

BC Railways 2013 Ride Plan

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Ride Description: This is an adventure bike ride around British Columbia with a focus on the abandoned railways system, including the Kettle Valley Railway Trail, Slocan Valley Rail Trail, Columbia & Western Rail Trail, and Great Northern Rail Trail.

Ride Logistics: The ride begins and ends at the Cocuas Motel in Mount Vernon WA. You may ride your bike there or truck your bike there and store your truck at the motel for the week. You should call the motel and make arrangements to leave your vehicle with them for the week. I have made pre-arrangements to enable this. This ride is a mix of camping and staying in lodges, you will need to carry all your own camping gear on you bike, including food and any cooking gear you may wish. We will be visiting stores every couple of days to replenish our personal supplies.

Detailed ride plan:

9/7/2013 Saturday: Mount Vernon, WA [Cocusa Motel](#)

Everyone travel to Mount Vernon WA, Ride stage place is Cocusa Motel

6:30 pm meet for dinner at TBD

8:00 pm rider meeting at hotel

9/8/2013 Sunday Day1: [Sloquet Hot Springs](#)

Description: In the morning we ride the highway 50 miles to the Canada border. After crossing the border we will stop at a Canadian ATM to get any money we would like. At mile 78 we will stop for lunch at the [Sasquatch Inn](#). After lunch we stop for gas at mile 81 and any final groceries we need from the Gas Bar. We then head north along Harrison Lake on dirt roads for about 60 miles. End of the day ride is at Sloquet Hot Springs. This should be a small camping area with a short walk to the Hot Springs. Set up camp and make your own dinner.

Notes: At mile 85 is [Weaver Creek Spawning Channels](#)

Ride distance: for the day is 141 miles

No drinking water available, lots of river water for cooking.

9/9/2013 Monday Day2: [Murray Lake Open Camping](#)

Description: Breakfast is on your own in Camp. Morning riding is about 60 miles of dirt roads, and then 50 miles of scenic mountain highway to the town of Lilloet. (Note: distance between gas stop is 170 miles) Lunch is at the Gas Station or into town, your choice. Afternoon ride is in three sections: first it is 40 miles of mostly dirt roads through the Lytton Indian Reservation along with a Ferry Crossing of the Fraser River (this section can be avoided by taking the easy highway option); second it is 30 miles of paved highway along the Fraser River and gas at Bear Gas. last it is about 35 miles of dirt mountain roads to our final camping area. Set up camp and make your own dinner.

Notes:

No drinking water available, lots of lake water for cooking and bathing.

Ride distance: for the day is 212 miles (possible long day)

Only choice for groceries is in Lillocet

9/10/2013 Tuesday Day3: Rail Trail and [Chute Lake Resort](#) (250) 493-3535

Description: Breakfast is on your own in Camp. Morning starts with a few miles of highway and then it is riding the Kettle Valley Rail Trail. 50 miles later is the Tulameen Trading Post for morning snacks then 15 miles of rail trail along the Tulameen River into the town of Princeton for gas. Lunch in town (recommendation: Billy's Family Restaurant). After lunch its back on the Rail Trail for 75 miles to Penticton. Stop in town for gas and any supplies. Final section is part road and rail trail to Chute Lake Resort. (there is an easy option to skip the Rail Trail) Time to catch up on showers. Dinner is at the lodge.

Ride Distance: is 168 miles

9/11/2013 Wednesday Day4: [Train Shack Camping](#) (in the middle of nowhere)

Description: Morning, get breakfast at the lodge before you leave. 134 miles today, most of it is rail trail, there are several options to take roads. Lunch is on the trail, there are no places to buy food in the morning on the trail. Gas in Midway at 110 miles (makes 150 miles between gas stops). Consider having dinner in Midway or get supplies for making dinner in camp. Midway is the last place to get groceries. The last section of the day is 25 miles, most of it is back highway. Camping is by a Train Emergency shelter; set up tents there, there will be no water available.

Ride Distance: is 134 miles

9/12/2013 Thursday Day5: [Toad Roak Motorcycle Campground](#)

Description: Morning: pack up early and head 22 miles into town for breakfast. Day's ride is 184 miles. It is a mix of paved roads and two great sections of Rail Trail, The Columbia & Western Railway, and Columbia & Kootenay Railway. The last 65 miles of the day are paved. Best place for evening supplies is Kaslo at 166 miles. Two gas stops, one in the morning in Christina Lake at 22 miles, and in Kaslo in the afternoon. Set up camp and make your own dinner. You may have an option to upgrade to a cabin at this location.

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9/33/2013 Friday Day6: Oroville

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Ride Distance: 198 miles

9/14/2013 Saturday Day7:Mount Vernon

Description: TBD

Ride Distance:is 217 miles

9/15/2013 Sunday: Begin Travel Home

Notes: FYI ride total distance is 1250 miles