TODAY’S NARRATIVE:

0.0 Whitefish RV Park. At entrance, turn left onto sidewalk and walk bike to the corner of 19th St. and US 93.

A 0.1 Turn left onto 19th St.

1.7 After bridge over RR, turn right onto Edgewood Pl.

C 7.2 Just past right-hand curve, turn left onto Tamarack Ln.

D 10.7 At 4-way intersection, turn right onto 4th Ave. See Detail 1.

E 11.5 Cross five sets of RR tracks. Turn right onto Railroad St./SR 486.

F 11.8 Columbia Falls. Turn left onto unsigned Nucleus Ave./SR 486 by the old steam engine.

G 12.4 At light, turn left onto 9th St./US 2.

12.8 Marantette Park on right. Restrooms. Water Stop.

H 13.1 Cross Flathead River and immediately turn right onto River Rd.

I 13.9 River Rd. bends left and becomes Columbia Falls Stage.

J 14.8 At “T”, turn left onto Kelley Rd.

K 15.0 Turn right onto Middle Rd.

L 18.0 Turn left onto Elk Park Rd.

M 19.0 Cross unsigned SR 206. In 0.25 mi., turn right onto gravel Mooring Rd.

N 21.3 At “T”, turn left onto paved Blackmer Ln.

O 21.8 Turn right onto gravel Lauman Rd.

P 23.1 At “T”, turn left onto paved Yeoman Hall Rd.

Q 23.3 Turn right onto Van Sant Rd.

R 25.1 At “T”, turn left onto Lake Blaine Rd.

S 25.6 Water Stop at Cayuse Prairie School on the left.

T 25.9 Turn right onto paved Creston Hatchery Rd.

U 26.9 Turn left onto gravel Bachelor Grade Rd.

V 29.2 At “T”, turn right onto paved Foothill Rd. CAUTION: Potentially heavy traffic on this winding road.

W 36.8 At “T”, turn left onto Echo Lake Rd.

X 39.0 Swan River. Restrooms. Echo Lake Rd. becomes Swan River Rd.

Y 42.1 Before crossing Swan River, turn right onto gated bike path.

Z 43.3 Continue straight through gate.

AA 44.2 Continue straight through gate, then bear left downhill on Grand Dr.

BB 44.3 Bigfork. Restrooms. Continue straight through town.

CC 44.6 Turn right into Bigfork Elementary School, tonight’s campsite. Lunch stop.

BIGFORK SERVICES

Campground: Bigfork Elementary School, 600 Commerce St., 406-837-7412.


Bike Shop: Wheaton’s, 214 1st Ave. W., Kalispell, 406-257-5808.


Library: ImagineIF Bigfork, 525 Electric Ave., 406-837-6976. Hours: Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 12 PM - 5 PM, Wed. 10 AM - 7 PM.

Post Office: 265 Holt Dr., 406-837-4479.


**TODAY'S NARRATIVE:**

A 0.0 Bigfork Elementary School. Turn left and continue through town to bike path.

0.4 Continue straight through gate.

1.3 Continue straight through gate.

B 2.5 Go through gate and turn right. Cross Swan River and turn left onto SR 209.

C 3.7 Ferndale. Restrooms. Turn right at yellow flashing light toward Swan River Fishing Access and Crane Mountain.

D 5.7 At “Y”, bear left onto FR 129 toward Bug Creek staying on the paved road.

E 8.1 Pavement ends. Bear right uphill away from West Swan Shore Rd./dead end. Begin long climb.

F 13.9 Turn left downhill onto FR 9714 toward Yew Creek. **Water Stop.**

15.1 Switchback left.

G 23.5 At “T”, turn right onto FR 10229 toward Porcupine Creek.

H 24.1 Continue straight as FR 9803 goes right.

I 24.9 Drop left onto more primitive FR 9719 toward “Fatty Creek Rd. - 12 miles.” This stretch passes through impressive stands of old-growth larch, Douglas fir and white pine.

28.5 Turnout on right. **Lunch Stop.**

J 31.9 Bear left and cross bridge around the corner.

K 35.8 At “Y”, turn sharp right headed downhill.

L 38.0 Bear right and cross South Woodward Creek.

M 38.5 Continue straight onto lesser quality road.

N 40.2 Turn left onto FR 10381; road may be gated. **Water Stop.**

O 45.3 Turn left toward Swan Hwy./SR 83.

P 47.0 Turn right onto Cold Creek Rd./FR 888.

Q 49.8 Continue straight; FR 10296 goes right.

R 50.8 Peck Lake on left. Good views of Swan Range to east; Mission Mountains to west.

S 55.0 At “T”, turn left onto FR 903.

T 56.7 Turn right onto paved SR 83.

U 61.2 Condon. Restrooms. Turn right into Swan Valley Center Cabins, tonight’s campsite.

**CONDON SERVICES**

*Campground:* Swan Valley Center Cabins & Campground, 6499 SR 83, Milepost 42, 406-754-2397.

*Lodging:* (1) at campground; (2) Standing Stones B&B, 7079 SR 83, Milepost 44.5, 406-544-8960; (3) Seeley Lake Motor Lodge, 3206 SR 83, Seeley Lake, 406-677-2335.

*Grocery:* Mission Mountains Mercantile, 3.5 mi. N. of Condon at 7217 SR 83.


*Library:* Swan Valley Community, 6811 SR 83, Hours: Mon. & Fri. 10:30 AM-4 PM, Wed. 10:30 AM-6 PM, 406-754-2521.

*Laundromat:* at campground.

*Attraction:* Swan Valley Museum, 6774 SR 83, 406-754-2745, open by appointment.

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TODAY’S NARRATIVE:

A 0.0 Swan Valley Center. Turn right onto SR 83.
B 6.5 Turn left onto briefly paved road toward Holland Lake Lodge.
C 9.1 Ride uphill bearing right onto FR 9558 toward Owl Creek Packer Camp.
D 9.6 Take middle option uphill (FR 9558) toward Owl Creek.
E 13.0 Turn left onto FR 9814/Snowmobile Trail #15; orange diamond.
F 13.2 Stay low to the left.
G 13.4 Cross gate onto grassed-in trail. Water Stop.
H 13.9 Stay low/straight as other road heads uphill to right.
I 16.0 After going up steep hill, cross gate and turn left onto FR 4370.
J 18.4 0.5-mile trail leads right to Clearwater Lake, a wonderful place for a swim.
K 21.6 At “T”, turn left onto W. Morrell Rd./FR 4353. Begin 5.5 mile steep climb.
L 24.3 Switchback right; grade steepens.
M 26.0 At 4-way junction, take very sharp left to continue on FR 4353. Ride around boulders.
N 27.1 Cross gate; road becomes more primitive as it wraps around the northeast end of Richmond Peak into a spectacular alpine basin.
O Occasional downed trees and rocks in trail during next 3.8 miles; use extreme caution in slide zone at point where road has failed.
P 30.9 Cross gate onto high-grade road. Lunch Stop.
Q 31.6 Ride straight downhill.
R 35.4 Continue straight on FR 4353.
S 41.1 Trailhead for Seeley Creek Nordic Ski Trails. Turn right toward Seeley Lake.
T 42.1 Turn left onto SR 83. Seeley Lake. Restrooms.
U 42.3 Turn left into Seeley Lake Motor Lodge, tonight’s campsite.

SEELEY LAKE SERVICES

Lodging: Seeley Lake Motor Lodge.
Laundromat: Across the highway from the campground.
Library: Seeley Lake Public, 456 Airport Rd., 406-677-3255. Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 AM - 3:30 PM, Wed. 10 AM - 6 PM.
DAY 5: LAYOVER DAY
SEELEY LAKE

SEELEY LAKE SERVICES
Lodging: Seeley Lake Motor Lodge.
Laundromat: Across the highway from the campground.
Library: Seeley Lake Public, 456 Airport Rd., 406-677-3255. Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 AM - 3:30 PM, Wed. 10 AM - 6 PM.
Attractions: (1)Seeley Creek Mountain Bike Trails; (2)Clearwater Canoe Trail; (3)Seeley Lake Historical Museum, 2920 SR 83, 406-677-2990; (4)Double Arrow Golf Course, 301 Lodge Way, 406-677-2777.

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DAY 6: 66.2 MILES
SEELEY LAKE TO LINCOLN

TODAY'S NARRATIVE:
A 0.0 Seeley Lake Motor Lodge. Turn right onto SR 83.
B 0.2 Turn right onto Morrell Creek Rd.
C 1.2 Seeley Creek Nordic Ski Trailhead. Continue straight toward Cottonwood Lakes.
D 4.7 Cross Mountain Creek.
E 11.0 Cross Little Shanley Creek.
F 13.7 Water Stop.
G 19.7 Curve right, Monture Work Center is to left.
H 20.2 FR 477 becomes FR 89.
I 22.1 Leave Lolo National Forest.
J 27.2 Cross highway onto paved Helmville-Ovando Rd.
K 27.6 Ovando. Restrooms. Bear left onto Pine St. Ride through town. Lunch Stop.
L 27.9 Turn right onto Helmville-Ovando Rd.
M 31.1 Turn left onto unsigned narrow dirt Dry Gulch Rd.
N 34.2 Immediately after guardrail, turn left onto unsigned gravel road.
O 36.1 Cross North Fork Blackfoot River.
P 37.0 Continue straight at crossroads.
Q 39.0 Continue straight toward Big Nelson Campground.
R 39.9 Turn left toward Coopers Lake and Big Nelson Camp.
S 42.4 Turn right toward Big Nelson Camp/Huckleberry Pass/Lincoln.
T 43.9 Road becomes FR 4106. Continue toward Dry Creek and begin long climb.
U 50.3 Crest summit. Water Stop. Continue downhill toward SR 200.
V 52.0 Switchback left.
W 54.8 Reservoir Lake.
X 58.3 Cross Yukon Creek.
Y 60.3 Continue straight, Park Creek Rd. goes left.
Z 62.9 Continue straight.
AA 64.6 Turn left onto SR 200.
BB 66.0 Lincoln. Restrooms. At blinking light, continue straight.
CC 66.2 Turn left into Lincoln High School, tonight's campsite.

LINCOLN SERVICES
Campground: Lincoln High School, 808 Main St./SR 200.
Lodging: Three Bears Motel, 203 Main St., 406-362-4355.
Grocery: D&D Foodtown, 510 Main St./SR 200, 406-362-4371.
Library: Lincoln Branch Library, 102 9th St., 406-362-4300. Hours: Mon. 4 PM - 8 PM, Tues. & Wed. 1 PM - 6 PM, Thurs. 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Fri. 3-6 PM.
Post Office: 237 Main St./SR 200, 406-362-4523.

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TODAY’S NARRATIVE:

A 0.0 Lincoln High School. Turn right onto SR 200.
B 0.2 At blinking light, turn left onto Stemple Pass Rd.
5.1 Pass Fields Gulch.
6.9 Pass McClellan Gulch interpretive sign.
9.5 Pass Rochester Gulch.
C 11.5 Continue straight onto Stemple Pass Rd.
D 15.2 Turn right onto FR 485. **Water Stop.**
18.3 Continue right onto FR 485.
18.8 At “So. Fork Poorman Creek” sign, continue straight.
19.8 Veer left, taking the high road over the Continental Divide.
19.9 Veer left; another road drops right along the Continental Divide; see marker post.

**Turn-around point.**

E 21.0 At “So. Fork Poorman Creek” sign, turn left onto FR 4134. **Next 4.4 miles are extremely steep downhill but they lead through fascinating country with several stream crossings.**
F 25.4 Turn left onto Stemple Pass Rd.
G 36.9 Turn right onto SR 200.
A 37.1 Turn left into Lincoln High School to catch shuttle. **Lunch Stop.** End of Cycle Divide Montana. Congratulations!
GPN 3 - Missoula to Seeley Lake w Cues

57.5 miles, +2316/-1479 feet
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