



Bicycling



Pedalling Around Crater Lake

Each year, increasing numbers of cyclists come to Crater Lake National Park to ride around the lake on the physically demanding, 33-mile Rim Drive. Steep hills at high elevation may encourage even the most fit riders to pause at many of the road's thirty overlooks and pull-outs. The payoff, however, is spectacular scenery, viewed at a pace that few visitors choose to take enough time for.

Rules and Safety

Cyclists must respect and obey all rules that apply to automobile traffic, including speed limits.

Bicycle helmets are required. Riders face many hazards including high speeds on steep downhill sections, rocks, animals and other road hazards as well as heavy traffic volumes. Only cyclists experienced at riding with auto traffic should consider biking at Crater Lake.

Park roads seldom have shoulders. Cyclists should use extreme caution, particularly along narrow areas and blind curves. Wear bright, highly-visible clothing to help drivers see you.

Cyclists unaccustomed to high altitudes may find that the elevation makes breathing difficult.

Bicycles are not permitted on park trails. Rim Drive, during those seasonal periods when the road is snow free and closed to motorvehicles, is open to bicyclists. Please call the park visitor center for current open status. For mountain biking, the Grayback Drive provides eight miles of unpaved, one-way road.

Water is available only at Rim Village and the Steel Visitor Center.

Camping

Cyclists on long tours are welcome to stay at either of the park's two campgrounds. Both charge a fee for camping; call the park for current rates.

Mazama Campground, located near Highway 62 at Annie Springs entrance, offers 213 campsites with showers, laundry and a camp store nearby. It is generally open from mid-June to early October.

Lost Creek Campground, located three miles off the East Rim Drive, is more isolated. It has 16 campsites for tents only, cold water faucets and toilet facilities. Lost Creek is open from mid-July to mid-September.

Getting Here by Bicycle

All routes into the park have long, steep grades. Because road conditions are unfavorable to cyclists most of the year, and because many roads are closed during the long winter, we recommend you plan trips only for the summer months of July, August, and September.

Entrance stations provide maps and information during summer daytime hours. Fees to enter the park are \$10 by automobile or \$5 per bicycle up to a maximum of \$10 per family.

For more information or current road and weather conditions, please go on-line to www.nps.gov/crla or call (541)594-3100.

The Rim Drive

The most popular bicycle route at Crater Lake is the 33-mile Rim Drive. This road provides spectacular views of Crater Lake and the surrounding area throughout its length. The road is narrow with long, steep grades. Most cyclists start from the Park Headquarters area and ride

around the lake clockwise. This direction puts one of the steepest and longest grades at the beginning of the trip.

Altitude, climb, and distance estimates are listed below, assuming a clockwise trip.

Waypoints and Distances

Map Point	Point Name	Total Mileage	Distance (from last)	Climb (feet)	Elevation (feet)
1)	Park HQ	0.0 mi	0.0 mi	0	6450
2)	Rim Village	3.0	3.0	650	7100
3)	Discovery Point	4.1	1.1	50	7100
4)	Watchman Trailhead	6.8	2.7	400	7350
5)	North Junction	9.1	2.3	200	7050
6)	Cleetwood Cove	13.7	4.6	450	6850
7)	Wineglass	16.5	2.8	350	6700
8)	Skell Head	17.9	1.4	400	7100
9)	Cloudcap	20.9	2.6	600	7700
10)	Kerr Notch	24.4	3.5	0	6700
11)	Dutton Ridge	27.0	2.6	650	7350
12)	Vidae Falls	30.0	3.0	0	6600
13)	Park HQ	33.0	3.0	150	6450

Maps

