Welcome to
“Olympic Peninsula by Adventure Bike 2016 ”



Hurricane Ridge, Olympic National Park. A rare, totally clear, day

Enclosed you will find a daily description of the ride and associated plans.
You will also find an SD card for your gps unit. This card contains all the custom ride maps which have been created for the ride. You should install this sd card into your gps prior to the ride and check to see that it is working properly.
If you have trouble with your gps I will be happy to help you at the ride.
You will also find paper daily ride maps. These are to be carried with you as a quick reference to aid you in understanding your gps and the day’s route options.

About the ride

This is a 7 day ride designed for larger adventure bikes.

Riders need to pack and carry their own gear on their bike for the week. Riders should be prepared for rain and cold weather. I chose this time of year because most often the weather is nice, but anything can happen, so come prepared. This can be very remote and harsh country.

This ride is about exploring the backcountry of the Pacific Northwest. We will discover some spectacular places and will likely encounter incredible animals.

Consider coming prepared to help your fellow rider: *“It is not just about you riding your scooter across America, it is about all of us riding across America, it is about helping your fellow rider and laughing along the way. Everyone needs help at some time, but would your friends say that you are more likely to need help on a ride or are you more likely to offer help on a ride? When everyone comes prepared to be more helpful, then rides turn out awesome. Come with this attitude! And you will find lots of helpful people on this ride. And lots of fun!”*

Saturday 7/9/2016 Travel to Seattle on you own
Riders are on their own to make accommodations to stay in the Seattle area for this evening before the ride. Many riders will plan to stay at the" **Americas Best Value Inn-Seatac International**" 20620 International Blvd Seatac, Washington 98198 Phone: (206).824.6930

Optional Group Dinner: For riders arriving early and wanting to meet up before the ride, we will meet at 7:00pm at: **Mango Thai Cuisine & Bar**, 18613 International Blvd, SeaTac, WA 98188, (206) 243-1888



We will have a rider's meeting Sunday morning in the parking area at 8:00 am at the **Americas Best Value Inn-Seatac International**

Note: Riders wanting to leave vehicles in the long term parking at the Seatac airport, should do this before the 8:00am Sunday rider's meeting

Recommended parking area:

SEATAC PARK .COM AIRPORT PARKING

SeaTacPark.com, 2701 S 200th St, SeaTac, WA 98198, (206) 824-2544

Sunday 7/10/2016 Seatac Airport to Mount Rainier to Packwood
8:00am rider's meeting: Come prepared ready to ride.



Mount Rainier National Park



Park Entrance

Lodging: Mountain View Lodge 360-494-5555
Ride length: 143 miles
Gas Plan: First gas in Auburn at 12 miles, Second gas end of the day in Packwood at 131 miles
Description: The ride starts heading south through the city streets of Kent. We will make our first check in and gas stop as we leave the city. We then take back highway through Enumclaw and into the Snoqualmie National Forest. There are a few scenic "Donut Stops"(DStop) along the way. Next we ride into Mt Rainier National Park. Riders will have to pay the $5 entrance fee traveling into the park. There is a DStop at the "Box Canyon." Take the 0.5 mile hike here. Most people only go to the viewpoint/interpretive part by the parking lot. If you just stroll across the road and go in 1/4 mile there is an excellent example of glacier scouring, a wonderful view of Rainier on clear days and a bridge that allows you to look right over into the canyon gorge. This is really cool. Riders continue up the Mountain to Paradise Inn. Take a break and have lunch here. After lunch, riders ride down the back side of the mountain. Take your time and pull over and take several pictures. Just after you exit the park there is another DStop at Copper Creek Inn. Take a break here and get a coffee or ice cream. The last section of the day takes you through the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and into Packwood.
Breakfast: Free continental breakfast at the hotel.
Lunch Plan: Recommendation: Get lunch at the Paradise Inn, on Mount Rainier
Dinner Plan: Recommendation: Walk to Cruisers Pizza, they have a full menu and are pretty good.
Other: I have arranged to have an evening group campfire in the back area of our Lodge. Owner "Kong" will help us get this going. BYOB.



Mount Rainier from Paradise Inn

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Ride Length is 143 miles **Seatac Airport to Mount Rainier to Packwood**

Monday 7/11/2016 Packwood to Mount Saint Helens to Long Beach (Note: Today is first day of the Long Beach Kite Festival?)



Mount Saint Helens



International Kite Festival in Long Beach

Lodging: **Seaview Motel & Cottages**, 3728 Pacific Way, Seaview, WA 98644, (360) 642-8008
Ride length: 203 miles
Gas Plan: First gas in Longview at 127 miles, Second gas end of the day in Long Beach at 76 miles
Description: The morning starts with a 16 mile ride down the highway to Randle where we can have breakfast at the Mt Adams Cafe. This is cafe style backroads Washington. Likely to see truckers here. It's good. Next we ride back forest highway through Gifford Pinchot National Forest and around Mount Saint Helens. I remember the day it erupted in 1980. The back highway continues along Swift Reservoir, Yale Lake, and Lake Merwin. All reservoirs created when I was little. At the town of Woodland we take the freeway for 15 miles into Longview. This is our stop for gasoline. We can choose the **Green Option** here cutting out the Ferry across the Columbia and shaving a couple of hours off our ride. Staying on the **Blue Route** takes us through Longview (the place I grew up) and to Cathlamet then taking the Wahkiakum County Ferry across the Columbia River. Riders will have to pay a $3 fee to cross. A few miles after the crossing, we can get lunch and pie at Berry Patch Restaurant. Fresh Oregon berries. After lunch we take highway to Astoria. There is a DStop just under the Astoria Bridge. This is a great place to inspect the grandeur of the bridge and get coffee.
Finally we cross the 4.1 mile long bridge back into Washington and finish our ride in Long Beach.

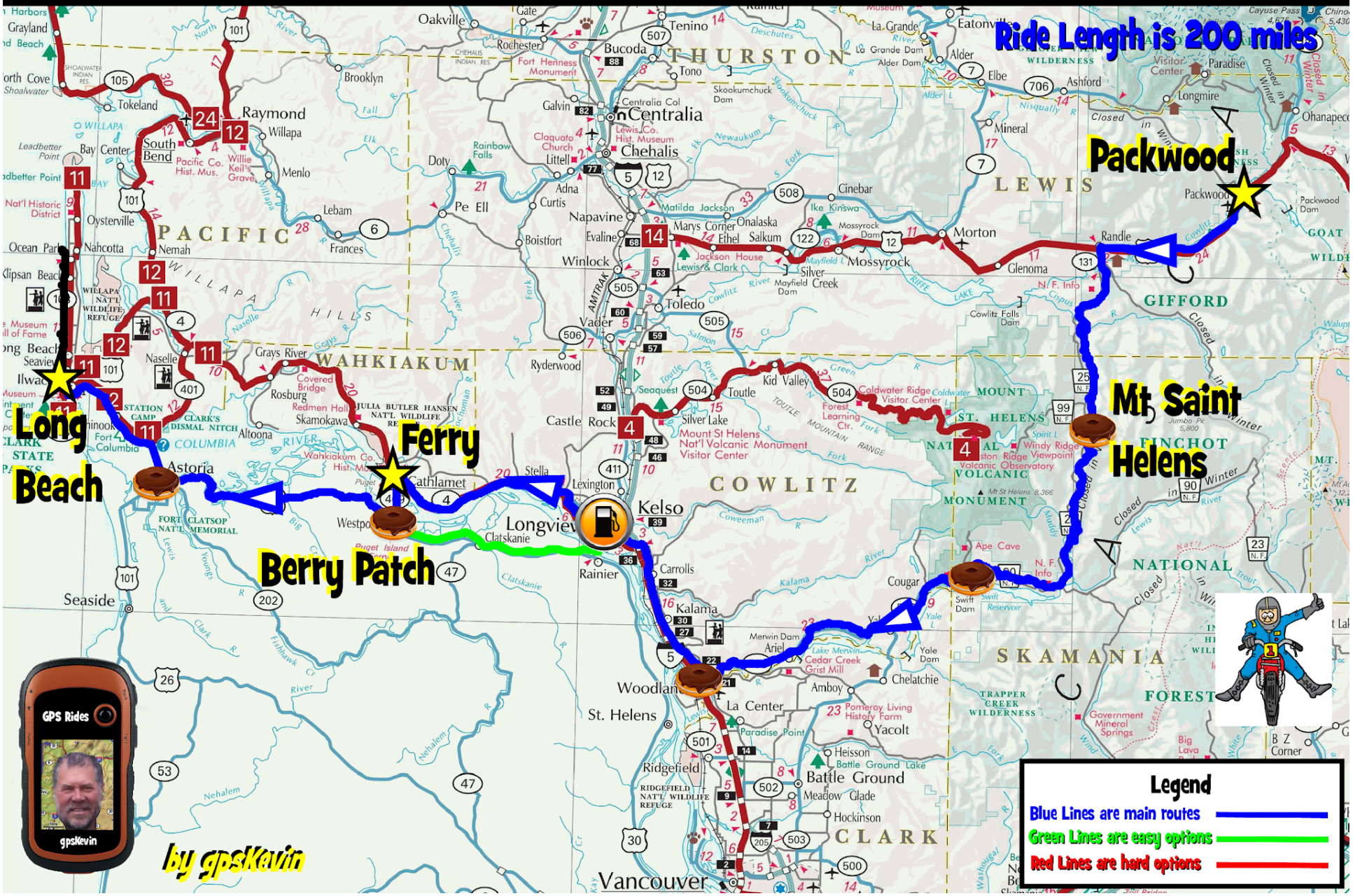


Breakfast: Suggestion: Mt Adams Cafe in Randle (first DStop at 16 miles) "Local Style Cafe"
Lunch Plan: Berry Patch Restaurant just after the ferry ride. Maybe pie for lunch?
Dinner Plan: Hungry Harbor Grille & Chowder House 1.4 miles north of our Cottages
Other:

- You are allowed to ride your bike on the beach here, and the sand is mostly firmer than you might think. Give it a try. Take the **Black Line** to get to the Beach access route. This is the world's longest smooth straight beach.
- This is the starting day of the International Kite Festival in Long Beach, take some time to check out the 100s of kites on the beaches.

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Packwood to Mount Saint Helens to Long Beach



Tuesday 7/12/2016 Long Beach to Quinault and the Rainforest





Elk in the rainforest

Lodging: **Rain Forest Resort Village Inn**, (800) 255-6936
Ride length: 161 miles
Gas Plan: First gas in Hoquiam at 100 miles, Second gas end of the day in Quinault at 61 miles
Description: The ride starts out following the back roads along the shoreline of Willapa Bay and then the coastline near Twin Harbors State Park. There is an optional **Red Hardways** route that will take riders out onto the beach and through the sand for 3.5 miles. Enjoy but don't get stuck in the surf. Next the route follows the shoreline around Grays Harbor and into Aberdeen for lunch. After lunch there is a **Green Shortcut Route** that follows the highway. This will likely cut an hour off the day. Riders following the main **Blue Route** will follow the coastline and then cut through the Quinault Indian Reservation before arriving at our lodge in the Olympic National Forest.
Breakfast: Suggestion: Laurie's Homestead Breakfast, 0.3 miles north of our Cottages
Lunch Plan: Breakwater Seafoods & Chowder in Aberdeen
Dinner Plan: Salmon House Restaurant & Lounge, walk from our lodge
Other: Optional extra credit ride, the **Black Line** is an out and back into part of the rainforest, the route called Graves Creek Road follows the Quinault River into the Rainforest for 16 miles. Very scenic.



Rain Forest Resort

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Quinault

Long Beach

Ride Length is 161 miles

Long Beach to Quinault and the Rainforest

by gpsKevin

Wednesday 7/13/2016 Quinault to Forks



Elk Sleeping near Forks



Driftwood at La Push, Washington

Lodging: **Pacific Inn Motel**, 352 S Forks Ave, Forks, WA 98331, (360) 374-9400
Ride length: 67 miles, with two optional out and backs, add up to 68 additional miles
Gas Plan: Get gas at the end of the day in Forks.
Description: The main **Blue Route** leaves the Lake Quinault rain forest area and heads back along the coast in the Olympic National Park. Then the route follows along the Hoh River and into Forks. There is a **Red Option** that is a little less traveled route through the Bert Cole State Forest. Should be lots of old growth rain forest through this section.



There are two optional **Black Route** out and backs. The first one takes you into the heart of the Hoh Rainforest. The route ends at the Hoh Visitor Center. Throughout the winter season, rain falls frequently in the Hoh Rain Forest, contributing to the yearly total of 140 to 170 inches (or 12 to 14 feet!) of precipitation each year. The result is a lush, green canopy of both coniferous and deciduous species. Mosses and ferns that blanket the surfaces add another dimension to the enchantment of the rainforest. You should take one of the nature walks around this area. 36 miles round trip.

The second **Black Route** out and back is just after the town of Forks. This route take you out to the the Indian village of La Push and spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Look for large amounts of driftwood. 32 miles round trip

Breakfast: You're on your own, Check with our resort for options.
Lunch Plan: None: Get some snacks in the morning and take them with you.
Dinner Plan: Try "Forks Coffee Shop" and their homemade desserts. Or walk into town and get Chinese at the Golden Gate. 2 blocks north.

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Ride Length is 67miles

Quinault to Forks

Thursday 7/14/2016 Forks to Port Angeles



Hurricane Ridge



Cape Flattery near Neah Bay

Lodging: **Sportsmen Motel** 2909 E Hwy 101 Port Angeles, WA 98362 (360) 457-6196
Ride length: 60 miles with two out and backs adding 90 miles and 36 miles
Gas Plan: Get gas as you leave Neah Bay at 65 miles.
Description: The day ride is built around two out and backs. Cape Flattery and Hurricane Ridge. The **Blue Route** leaves Forks and follows HY 101 to the first **Black Route** option. This option is 90 miles round trip and takes you through Neah Bay to Cape Flattery. Here riders should take the 1.5 mile hike roundtrip.

Hike the Cape Flattery Trail to the northwesternmost point in the continental United States. Here, where the Strait of Juan de Fuca meets the Pacific, Cape Flattery protrudes into a sea of tumultuous waters. A land of dramatic headlands, sea stacks, and deep narrow coves, Cape Flattery exhibits sheer rugged beauty. Scores of seabirds ride the surf and scavenge the sea stacks. Watch for whales and sea lions too. Start through a mist-drenched forest of Sitka spruce. Utilizing boardwalks and steps, drop to a series of promontories that provide stunning vistas of rugged Cape Flattery. At 0.75 mile reach the final viewing platform teetering on the edge of terra firma. Bring your sandwich and have your lunch here.

Returning back through Neah Bay riders should get gas before leaving town. Joining the **Blue Route** again brings you back through the forests and along spectacular Lake Crescent. As riders come into Port Angeles they have the second **Black Option** to Hurricane Ridge. This is a 36 mile round trip out and back. If it is a clear day this will be spectacular. Stop at the Visitor Center here. Once on top of the ridge there is a **Red Dirt Road** option following the ridge to Obstruction Point. This is a 15 mile round trip diversion that, if possible, could be great.

Breakfast: The “In Place” next to our motel
Lunch Plan: Get a Subway sandwich in Forks in the morning and have lunch on the Cape Flattery Trail at the tip of the USA!
Dinner Plan: Suggestion: Cafe Garden, 1.5 miles towards town, or try Sam's Chinese Restaurant & Teriyaki next door to our motel.
Other: Note: Before the Cape Flattery hike we must purchase a A Makah “Recreation Pass” at Washburns Grocery in Neah Bay. It is marked as a DStop.

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Forks to Port Angeles

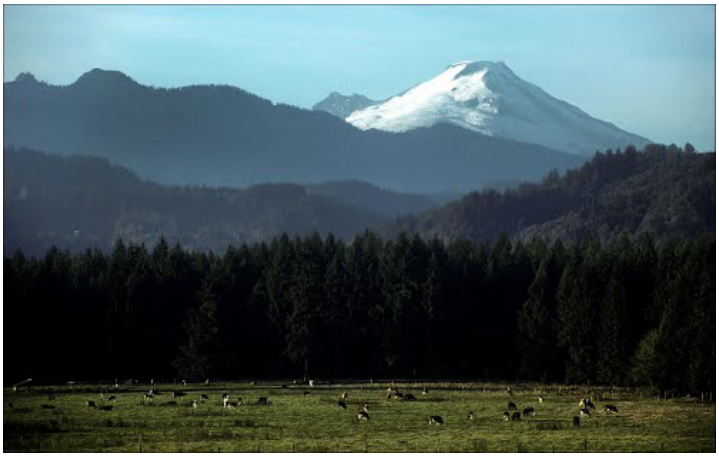
Ride Length is 60 miles



Friday 7/15/2016 Port Angeles to Deception Pass to Concrete



Deception Pass Bridge



Mount Baker from Ovenell's Heritage Inn

Lodging: **Ovenell's Heritage Inn** 46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd, Concrete, WA 98237 (360) 853-8494

Ride length: 131 miles

Gas Plan: Get gas in Sedro-Woolley at 106 miles.

Description: Riders should depart by 7:30 am in order to catch the ferry to Whidbey Island. We will get a quick breakfast at McDonald's on our way through Sequim about 13 miles into the ride. The ride to the Ferry is mostly highway. The Ferry crossing time is about 35 minutes. After the ferry we travel up Whidbey Island and over Deception Pass to Anacortes Island.

Deception Pass is a strait separating Whidbey Island from Fidalgo Island, in the northwest part of the U.S. state of Washington. It connects Skagit Bay, part of Puget Sound, with the Strait of Juan de Fuca. A pair of bridges known collectively as Deception Pass Bridge cross Deception Pass, and the bridges are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Once on Anacortes Island we will stop for lunch. After lunch riders have a choice of a **Green Shortcut,** or they can remain on the **Blue Route** to take a loop around Anacortes. The afternoon has us crossing back to the mainland and to the foothills below Mount Baker.

Breakfast: Make a quick stop at McDonald's in Sequim

Lunch Plan: Lunch is roadside dive:"Shrimp Shack"

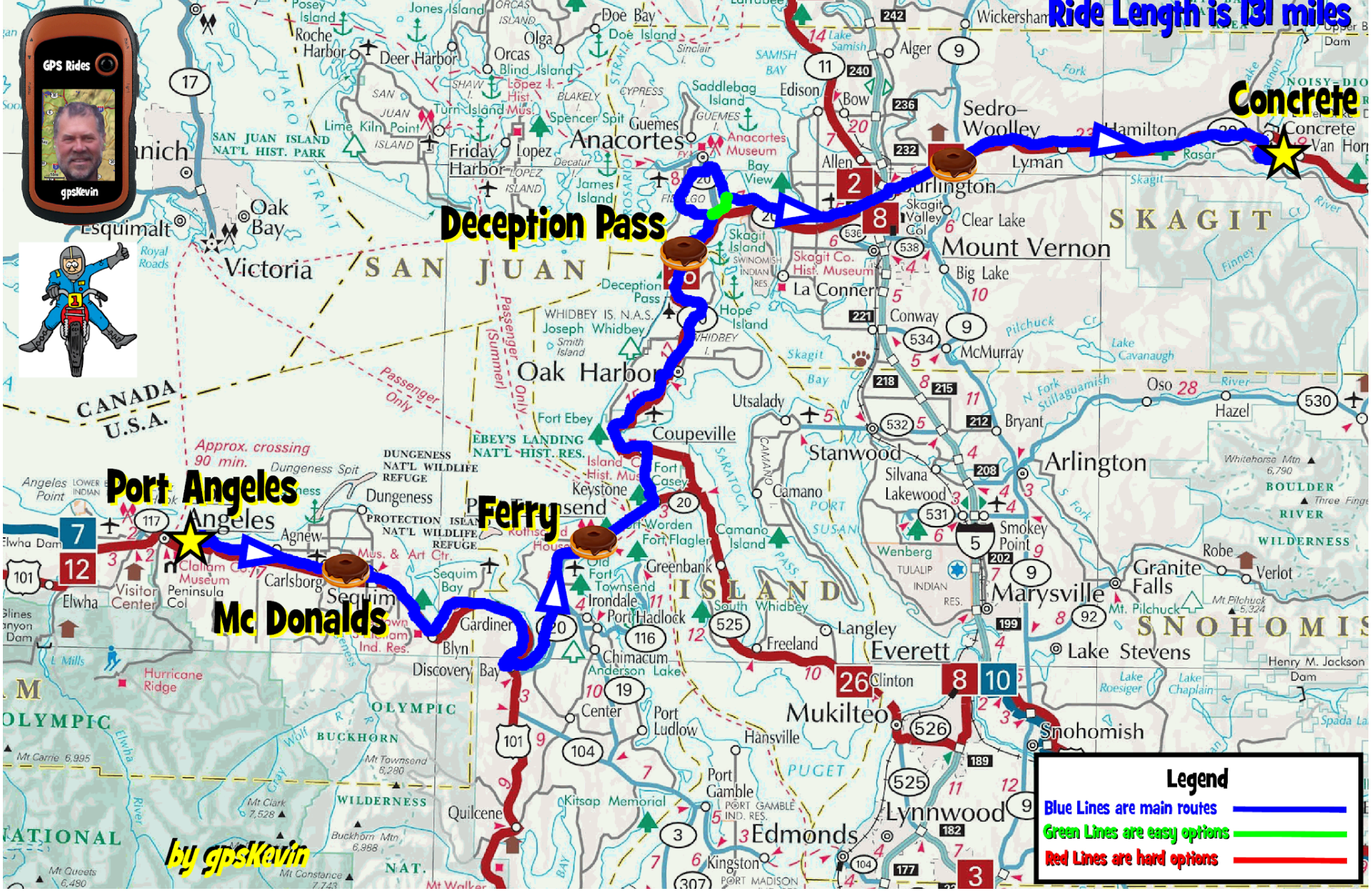
Dinner Plan: Make our own group steak dinner in the cabins. Group cook night and Ride Celebration. Team Project, everyone pitches in. Notes from Ovenell's Ranch:

" We offer beef for sale by the package. We have hamburger, and a variety of steaks including Rib Eye, New York, Tenderloin, Tri tip and Sirloin. Buy directly from the ranch and fire up your grill! This beef is all natural. Make an order when you make a reservation or let us know when you check in."

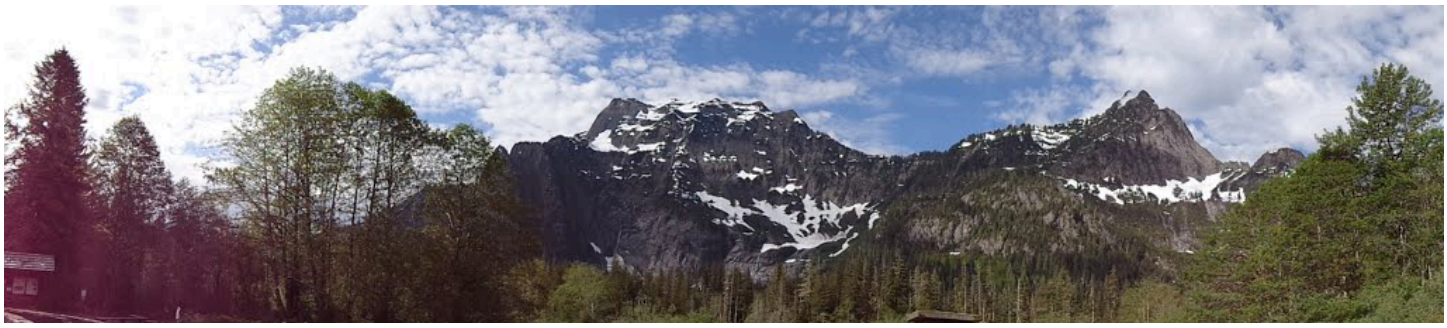
Other: FYI: Ferry reservations are made for the 10:15am sailing. We must check in 30 minutes early. We should plan to be there at 9:30am. The travel time should be around one hour to get to the ferry.

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Port Angeles to Deception Pass to Concrete



Saturday 7/16/2016 Concrete to Seatac Airport



Barlow Pass, Snohomish County

Ride length: 146 miles
Gas Plan: Gas in Darrington at 26 miles
Description: The first half of the day is main back paved roads through the forest and into Darrington. Then it is up and through Mount Baker National Forest and over Barlow Pass. The route drops out of the mountains and into Granite Falls for lunch. After lunch, riders that want to cut the ride short can take the **Green Route** which follows the freeway through Seattle or they can stay on the **Blue Route** which takes some more back roads through and around the city.
Breakfast: You're on your own,
Lunch Plan: Lunch is in Granite Falls at "Omega Pizza & Pasta"
Dinner Plan: None, ride over. Riders depart for home.

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Concrete

Gas Darrington

Omega Pizza & Pasta

Seatac Park

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Ride Length is 146 miles

Concrete to Seatac Airport

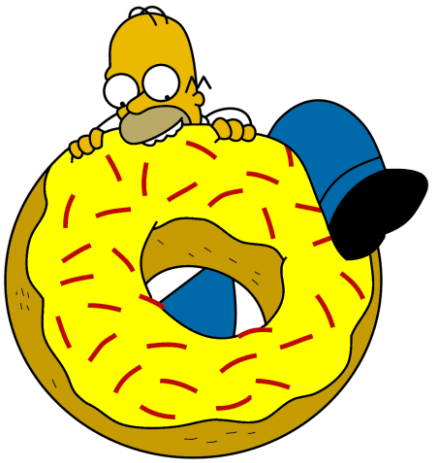
Thanks, ride over:

Hope you have enjoyed your adventure, I would like to always improve my rides so I would like to get your honest feedback for the ride so that the next ride can be even better. Please take a moment and let me know both what was good and what we could do better next time.



Thanks gpsKevin

Donut Holes: Are we doing Donut Holes?



OLYMPIC PThis ride includes Donut Holes. Donut Holes are suggested as meetup spots for riders riding in groups. It is recommended that you join a group of riders and not ride alone. Ride groups should be 6 people or less. Using gps to navigate while riding in a group presents lot of new challenges and opportunities. First riders tend to ride at their own pace and often ride out of sight of the others in the group. Some riders may like to stop and take pictures and others simply like to stay out of the dust. When using GPS riders often unknowingly pass or change their position within the group. While the rider, say Jeff thinks Brian is in front of him, Brian is now behind. Jeff and both riders don't know that this change has occurred. What happens next is Brian slows to allow Jeff to catch up and Jeff speed up to try to catch Brian. The gap between them get ever bigger and the riders may never see each other again. These situations can escalate into big confusion and issues.

To mitigate the group confusion this ride includes Meetup Points called Donut Holes. Donut Holes are big circles embedded into your GPS. These circles mark the spot that riders take a quick stop to check in with the other riders and verify that everyone is accounted for without issue.

When a rider turns up missing at the Donut Hole it is up to the group to decide to ride back to the last known sighting of the missing rider. Riders should not skip a Donut as the rest of the group may turn back looking for the missing person. This allows ride groups to catch issues early before they become big problems

As your riding group forms the riders should ask each other, are we doing Donuts? If your group agrees to do Donuts, then that means everyone is responsible ensuring everyone in the group is present at the Donut Holes. Stay on the Trail: Much of this ride borders Wilderness areas, in some places the ride cuts right through Wilderness area on road easements. So it is very important to stay on the route at all times

Reminders:

Check your GPS, do you need extra backup batteries?

Do you have gear to repair flat tires?

Other:

Riding in groups of more than 6 people is not permitted, so do not tell any officials that you are riding in a large group. And limit your group size to 6

Stay the Trail: In many places the route borders Wilderness areas, in some places it is Wilderness on both sides of the road. So please stay on the road or trail and leave little impact that you were there.