversion is still in the works, but the 64-mile path promises plenty of scenery and a gentle grade all the way from Klamath Falls to Bly. **Contact the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation at (541) 783-2471** to obtain the status of the trail. Also, see the OC&E State Trail Insert in the Mountain Biking Brochure.

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*Suggestions or New Ideas:
Please contact Klamath County Dept. of Tourism
1-800-445-6728*

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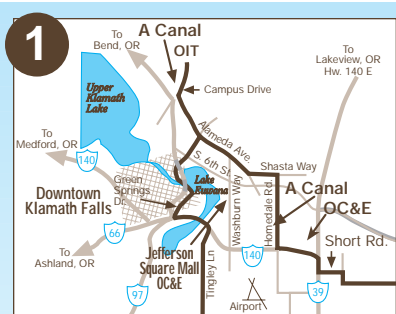
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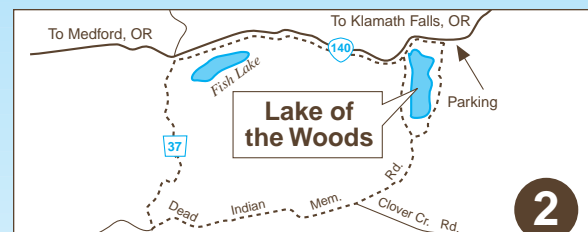
Klamath Falls Bicycle Routes

There are numerous routes in Klamath Falls, OR and the surrounding area. Check at Klamath County Department of Tourism for specific route mapping information. Mapping for only 'A' Canal and O.C.&E. Rails-to-Trails routes shown.

The Klamath Falls area has miles of wonderful

bike routes. Choose from these points of interest: Main Street Area; Link River; Lake Ewauna; Klamath River; 'A' Canal; Moore Park; Airport; Crystal Springs Loop; and the O.C.&E. Rails to Trails. On many of these trails you can take advantage of the spectacular birding opportunities. Note the various agricultural resources grown in the area, including alfalfa hay, potatoes, sugar beets and grains to name a few.

Information: Klamath County Department of Tourism, 800-445-6728.

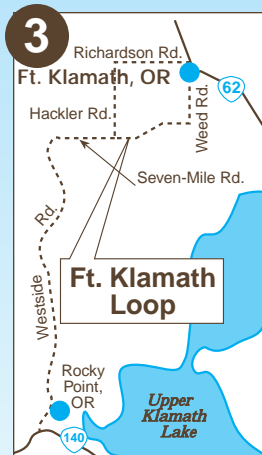


Lake of the Woods

From Klamath Falls, OR, W 33 mi. on Hwy. 140 to Great Meadow parking lot, about 1 mi. before Lake-of-the-Woods turnout, S side of road.

A 9-mile route begins in the Great Meadow Snow Parking Lot, and circles Lake of the Woods and Fish Lake. A more challenging 25-mile route follows Hwy. 140, Forest Service Rd. 37, and Dead Indian Memorial Rd. A few hills and old growth timber make the route a scenic jewel. Resorts at Fish Lake and Lake of the Woods have refreshments and food.

Information: Klamath Ranger District, 541-885-3400.



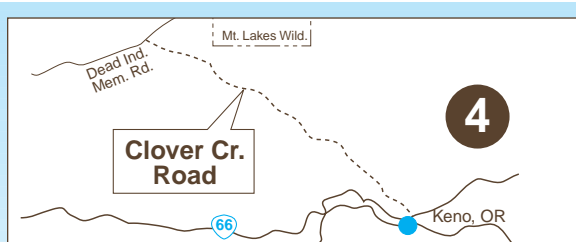
Fort Klamath Loop and Westside Road

From Klamath Falls, OR, N 30 mi. on Hwy. 97 & Hwy. 62 to Fort Klamath, OR. Can also begin from Rocky Point for Westside Road Route.

Idyllic pastoral scenery and gentle terrain lie at the foot of Crater Lake National Park. Raptors are seen throughout the year in the valley. Wildflowers and songbirds are abundant in spring. A 10-mile loop follows Weed Rd., Sevenmile Rd., Hackler Rd. and Nicholson Rd.

For a longer ride, take the Westside Rd., to see stunning views of Klamath Lake and marshes.

Information: Klamath Ranger District, 541-885-3400.

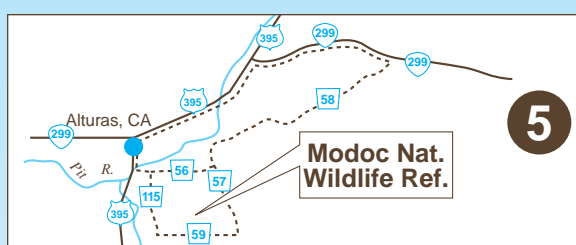


Clover Creek Road

From Klamath Falls, OR, W 9 mi. to Keno, OR.

From intersection of Clover Creek Rd. and Dead Indian Memorial Rd., take this newly paved 22-mile route that offers sweeping view of the southern Oregon Cascades. Downhill almost all the way to Keno if you begin at the Dead Indian Memorial Road intersection.

Information: Klamath Ranger District, 541-885-3400.



Modoc Refuge, Dry Creek Basin, Ft. Bidwell/Eagleville

Start in Alturas, CA. For additional information, contact Modoc National Forest Headquarters. We have included a map for the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge and Dry Creek Basin routes.

Tour the wide open spaces of Modoc County, CA. Get a really close look at the High Desert Outback.

Modoc Wildlife Refuge - This is a 12-mile route suitable for beginners, which starts in Alturas, CA. Follow County Rd. 56, Rd. 115, Rd. 59, and Rd. 57, go back to Rd. 56 to return to Alturas. Be sure to stop by their Visitor Center and ask about wildlife viewing opportunities.

Dry Creek Basin - For a longer, steeper 26-mile loop through the Dry Creek Basin, follow County Rd. 56, Rd. 58, and then Hwy. 299 to Hwy. 395 back to Alturas, CA.

Ft. Bidwell/Eagleville - Take County Rd. 1 from Fort Bidwell south through Cedarville and Eagleville, the route is flat and scenic. You will ride between the spectacular Warner Mountains, and Upper, Middle and Lower Alkali Lakes. (Route shown on larger map on back of brochure.)

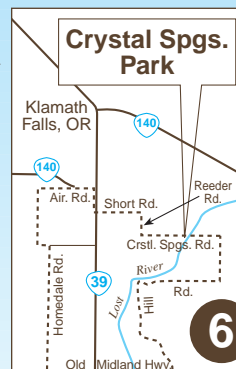
Information: Modoc National Forest, 530-233-5811.

Crystal Springs Park Loop

From Klamath Falls, OR, S on Hwy. 39 to Short Rd., E 1 mi. to Reeder Rd., S 1.5 mi. to Hill Rd., E .5 mi. to Crystal Springs Park.

This route passes by quiet country homes, interspersed with fields of grain, alfalfa, potatoes and sugar beets. The 14-mile route follows Reeder Rd., Short Rd., Hwy 39, Airway Rd., Homedale Rd., Old Midland Highway, and Hill Rd. Fighter jets from the nearby Air National Guard base often put on an impressive show in this area.

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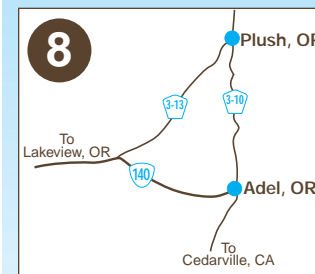
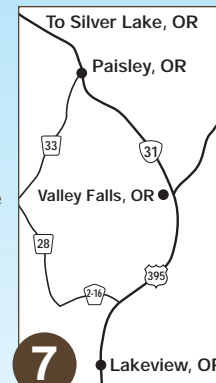


Fremont National Forest

Begin and end at various locations on the Fremont National Forest between Valley Falls, Paisley and Lakeview, OR.

This network of Forest Service roads, part of the 1996 Cycle Oregon route, stretches for 89-miles through the Fremont National Forest. Try all or part of this unique route. Forest Service Rd. 33 parallels the Chewaucan River for part of the 26-mile ride. Be aware that there are no stores or other services along this route, except in Valley Falls, Paisley, and Lakeview.

Information: Fremont National Forest, 541-947-2151 or Lake County Chamber of Commerce, 541-947-6040.

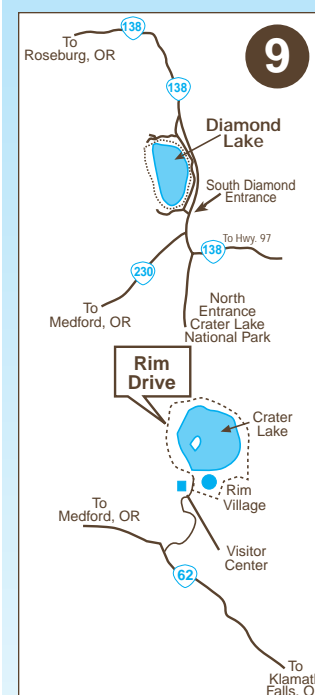


Adel-Plush Loop

Go W on Hwy. 140 from Adel, OR, turn N on County Rd. 3-13 to Plush, OR, turn S on County Rd. 3-10 and return to Adel, OR.

This 49-mile loop takes you through two small Lake County towns, agricultural lands, timber lands, high desert, streams, lakes, fault-block escarpments and you pass near Hart Mountain. What more could you want in a bike route?

Information: BLM - Lakeview District, 541-947-2177 or Lake Co. Chamber of Commerce, 541-947-6040.



Crater Lake National Park/ Diamond Lake

There is a 33-mile loop around Crater Lake, and an 11-mile loop around Diamond Lake. To get to Crater Lake, from Klamath Falls, OR, go 60-mi. N on Hwy. 97 and 62. To get to Diamond Lake, 85-mi. N from Klamath Falls, OR, on Hwy. 97 and then turn W on Hwy. 138.

This nationally-renowned 33-mile loop around Crater Lake offers challenging hills and a breathtaking 7,000-foot average altitude. The ride of a lifetime offers views of the deepest lake in the U.S. and the rugged Cascade Range. Keep an eye out for raptors, including the endangered Peregrine Falcon. North of the park lies a beautiful 11-mile loop around Diamond Lake. This flat loop offers a leisurely ride around the lake with spectacular mountain views in the back-grounds.

Information: Crater Lake National Park, 541-594-2211
Diamond Lake Ranger District, 541-498-2531.