

Solar Eclipse Tour - McMinnville, Oregon - August 18-24, 2017

Join us for the last full Solar Eclipse in the western United States until 2044.

Our base of operations will be in McMinnville, OR – about 600 miles north of Sacramento. McMinnville is on the northern edge of the zone of totality and is expected to have about 1 minute of total eclipse around 10AM, Monday August 21st. The full eclipse will not be visible anywhere in California.

Lodging

We have reserved blocks at two locations in McMinnville

RVs:

This is a beautiful RV park on the eastern edge of McMinnville. The cost is \$39/night (assuming a Good Sam discount) and the regular rate is \$44. To reserve your site, call (503)472-4315 and ask for the Sacramento Bike Hikers block. We have reserved the RV Park's club house for the length of the tour, so breakfast and happy hour will be held there. Rides will start at or near the RV park, but may involve some driving.

Hotel:

The McMinnville Red Lion hotel is 1.6 miles from Olde Stone Village. Cost is \$125.35/night (\$115 + 9% tax) for a room with either a single King bed or two Queen beds. To reserve your room, call (503)472-1500 and ask to reserve a room in the Sacramento Bike Hikers block.

Please send Phyllis Green an email (guzzi@frontiernet.net) when you make a reservation at the RV park or hotel so we can keep everyone updated on the tour. We expect to limit tour to 40 riders.

Activities (subject to change)

- August 18 (Friday) Welcome Happy Hour
- August 19 (Saturday) Muddy Valley Ride – Short: 37 miles Long: 50 miles
Mid-point stop is lunch in Amity, OR
- August 20 (Sunday) Grand Island Ride – Short: 30 miles Medium: 37 miles Long: 54 miles
- August 21 (Monday) Eclipse and free time (see attractions below).
The Evergreen Air & Space Museum plans to have eclipse related events all day.
- August 22 (Tuesday) Banks Vernonia Ride – Short: 34 miles Long: 44 miles
Mid-point stop is lunch at Black Iron Grill in Vernonia, OR.
- August 23 (Wednesday) Mt. Angel Ride – Short: 35 miles Long: 50 or 67 miles.
Mid-point stop is lunch at Mt. Angel Sausage Co.
- August 24 (Thursday) Return home (or stay longer if you wish)

Route sheets will be available. The short routes on Sat, Sun and Wed are virtually flat – long routes have some hills. The Tuesday ride on the BV Rail Trail is a steady 2%-3% climb for the first 8-12 miles, then flattens out except for one short steep grade.

Rides will be handled as a typical Sacramento Bike Hikers ride. Tour registration forms will be available sometime next year, but get your lodging arranged now. **Club membership is required.**

Other Attractions

McMinnville is a beautiful town nestled in the heart of the Willamette Valley. It is known for the Evergreen Air and Space Museum, dozens of wineries, and shopping. You can spend an entire day at the Air and Space museums, or you can visit wineries on your own, or possibly take a wine tour (details are still being worked out). Portland is a 60-90 minute drive depending on traffic.

Activity fee and meals

The activity fee is still being determined. Breakfast is available at the hotel, and the club will be providing a basic breakfast, ride snacks, and happy hour for all tour guests at the RV Park club house. To allow flexibility for riders, the cost of mid-ride lunch stops are NOT included in the activity fee.

Coordinators

Bob & Janet Kendall and Phyllis Green are tour leaders for this event.

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21st Century Solar Eclipses: <http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/oregon/>

NASA Eclipse Web Site: <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2017Aug21Tgoogle.html>

Olde Stone Village RV Park: <http://www.oldestonevillage.com/>

Red Lion Inn: <http://www.redlion.com/mcminnville>

Good Sam Club Info: <http://www.goodsamclub.com>