



BIKING

If a scenic road trip by bicycle is what you're looking for, Grant County has a lot to offer.

Throughout the milder seasons, visitors and residents alike take to the roads and trails on two wheels.

Here are five top routes to try out:

1 THE 192-MILE OLD WEST ROUTE

Previously known as Wild Rivers, this route received the distinction in 2011 as one of Oregon's nine Scenic Bikeways. The trip takes cyclists through various scenic vistas, following three rivers. It also features varied wildlife and points of interest along the way, including nationally recognized sites such as Kam Wah Chung Chinese Heritage Museum, 125 NW Canton St., in John Day, and the John Day Fossil Beds and Thomas Condon Paleontology Center, northwest of Dayville. A challenging loop, the ride begins in John Day at the corner of Highway 26/Main Street and Canton Street near the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 301 W. Main St. The route follows Highway 26 west to County Road 20, Highway 395, Highway 402 and back to Highway 26.

More information: www.oregon.gov

2 THE 73-MILE STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS LOOP

This is a beautiful yet challenging route, taking riders through varied terrain, looping from John Day to Prairie City.

More information: www.prairiecityoregon.com



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