

Ride # 606 - Aufderheide Scenic Highway
Distance 62 Miles
Difficulty C
Food? Bring Food
Start/Finish Alton Baker Park
Notes Maps Lane County Bicycle Map



Aufderheide Scenic Highway is a beautiful climb in old growth forest. Aufderheide Drive is reached from the Eugene-Springfield area either by traveling the McKenzie Highway (Hwy. 126) to a point 3.5 miles above Blue River or by traveling Highway 58 and then turning north to Westfir.

The Robert Aufderheide Memorial Drive can be accessed from the McKenzie Highway at milepost 45.9. Look for signs for USFS Rd. #19 and Cougar Reservoir.

The road travels along the South Fork of the McKenzie River and the North Fork of the Willamette River and through Box Canyon. Numerous spots along the route are suitable for picnicking, sightseeing and fishing.

Signs along the route point out shelterwood cuttings, reforested clear-cut areas, results of a wildfire, railroad timber harvesting along the North Fork in the 1940's and other forest management project.

We carpool to each end of the highway with 50% going up from West Fir and 50% from Blue River.

We meet at the summit and eat lunch (bring one as there is no service).

Then switch keys and ride down the opposite side. All categories will meet at the same time and match up according to speed for the ride up and down.