



“Flat as a Pancake” Scouting Notes

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This ride is flat as a pancake, well maybe a short stack of pancakes with a tab or two of butter. An early start should afford a nice sunrise over the Cascades to start the day. The route takes us down Peoria Road to Harrisburg.



In Harrisburg there are several markets on the main drag and a convenient rest room stop on the banks of the Willamette river 3 blocks to the right (west).

We then head to Coburg and have the comfort of knowing we are in a nuclear free zone while traversing Lane County.



The Coburg Market doesn't open until 10 on Sundays so water from the city park will have to hold you until the Mohawk store. After crossing under I-5, MacKenzie View is a beautiful route popular with Eugene cyclists. It provides a view of the river as you head east to Mohawk.

The Mohawk General Store is well stocked with Café Mocha and Little Debbie Pecan Pies (I hear they pack the most calories per penny on earth).



There should be a Honey Pot available here on the day of the ride.



The ride up to Crawfordsville includes a view of Ernest Covered Bridge and a gentle grade to a summit at about 1150 feet or so. A second covered bridge greets you on 228 just before turning onto Crawfordsville Drive.



The short rollers on Crawfordsville Drive may account for the lack of traffic on our way to Holley. Where will you spend eternity? Hopefully not on these hills.

The short trip down Old Holley Road may be the nicest view of the trip, don't forget to take your time to look back at the Calapooia River Valley before you crest for the downhill into Sweet Home for Lunch.



There are a few small hills between Sweet Home and Waterloo but once you leave downtown Waterloo the route returns to its pancake imitation for the remainder of the ride into Corvallis. There is a market in Shedd a little over halfway to home but it closes at 6 on Sundays so make sure and top off the fluids and food in Downtown Waterloo if you think you'll need it.

Note: Our scouting ride took 11 hours with 8 ½ of riding and route finding duties.