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75 Classic Rides Oregon



Synopsis

From an after-work ride through Portland's neighborhood streets or a family cycle along the flat Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, to a multi-day tour in the salty breezes of the Oregon coast if you're seeking the best road biking the state has to offer, you'll find plenty of blacktop bliss in 75 CLASSIC RIDES OREGON. 75 Classic Rides is a new Mountaineers Books series authored by passionate local cyclists who've put thousands of miles on their bikes to bring you the very best road cycling routes across their given state. The focus is on one-day rides (a mix of loops and one-way courses), but you'll also find suggestions for link-ups and some inspiring, longer routes for touring, including at least one cross-state route. Terrain varies from flat paved trails to epic mountain challenges. Each route description starts with the basic essentials to get you going: a brief overview, full-color map, elevation profile, difficulty level, round-trip distance, road conditions, and advice on the best season to ride. Full narrative descriptions tell what sights to expect, best towns for food or a cup of coffee, safety info on road shoulders and bike lanes, as well as turn-by-turn descriptions and mileage logs.

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Customer Reviews

Overall, I very highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to do some excellent road biking in Oregon. In my case, I bought this book because I wanted to do six days of solo riding in Oregon this past September. I looked into organized tour groups but I was really preferring to do something solo. I bought this book on and off I went after just a little planning. I did seven rides in six days and used

the guide to ride loop rides and out and back rides in six different towns across the state (I just left my car at the starting point in each case). I can't tell you how pleased I was to find this gem as it saved me many hours of finding other routes on the internet and piecing them together. Every ride was as advertised, the routes were generally easy to find and to follow, and the descriptions were very good. After purchase you can even download the maps for each ride (in print) to take on your rides. As noted above, this is an excellent book but I do have two recommendations for the author to incorporate into his next book or a future edition of this one: (1) It would be fabulous to be able to download the maps directly to a garmin after purchase, and (2) It would be helpful for someone like me to get from the book a bit more color (maybe a grading system) on how treacherous some of the ascents/descents are, and particularly if they are on narrow roads without guard rails (where they are needed), and similarly, it would be great to have a clearer understanding of how much traffic I would likely find on some of the busier road rides. I passed on doing a couple rides because I couldn't tell when reading the book whether I would enjoy the rides for these reasons, even though my instincts told me I probably would have been fine and enjoyed them.

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