

**Divide Ride Dogs
Lewis & Clark Trail
Summer 2007 Itinerary**
Final
As pedaled

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Most mileages are from ACA's book "Bicycling the Lewis & Clark Trail."

There are motel options in many places.

Some commentary from Marianne.

Some information from Cycle Oregon 2005 which followed L&C that year. Alan suggested this resource. Comments about Cycle Oregon, 2005. (Sept. 10-17th)

"I think it's going to be a great route with the whole Lewis and Clark thing, especially going up and over the old Rowena Road (the Historic Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway)," said Kay Weipert of Salem, who will be doing her 11th Cycle Oregon. "These Cycle Oregon things really showcase Oregon — their choices of routes is really good — and the Columbia Gorge is like a masterpiece. It should be one of the Seven Wonders of the World, in my book."

"There's no long hills, but the day we leave Corbett for Champoeg we go through the Bull Run Watershed, and there are a lot of short, steep hills," he said. "That'll be the toughest day."

The unknown factor will be the wind. On hot autumn days it can whistle down the Gorge from the east, providing a tailwind. On cooler days it blows from the west, hence a dreaded headwind.

(http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/outdoors/2002240734_webcycleoregon13.html)

Day/Date	To/From	Miles	Camping	Services (see maps for "usual" info.	Comments - See ACA Map for L&C Field Notes.
Pre-trip	Arrive Lewiston, ID	.	Quality Inn Motel in Clarkston, WA. 509-758-9500	.	Clarkston - Take a professionally guided jet boat tour of Hells Canyon. - Commercial jet boat outfitters depart from the valley daily, offering a variety of trips for all levels of excitement.
Day 1 Sept. 3 Monday	Lewiston, ID/Clarkson, WA-> Pomeroy	30	(The only) Motel in Pomeroy	.	(Stopping in Pomeroy as there are no reasonable places for another 36 miles. Since we often get a "late" start on Day 1, this seems reasonable.) Pomeroy. - Garfield County Museum. Articles in the Museum are donated by people of Garfield County, and exhibits are changed regularly. One of the most popular displays is a license plate collection, provided by Tyler Watson. . 7th & Columbia. - The Garfield County Courthouse was placed on the National Register on July 24, 1974, by the National Park Service, If you look closely at the statue of justice, which sits atop the Courthouse's tower, you will notice that she is not blindfolded. This is a rarity: a nationwide survey found only twenty other "un-blind" justices. - Library. Located off the beaten path in the residential area of town, the Denny Ashby Memorial Library is a beautiful turn-of-the-century building. 856 Arlington St. - Pataha Flour Mill. - Seeley Theatre features an antique shop, The Actor's Trunk and hosts shows produced by the Civic Theatre group. (<i>Anyone want to take another chance on community theater? :-)</i>) - Pomeroy's Centennial Boulevard flower garden is a pleasing and memorable landmark in Pomeroy, and one that visitors to the county should enjoy for a long time.
Day 2 Sept. 4 Tuesday	Pomeroy -> Dayton (lots to see in Dayton) -> L&C Trail State Park	42	L&C Trail State Park. (A "diamond in the rough" park.) (See comments column.)	Supplies are available in Waitsburg and Dayton Mondays through Saturday noons. (Get food en route.)	(Washington, Carl, not Ohio.) - Dayton Historic Depot. The oldest depot in the state, a beautifully restored museum offering guided tours, fabulous local photos, antiques, and a gift shop. 222 E. Commercial. - Lewis and Clark Trail State Park is a 37-acre camping park with 1,333 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Touchet River. The park is a rare treasure of old-growth forest and river in the midst of the surrounding arid grassland. Camp ground closed Sept. 15. Fishing for rainbow and brown trout is excellent. Tubing and wading are popular activities. Mammoth fossils have been found near the park. It is believed they were carried in during the numerous Ice Age Floods. The Columbian mammoth fossil is the official fossil of Washington state. The park provides three restrooms, two showers and one dump station"
Day 3 Sept. 5 Wednesday	L&C Trail St. Park → Waitsburg → Walla Walla, WA OR L&C Trail St. Park -> Walla Walla -> Green Valley c.g.	24 46	Motel in Walla Walla OR Green Valley camping	.	Short day. Lots to see and do in Walla Walla.- Waitsburg. - Bruce Memorial Museum. "This elegant Victorian mansion, built in 1883 by William P. and Caroline Bruce, has been completely restored and furnished by the Waitsburg Historical Society." Main Street. - Biking. A trail and lanes map is available from the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, 29 East Sumach, Walla Walla. - The name Walla Walla is of Indian origin and means "many waters". Both the Cayuse and Walla Walla tribes called the Walla Walla Valley home. - Whitman Mission - National Historic Site commemorating the life of Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. Located seven miles west of Walla Walla on Highway 12, the mission was built in 1836 by Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. - Children's Museum of Walla Walla. - Fort Walla Walla Museum. Fort Walla Walla Museum is located within the one-square-mile military reservation that served as Fort Walla Walla from the 1850s to the early 1900s. - Orchidaceae, Inc - a place where serious collectors and casual fanciers will discover the intoxicating world of beautiful orchids. 2022 Wallula Ave.

Day 4 Sept. 6 Thursday	Walla Walla → Umatilla (Oregon) OR Green Valley c.g. → Umatilla	55 34 37	Camping at Umatilla Park & Marina (pvt.)	(Shell Station truck stop was reputed to have the best food in town. We ate dinner & breakfast there.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hat Rock State Park - Hat Rock State Park, located off U.S. Highway 730 nine miles east of Umatilla, lies on the south shore of Lake Wallula behind McNary Dam on the Columbia River. Hat Rock was the first distinctive landmark passed by the Lewis and Clark Expedition on their journey down the Columbia, and is one of the few remaining sites not underwater. - McNary Dam and Locks - This dam on the Columbia River: opened in 1954. Visit the mcnary-locks.jpg (453228 bytes) powerhouse, navigation lock, visitor center, and the fish viewing center. Self-guided tours year 'round. - Pacific Salmon Information Center - Housed in the juvenile salmon bypass and dam-locks 1.jpg (584813 bytes) transportation facility at McNary Lock & Dam. - Umatilla Museum - Photos, quilts, Native American Artifacts, and items featuring Eastern Oregon's oldest community. Old Umatilla City Hall, Highway 730 - Columbia Crest Winery - Columbia Crest Winery in Paterson, Washington is just minutes away. It is open for public cellar tours and wine tasting. - Umatilla Wildlife Refuge - Between Irrigon and Boardman via Hwy 730.
Day 5 Sept. 7 Friday	Wind or Rain catch-up if needed. Otherwise continue on.
Day 6 Sept. 8 Saturday	Umatilla → Crow Butte State Park (28 mi) → North Roosevelt	49 28 (36 if including trip to Columbia Crest Winery)	Camping	.	If very windy, might want to stop at Crow Butte.
Day 7 Sept. 9 Sunday	North Roosevelt Crow Butte → Maryhill State Park	57	Camping. "A nice place to camp with good swimming." Maryhill State Park.	.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maryhill Museum - Beautiful art in a scenic setting overlooking the Columbia River. - Maryhill Stonehenge. Columbia Gorge Bicycle Map: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/maps.shtml#Bicycle_Maps
Day 8 Sept. 10 Monday	Maryhill State Park, WA → Briggs, Oregon → The Dalles (22 mi) → Hood River	47 51	Motel in Hood River. (Comfort Suites Motel)	.	<p>Cross Briggs Bridge early.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the wind is ghastly, could go 22 mi. to The Dalles, and go to Hood River the next day. (Hood River is the WIND-surfing capital of the world.) - There are things to see/do in The Dalles. (The Dalles is derived from the French word "dalle". It is used to describe the river rapids flowing swiftly through a narrow channel over flat, basaltic rocks.) - Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Wasco County Historical Museum. The 50,000 square foot facility is filled with exhibits, art, native American and immigrant crafts, plus exhibit narration. The center is open 9am to 5pm seven days a week ~ truly a must-see for locals and visitors alike. 5000 Discovery Drive. - Free train ride at The Dalles Dam, viewing the many historic murals painted throughout town that tell stories of the past; historic self-guided walking tours. - See the Original Wasco County Courthouse (410 west 2nd Pl.). - The Oregon Trail Marker. - The stunning 1897 old St. Peters Landmark (3rd & Lincoln St.), formerly a catholic church, - Historic Baldwin Saloon (205 Court Street). - Explore the old Ft. Dalles grounds and the Ft. Dalles Museum (15th & Garrison), housed in the original surgeon's quarters from the days when the Fort was active. - Another early landmark, Pulpit Rock, still stands in the middle of 12th Street, just as it did in the 1800's when the Methodist ministers preached to the native populations and settlers. - The Dalles Murals. Downtown.
Day 9 Sept. 11 Tuesday	Hood River REST DAY	.	ACA writes: In Hood River, ignore the listed motels. Here's a new list: (1)Comfort Inn, 2625 Cascade Ave., 308-1000; (2)Oak St. Hotel, 610 Oak St., 386-3845; (3)Best Western Hood River Inn, 386-2200.	.	<p>Lots to do in Hood River.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - River trip while in Hood River. - Mt. Hood Scenic Railroad offers trips through the beautiful apple and pear orchards in the area. The circa 1910 railcars are pulled by a diesel locomotive along the route of an old fruit train line through the scenic valley between Mt. Hood and the Columbia River. - "Fruit Loop" road loop south from Hood River through fruit orchards, looping back to Hood River. (A nice pedaling route.)

Day 10 Sept. 12 Wednesday	Hood River -> Ainsworth State Park	30	Camping at Ainsworth State Park ("an outstanding state park").	.	(Even ACA recommends making a short day of it today, enjoying the hiking and waterfalls along this stretch.)
Day 11- Sept. 13 Thursday	Ainsworth State Park -> Portland	26 33	Mark Spencer Hotel (503) 324-3293 409 SW 11th Ave. (Hotel is a good place to do laundry) The Jensen's back yard.	.	If the weather is awful, we can have a non-riding day (e.g. Rest Day) in Portland. Otherwise, we can go on and enjoy the sights of Portland at the end of the ride.
Day 12 Sept. 14 Friday	Portland -> Rainier Goble, OR (Note correct spelling of Rainier...ACA has it wrong.)	40 49	Camping Hudson Parker Park. See note. ----> Camping Goble RV Park & Marina. (Not someplace to camp if you don't have to.)	.	NOTE: To avoid nasty hill at the end of Rainier on Hwy 30... On the way out of Rainier (WB), just before the big hill and near W 5th, street, bear Left on "B" Street; turn Right(?) (seems on Google map as if it should be Left) on Old Ranier Road. Campground is at top of Old Ranier Road near junction with Larson. (With showers.) http://www.co.columbia.or.us/colparks/index.asp
Day 13 Sept. 15 Saturday	Rainier -> Westport -> ferry to WA, and to Skamokawa (Washington side is reputed to be nicer) Goble -> Astoria	35 58	Camping (e.g. is along the water). Riverfront Lodge Motel.	Ferry leaves at :15 after each hour, beginning at 5:15 am through 10:15pm.	Leaving Rainier, stay on Old Hwy. 30 (Old Rainier Rd.) which joins US 30 at Alston. - At Westport, take ferry to WA side of the River. Follow 409 to Hwy 4 (WB) to Skamowana. Skamokawa: Columbia River Kayaking PO Box 52, Skamokawa, Washington, 98647, US phone: 360-849-4016
Day 14 Sept. 16 Sunday	Skamokawa -> Deep River -> Jct. 401 -> Jct. 101 -> Station Camp -> Ft. Columbia St. Pk. Astoria -> Cape Disappointment -> Astoria	45 42	Camping	.	Take slight detour to cross Grays River Covered Bridge , the last one in public use in the state (Washington). Built in 1905, the bridge is still used everyday. Cape Disappointment is the farthest west that the L&C expedition got.
Day 15 Sept. 17 Monday	From WA side, across (nasty) Astoria bridge -> Astoria Be a Tourist Day Astoria -> Ft. Clatsop -> Astoria	40 16	Multiple motels in Astoria, lovely campsite in Astoria.	Good Hawaiian restaurant near downtown bike shop.	Astoria - The end of Adventure Cycling's Lewis & Clark Discovery bicycle route. - Pedal down to Gearhart or Seaside (about 15 mi) to dip wheel in the Pacific. - Ride or shuttle-bus to Forts. - Maritime Museum. Gets rave reviews from the locals. - Buy smoked salmon (and other smoked fish as well) at Jacobson's Smoke Hut east of the bridge. (Avoid the clam chowder...it's not very good, and I speak from experience.)
Day 16 Sept. 18 Tuesday	Astoria -> St. Helens OR Astoria -> Portland (by bus; U-Haul; or other rental vehicle?)	67 (bus)	Camping along the River.	.	Riding Hwy 30 looks as if it is unpleasant. Driving it (mid-Feb.), I was impressed with the rolling hills. REMEMBER, IF WE DON'T USE OUR WIND/RAIN DAY AT DAY 5, WE WILL BE A DAY EARLIER THAN THIS SHOWS.
Day 17 Sept. 19 Wednesday	St. Helens area -> Portland	40-ish (if pedaling to airport area motel)	Mark Spencer Hotel OR someplace out near airport. Quality Inn near airport.	.	Celebratory dinner at Clarklewis's Rest. on east side of Morrison(?) Bridge. (Reputed to be a good restaurant, and the name seems fitting for the end of our L&C saga.)
Day 18 Sept. 20 Thursday	Be A Tourist in Portland ? Fly out?	.	.	.	Portland - Powell's Books: nearly a block square and four stories high of books (new and used). Incredible place for anyone who likes bookstores! - Chinese Garden - Japanese Garden - The Pearl District

					Etc., etc., etc.
Day 19 Sept. 21 Friday	Fly out?	.	.	.	<p>We could be leaving as early as Day 16.</p> <p>- Catch a train to get to Judy's? Van rental? Pedal? (All are invited to come to my place for some days of sight-seeing and cycling.)</p> <p>(Amtrak from Portland-Oakland, CA = ~19 hrs. which includes a 2 hr. layover in Sacramento. Approx \$80.)</p> <p>(By air: Southwest max. one-way fare = \$136 from Portland->San Jose,CA [my airport of choice] 1.5 hr. flying time.)</p> <p>(Driving time from my house to Portland = 11 hrs. in a car.)</p> <p>(Pedaling: those with time can pedal 675 mi. down the coast to Menlo Park [my house].)</p>

Information from "Bicycling the Lewis & Clark Trail" by Mac McCoy/Adventure Cycling Association.
 Also "Traveling the Lewis & Clark Trail" by Julie Faneslow. And, various city web pages. Lonely Planet. Marianne Lipanovich

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