12 Crane Creek

■ 2-5 hours ■ 17.4 miles round trip ■ Most difficult

- **Access to trailhead:** From 25 miles southeast of Prairie City on County Road 62 and FR 13, turn right onto FR 16. In 2 miles, turn left onto FR 1675, arriving at the North Fork Malheur trailhead in another 3.5 miles (passing North Fork CG 1 mile earlier).
- **Nearest Food/Water Source:** Prairie City.
- **Surfaces Encountered:** Rocky single-track, primitive rocky road and stream crossings.
- **Comments:** This route shares its first 2.4 miles with Ride #11, North Fork Malheur River. Stream crossings are potentially hazardous because of moss-covered rocks, so it's better to walk the fords.
- **USGS Maps:** Flag Prairie NW, Flag Prairie NE.
- **USFS Maps:** Prairie City Fire/District.

Mileage Log:

0.0-Walk bike to the west, over single-log bridge spanning the north fork and over a tributary stream approximately 30 yards beyond. Begin riding south, along the west side of the river.

0.1-Bear right at fork in trail.

2.4-Turn right onto Crane Creek Trail #381-A and ride on two-track.

2.6-Cross log bridge over Crane Creek and veer left, riding westerly along north side of creek.

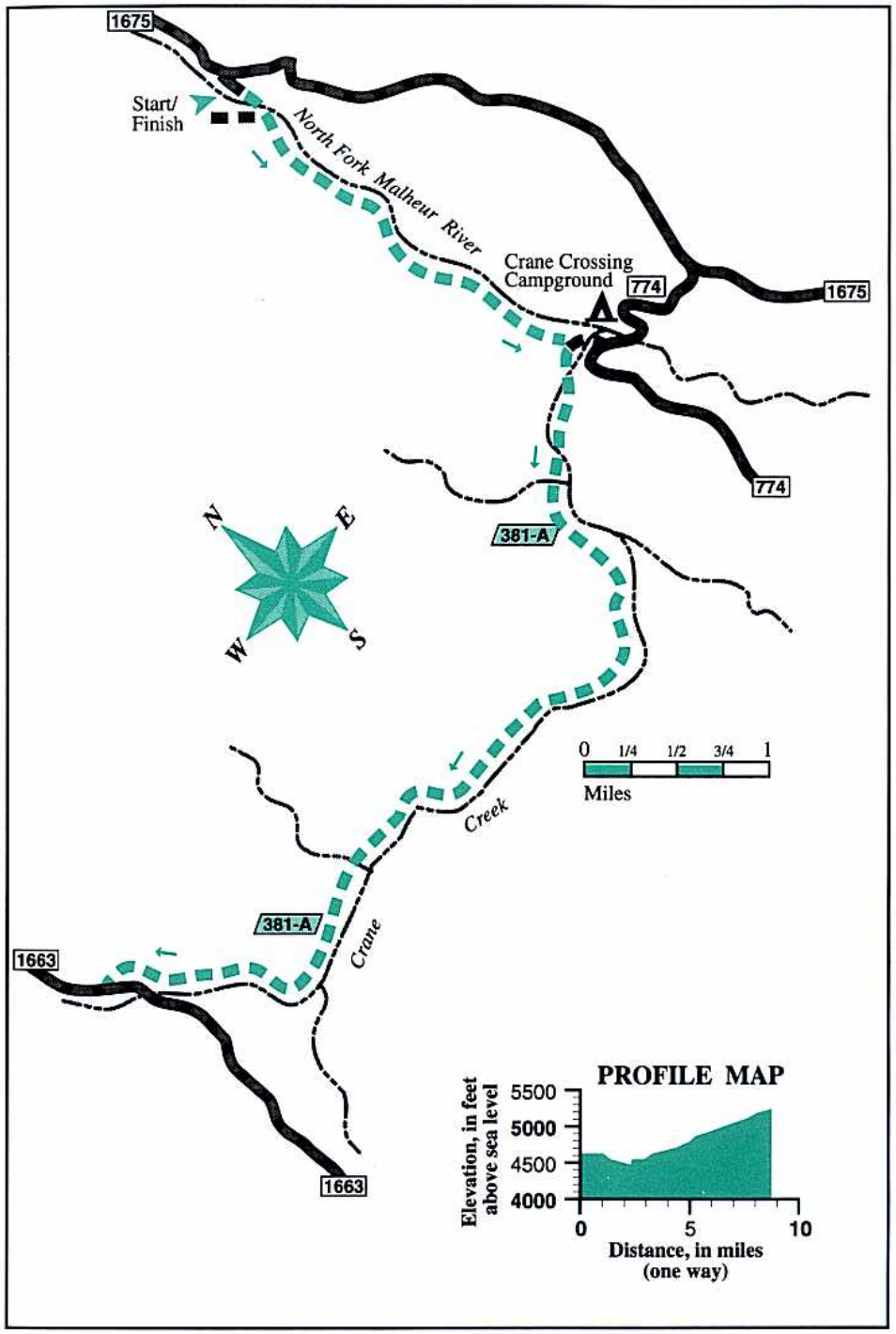
2.7-Ford Crane Creek.

3.3-Ford Crane Creek.

3.7-Cross tributary stream. Two-track ends; route becomes rocky single-track trail.

6.4-Cross tributary stream.

7.4-Pass through gate in the barbed-wire fence and ride onto rocky road bed.

8.6-Ride through a pair of gates.

8.7-Trail ends at FR 1663. Backtrack to beginning.