

185 mile loop connecting the Coeur d'Alene and St. Joe River Valleys

In August 2006, a group of adventurous ladies from Denver rode 72 miles from Plummer to Mullan, ID, on the paved Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, 23 miles from Mullan, ID, to the Taft Tunnel, MT, on the multi-use Northern Pacific Trail, 15 miles through the Taft Tunnel to Pearson on the Hiawatha Trail (\$9 user fee), 56 miles from Pearson to St. Maries on the multi-use Milwaukee Road Trail, and 19 miles from Saint Maries to Plummer on country roads & Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes for a total of 185 miles in six days! Plus two more days to play.

Here is their itinerary to help you plan a similar adventure tour.

(The prices quoted below were in effect August 19 to 26, 2006, and may have changed.)

Saturday

- Frontier 303, arrive 9:35 AM
- Payless Airport Shuttle (208-762-7433) from Spokane Airport to **Plummer**
- \$80/4 people — CASH or CHECK ONLY
- leave bags at Hiway Motel & Sport Shop for return on Thursday
- 1117 Main Street, across from tennis courts & swimming pool, close to trail
- **Ride 15.3 miles to Harrison** (downhill, then flat along lake)
- Lake View Lodge Motel (208-689-9789)
- 2 doubles, \$84.53 each, accepts VISA
- Verizon cell phones work, Cingular does not
- Motel overlooks trail — ice cream parlor in town beside lake

Sunday

- **Ride 31.8 miles to Enaville** (flat)
- Country Lane Inn & RV Resort (208-682-2698, Peggy)
- 45 ft. park model RV – sleeps 6 - b/r w/Q, full hide-a-bed & bunk beds - \$115, VISA or MC
- about 4 miles off Coeur d'Alene Trail - can arrange for pick us up at trailhead, next to Enaville Resort "Snake Pit" restaurant and bar (47.1 mile marker)
- no cell service... OK ~ a mile down the road
- perhaps the best huckleberry ice cream in county

Monday

- **Ride 24.3 miles to Mullan** (gradually uphill)
- Lookout Motel (208-744-1601, Dan White)
- 1 double \$36 - 1 single \$28, VISA or MC
- about 100 feet from Coeur d'Alene Trail
- cell service sketchy
- Outlaw and Smoke House Saloons have burgers, fried chicken, bar
- cafe open at 6:00 AM for breakfast

Tuesday

- **Ride 48.1 miles to Avery** (2300 ft downhill after 1460 ft climb to Lookout Pass)
- travel on Northern Pacific multi-use railbed to the start of the Route of the Hiawatha at the Taft Tunnel
- \$9 user fee collected by concessionaire's marshals on Route of the Hiawatha
- Swiftwater Motel (208-245-2845, Julie and James)
- no cell service - phone in room w/card
- Room #1 - \$75 - accepts chg cards -3 queen beds, 1 queen sofa sleeper, living room, kitchen
- Avery Trading Post: 10 AM - 7:30 PM — bar open later, sells snacks & drinks
- Scheffy's General Store sells snacks & drinks from 7 or 8 AM; don't know closing time

Wednesday

- **Ride 46.8 miles to Saint Maries** (flat)
- Pines Motel (208-245-2545) - accepts charge cards
- 1117 Main Street, across from tennis courts & swimming pool, close to trail
- 2 doubles, \$62.06 each
- cell service available

Thursday

- **Ride 18.7 miles to Plummer** (flat, then uphill)
- Via Hwy 5 to Heyburn State Park and back on Coeur d'Alene Trail
- Hiway Motel & Sport Shop (208-686-1310)
- 2 double rooms, \$50 each – accepts charge cards
- Verizon cells work best

Friday

- Worley City Links FREE shuttle to Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort & Hotel
- 800-523-2464 – 4 PM check in
- 2 double rooms, \$99.95 each plus tax — accepts charge cards – request adjoining rooms
- cell service available

Saturday

- Casino Resort & Hotel to Spokane Airport
- Payless Shuttle (208-762-7433) pick up at 7:30am, reservation made 7/27 with Jeff
- \$80/4 people - cash or check only
- Frontier 307, depart 10:10 AM