

HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club TREK TO THE TETONS 2021

- Dates:** Orientation meeting Saturday, June 12, 2021. Riding Sunday, June 13 to Sunday, June 20 with departure Monday, June 21 (lodging last night is included)
- Leaders:** Jim Schroeder, Scott MacCormack **SAGs:** MaryAnn Loeffler, Rich Loeffler
- Rating:** Advanced, ~500 miles with 21,700 feet of climbing
- Riders:** 26
- Price:** \$1,680 (double occupancy), Single supplement is \$2,520. \$200 at registration, balance due March 11, 2021
- Cancellation:** Revised [cancellation policy](#) fee \$75. Travel insurance is strongly advised.



Overview

We will be following the route of the famous LoToJa endurance race, from Logan, Utah, through Idaho, to Jackson, Wyoming, except we won't be riding that distance in one day. Three nights in Jackson will allow everyone to ride a loop in the Grand Tetons National Park, and still spend a full day off exploring Jackson. We return by including more of Idaho on our trek.

To best describe this is that we will be riding in “cowboy country” on the high plains beside the Rocky Mountains. High canyons, man-made lakes, and the Snake River are the geographical highlights in this mostly lonely and even desolate region. Lows this time of year can be down to 40 degrees with highs up to 80. It should be fairly dry as long as there is not an unlikely snow! So, bring your long-fingered gloves, tights, leg warmers, and jackets for the mornings of riding.

Logan and Jackson are the only sizable towns on our tour with plenty of restaurants and sites to see. All our other overnights have a limited menu of dining establishments. Because of the population, vehicular traffic should be minimal on good state and federal highways. Jackson and the Tetons have an abundance of multi-use paths that we will be using on our routes.

The climbing grades will be gradual at most times (3–5%), and the views are spectacular.

As always, route maps with cue sheets are included along with RGPS event links. Rechargeable USB front and taillights are available for use.

Itinerary

Saturday, June 12 is arrival and orientation day in Logan, Utah. Home to Utah State University, Logan is a charming community. The entire town is quite safe for a warmup ride through the college and impressive buildings. Orientation will be at 8pm at the 2nd floor breakfast area next to the Best Western hotel office.



Sunday, June 13 announces the entire week with a long climb up Logan Canyon. We’ve strategically planned our start for Sunday morning with the least amount of traffic up scenic US 89. We then drop down to Garden City and travel through quiet towns along Bear Lake up to Montpelier, Idaho. (70 mi / 4120 ft)

Monday, June 14 Star Valley has distant mountain views to make you wonder if the bike is your horse as you cross into Wyoming and turn into the Bull Moose Lodge and Saloon in Alpine. (80 mi / 3496 ft)



Tuesday, June 15 is a rather short day along the Snake River up to Jackson. You may see some rafting due to the swift currents because of the winter snowmelt. We hope to find US 89 completed past Hoback Junction with maybe even more bike paths to enjoy into Jackson. Lunch will be at a park in Jackson before we arrive at the 49er Inn for three happening nights. (39 mi / 2097 ft)

Wednesday, June 16 is a long day of riding in and out of the Grand Tetons National Park. You are responsible for paying a park fee, but as we all know, many of us have national park passes. The Tetons are magnificent, and we just might be lucky enough to see moose or bear! (79 mi / 2164 ft)



Thursday, June 17 is our rest day. There's lots to do in this gentrified cowboy town. We have an unsupported ride if you want to see more of Jackson Hole.

Friday, June 18 will be the biggest week's challenge to climb out of Jackson Hole up the new Teton Pass Old Road bike path. There won't be any cars or trucks buzzing by but the grades do reach 12%, and you will climb 2000 ft in 4 miles! So, take all the time you need to do this climb; the SAGs will be waiting on top.



We are back in Idaho and drop into the Swan Valley and the Palisades Reservoir with some lakeside scenes on the right. We arrive again for another overnight at the Bull Moose in Alpine, Wyoming. (77 mi / 4983 ft)



Saturday, June 19 may get a little lonely on these quiet roads back in Idaho. There's not much of anything but some more nice views of reservoirs in the Caribou National Forest. After the ugly Monsanto plant, you'll be treated with a geyser in Soda Springs. The city sets it off every hour on the hour! (72 mi / 2787 ft)

Sunday, June 20 is a quiet ride through farmlands with mountain backdrops. But hey, we're headed back to Logan with only a couple of small climbs on this long day of 85 miles and a final night at the Best Western. (85 mi / 2102 ft)



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