11 North Fork Malheur River

■ 4-6 hours ■ 22.2 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:** Single-track trail, rocky at times.
- **Comments:** Beautiful trail following the river, rising above and falling back to river grade. North Fork Malheur River is a federally designated Wild and Scenic river.
- **USGS Maps:** Flag Prairie NW, Flag Prairie NE, Flag Prairie SE.
- **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.

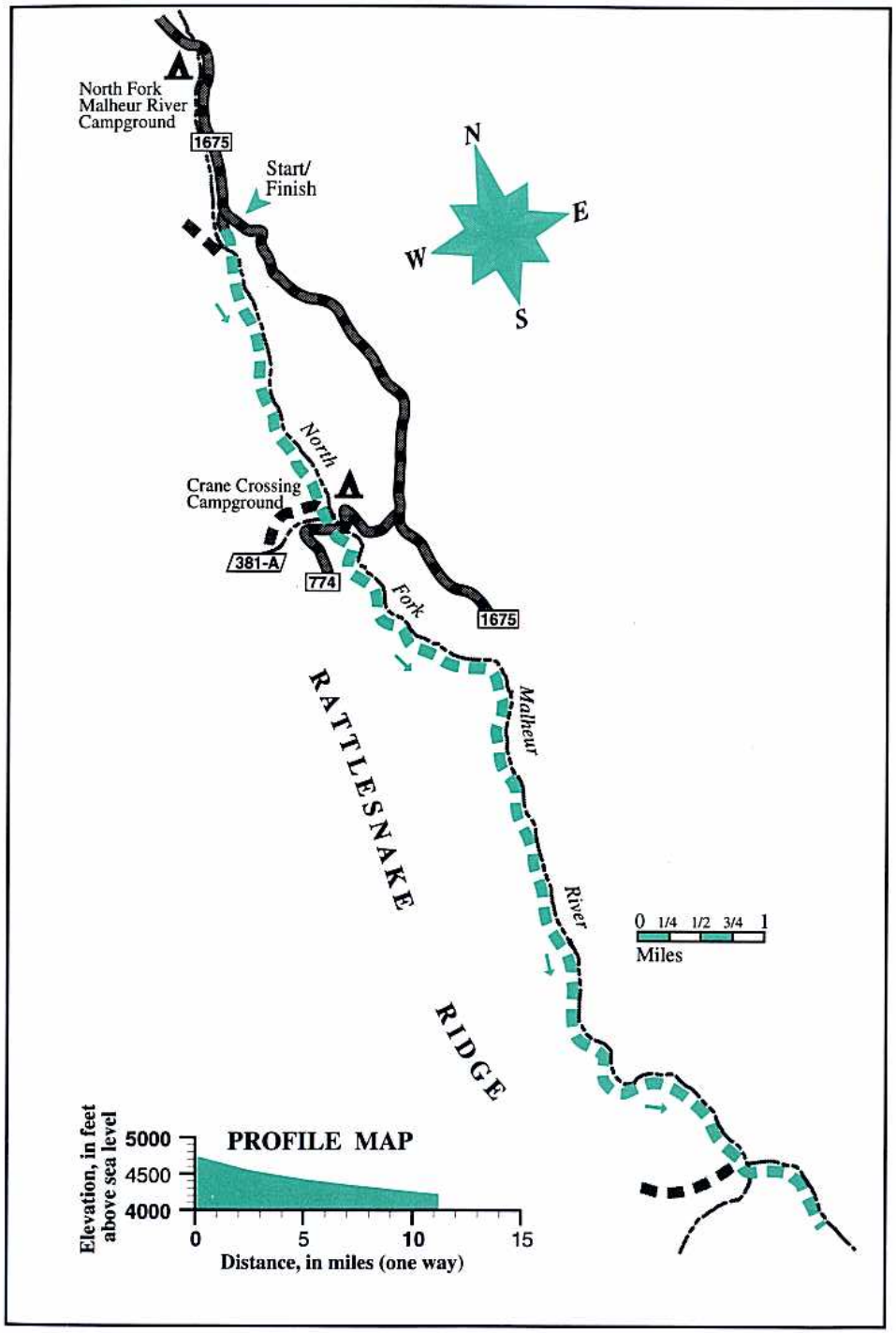
2.4-Continue straight; Crane Creek Crossing Trail joins from the right. Trail becomes a two-track and fords a tributary.

2.7-Continue straight; FR 774 crosses river and trail here at Crane Crossing.

3.0-Cross barbed-wire fence.

5.4-Trail crosses base of talus slope.

7.9-Single-track trail, becoming rockier; cross another barbed-wire fence.

10.0-Bear left at bend; a primitive trail joins from the right (coming off Rattlesnake Ridge).

11.1-After riding through more talus, turn around at barbed-wire fence, the National Forest boundary. Return to trailhead by the same route.