

## HEARTCYCLE BICYCLE TOURING CLUB

### FERNIE TO OLNEY GRAVEL ROAD (GLACIER 2020 OPTION)

- Dates:** Assembly/Travel to Fernie: Sunday August 16. Riding: Monday August 17 through Thursday August 18. Departure: Friday, August 19
- Leaders:** Jimmy Schroeder. **SAG:** Melissa Collins
- Rating:** Experienced to Advanced (140 miles, 8653 feet climbing)
- Riders:** Maximum of 10 riders (plus Leader and SAG)
- Note:** This Tour is an Optional Add-on available for confirmed participants in the 2020 Glacier tour. If interested, you must register separately for both tours.
- Price:** Total: \$1,100. \$300 deposit at Registration. Balance due by 5/16/20. Due to limited and unique lodging, Single Supplements are not anticipated to be accepted.
- Cancellation:** [Standard Cancellation Policy applies](#). Trip insurance is recommended.

### DESCRIPTION



When planning the Glacier/Waterton HC Road Tour, I was quite bummed out when I realized that the Crowsnest area was just too busy on BC-3 and AB-3 up in Canada. My friend in Indiana raved over the scenery and he also rode gravel during his stay. What better way to do the same with a few of you Heart Cycle more adventurous riders.

This is rugged bear country. We share the roads with locals, ATV's, and wildlife. White headlights, Red taillights, and rear view mirrors are required. No ear buds. Garmin, Wahoo, or RGPS smart phone is strongly suggested or at least stick closely with a buddy that has one. We will regroup at every intersection to make sure no one gets lost!

## ITINARY

### Day 0, Sunday August 16

Immediately after finishing the HeartCycle Glacier/Waterton Tour on Saturday, we skedaddle to the Whitefish bike shops and pick up our rental gravel bikes. While the roadies are leaving on Sunday we'll be shuttled up to Fernie, BC, **so make sure you have your passports.** This is a sleepy summertime ski town. You may practice on your gravel bike with the many trails in town. There's quite a few restaurants and pubs to have dinner. Orientation is at 8pm.



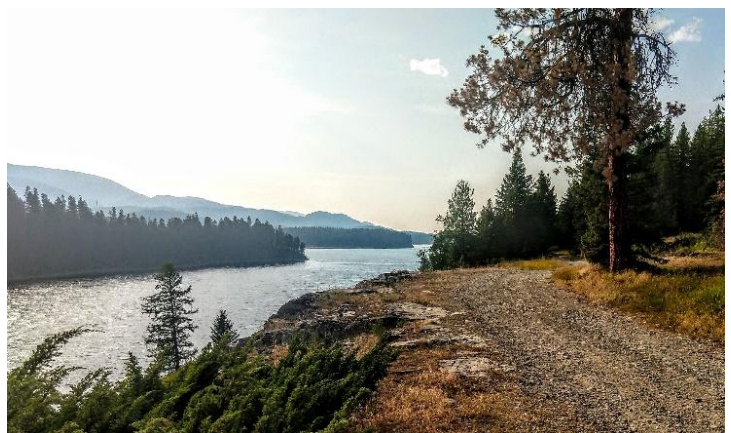
### Day 1, Monday August 17: 45 miles, 2419 feet of climbing

We'll be riding on the southern leg of the Elk River Trail down to Elko and after lunch at the 3 & 93 Dairy Barn we'll be returning to Fernie on the same trail. As you know the scenery can be quite different by just turning around. You won't be disappointed. We'll have to stop at the Brickhouse for some ride ending refreshments.



### Day 2, Tuesday August 18: 26 miles, 2206 feet of climbing

We head back to the USA to Whitefish Chalet near Olney, MT. We need to be ready to ride before we leave Fernie to the town of Olney. A short but difficult loop awaits us. The first section north is quite rugged but the view of Stillwater Lake is well worth it. Then, a rugged loop through Ruple Meadow and Skunk Meadow, and finally a late lunch at the always friendly Olney General Store. The Whitefish Chalets await our arrival.



### **Day 3, Wednesday August 19: 35 miles, 2610 feet of climbing**

We shuttle up to the Stryker Post Office and start our clockwise loop on Sunday Creek, then Jim Creek, and then Fortine Creek. Sounds pretty simple except for the many branches veering off of the route, so pay attention. We'll stop at Trego Pub for some refreshments and a stunning view on the deck, and end the day with a secret ride along glacier fed Dickey Lake.



### **Day 4, Thursday August 20: 36 miles, 1838 feet of climbing**

We head back to Whitefish. Our morning stop is at Swifty Creek and lunch is where the gravel ends and we ride along Whitefish Lake. The van will stop at both bike shops where you can drop off your bike. The van can drive you to the Pine Lodge and you can just walk a very short way. We stay overnight and leave Friday morning Aug 21.



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