

COGS Wheeling Along the Water



4- Day Fixed Base Tour August 9-13, 2018

Total Cost: **\$690**

Single supplement: **\$350** (paid at time of registration)

Deposit: **\$200** (paid at time of registration)

Final Payment: **\$490 due by 5/9/18**

Rider limit: **30**

Tour Leaders: Ralph & Carol Nussbaum

Tour Rating: Easy/Intermediate

OVERVIEW:

This is a relaxing 4-Day Fixed Base Tour for those who don't need to climb a major pass or hill each day. In addition, by making this a fixed-based tour we eliminate the stress of getting up each morning and packing our bags. It provides one the freedom to just stay in the hotel if it's not your day to ride. Our base will be La Conner – once a sleepy fishing town, now a growing arts and crafts tourist center. Most of the routes are on quiet roads, though occasionally getting to our goal requires a few miles on a busy road. We call this tour Wheeling along the Water because each route travels along some part of our gorgeous Puget Sound coast.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:

This tour is rated as Easy/Intermediate. As noted in the route description below, we have days ranging from 43 to 64 mile with 1,200' to 3,100' of elevation gain. Everyone can ride at their own comfortable pace. Again, since this is a fixed base tour, a less strong rider could opt out of a day or discuss a short-cut with the ride leaders.

WEATHER:

Weather in the South Puget Sound valleys should be pleasant in early August, but rain is always a possibility. Riders need to be prepared for all types of weather.

LODGING/MEALS:

Our lodging is the very nice La Conner Country Inn in La Conner, WA with easy access to restaurants by foot or by car. A daily hot breakfast is included. Snacks and lunch will be provided off the sag vehicles.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY: (Mileages & Elevation gains are approximate.)

Thursday, August 9: Orientation Meeting in La Conner

We meet the first night in La Conner at **8:00 PM** and get to know each other during a brief informational meeting. Folks may wish to get together for dinner informally beforehand.

Friday, August 10: La Conner - March Point Loop, 44 miles, 1100 feet

Our route goes through the Skagit Flats, with views of north Puget Sound and the famous farmlands that grow flowers and vegetables for western Washington. March's Point provides a wide view of Puget Sound.

Saturday, August 11: La Conner - Chuckanut, 63 miles, 1900 feet

Chuckanut Mountain lies north of La Conner right along the coast. We will circumnavigate it, going first through farmland and forest and past Lake Samish, then along Chuckanut Drive, with its gorgeous views of Puget Sound and back through the Skagit flats.

Sunday, August 12: La Conner - Deception Pass, 49 miles, 3500 feet Thursday, August 12: La Conner - Deception Pass, 49 miles, 3500 feet

We head to the town of Anacortes, home of the ferry to the San Juan Islands, and Fidalgo Island, which we will circumnavigate with a stop at Deception Pass – a stunning cliff lined water passage between Fidalgo and Whidbey Islands.

Monday, August 13: Camano Island Loop, 43 mile, 2450 feet

Our only remote start, this route is short but possibly the most challenging. The rewards are the views of water on all sides both from on high and up close. The Camano Island Loop is a Seattle favorite. From there it's a relatively short drive back to Seattle

For more information, contact Ralph and Carol at: RENussbaum@outlook.com

