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BONNY BACKPACKING

Discover a Wallowa Mountains getaway at Bonny Lakes

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If you've saved time for a backpacking trip in the mountains this summer, consider the Bonny Lakes. Never heard of them? That's good! • This year, with limits on foreign travel, familiar vacation spots near home are booked solid. The most popular destinations in the Oregon Cascades now require advance permits, and good luck getting one of those. It's time to think outside the box. That brings us to a spectacular but forgotten lake basin in Northeast Oregon's Wallowa Mountains. See BONNY, Page 2B

Jewett Lake can be seen in the Wallowa Mountains.
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The Monster Cookie bike ride changes seasons, routes



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They're billing it as the 45th at the 45th.

Catchy theme, no?
After a casual, club-ride version in 2020 during the yearlong pandemic shutdown, the Salem Bicycle Club's annual Monster Cookie rides are back on Aug. 29.

The covid-curtailed pedal was

dubbed by participants as "the cookie without the cookie," and if I may interject because it's a club fund-raiser, without the dough,

"This is the 45th year, and we're doing it on the 45th parallel (of latitude), so it's the 45th at the 45th," said Hersch Sangster, who has been involved since the first Monster Cookie and has served as coordinator/volunteer for the club fun- and fund-raiser for the past eight years.

The big cookie (61 miles), half-century (31 miles) and first-ever Mini-Cookie (6.1 miles for 9 and younger) will start and finish at Keizer Rapids Park on the 45th parallel for the first time.

Previous cookie events started and finished in downtown Salem.

"Mary Ann and I have always had the idea to, you know, have a little family ride for the Monster Cookie," Hersch said about discussions with his wife. "Starting the ride in the middle of downtown Salem, that just didn't work.

"Because we're doing it at Keizer Rapids Park ... we're going to have a Mini-Cookie."

By the numbers: Preregistration is \$45 for adults, \$25 for 17 and younger accompanied by an adult for the 61-mile or half-century rides. The Mini-Cookie is free for kids 9 and younger.

Options include \$8 for a box lunch at

Champoeg for the century riders, \$20 for a commemorative Monster Cookie T-shirt, and \$65 for a commemorative zip-up jersey.

Deadline for preregistration is Aug. 23. Signups and swag purchases are online at <https://www.BikeReg.com/monstercookie>

There are no trophies awarded or times kept.

It's all about the camaraderie and cookies. And oh what cookies.

Mary Ann came up with everything-in-the-cupboard cookie formula for the event.

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