



A Bicycle Guide Map for Kennewick, Pasco, Richland and West Richland, Washington

# CYCLING TRI-CITIES

## FAVORITE LOCAL RIDES

Suggested by Tri-City Bicycle Club

**CAUTION:** Please be advised that several of these routes utilize heavily traveled streets and intersections. There are difficult railroad crossings and dangerous bridges to cross, as well as steep grades and miles of desert riding. Proceed with caution. Thoroughly familiarize yourself with the routes before attempting to ride them. Consider your bicycling experience and your physical condition. Ride prepared.

**Sacagawea Heritage Trail Loop** 19 or 24 Mile Loop

Begin at Columbia Point Marina Park at Columbia Point. Travel under the I-182 Bridge and turn right onto the freeway trail. Travel the I-182 Bridge over the Columbia River and traverse down to Court Street. Follow the Court Street bike lane easterly (left) then turn right onto the pedestrian/bicycle path through Chiawana Park and along the river shore to Pasco. The pathway terminates at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. However BNSF Railroad has posted "no trespassing" on its track at that location, so it is recommended to leave the levee at Riverview Park (approx. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.) and travel north, past the little league fields to "A Street". Follow "A" Street east, and then proceed right on 12th Avenue to Washington. Follow Washington to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and recross the river into Kennewick via the Cable Bridge. It is expected that by 2008 the City of Pasco will complete the levee segment from 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Port of Pasco trailhead.

At the base of the Cable Bridge, follow the levee trail west along the Columbia River, passing under the SR 395 Blue Bridge, into Columbia Park. Traverse the length of the park via the Sacagawea Heritage Trail (some path segments available). At the primitive boat launch facility west of the entrance to Bateman Island, trail users must use the Columbia Park Trail street shoulders. Then follow Columbia Park Trail west to Ben Franklin Transit (after the summer of 2007 the City of Richland will have completed the new trail on top of the levee from Bateman Island to Ben Franklin Transit). From Ben Franklin Transit traverse the trail on the east side of SR-240 across the Yakima River Delta then follow the trail along I-182 back to Columbia Point Marina Park. (19-mile loop).

A longer, alternate route continues from Ben Franklin Transit westerly on the shoulder of Columbia Park Trail, then right onto Windmill Lane, continues to the cul-de-sac and onto the I-182 bicycle path. Follow the path going east across the Yakima River. Continue in an easterly direction to Jadwin Avenue then left over I-182, then right on Aaron Drive. Cross George Washington Way at Columbia Point Drive, then follow Columbia Point Drive to Marina Park. (24-mile loop).

**Richland Bike Tour** 12.3 miles

Begin this ride in Howard Amon Park at the east end of Leve Boulevard. Travel north through the park and onto the bike path paralleling the river. Continue north through Leslie Groves Park to Ferry Road. Continue west on Ferry Road to Harris Avenue. Turn right on Harris Avenue and head north to Sprout Street. Turn right on Sprout Street and rejoin the path near the river. Travel north on the path toward the Hanford 300 Area (approximately 2 miles) and return to Howard Amon Park by reversing the previous course.

**Yakima River Loop** 45 miles

As in the Richland Bike Tour, ride north from Howard Amon Park on the pathway paralleling the river. At the end of the pathway (Hanford 300 Area), turn left one block on Kinney Street, then right on Port of Benton Boulevard to Horn Rapids Road and turn left. Travel west on Horn Rapids then south on Kingsgate Way until it joins SR 240. Turn right onto SR 240 and continue past Horn Rapids Dam to the Benton City turn-off at SR 225. Turn left and ride past Horn Rapids Park and through Benton City. After crossing the Yakima River turn left onto SR 224. At the next intersection continue straight ahead on Kennedy Road for 7.5 miles, turning left at Duportal Road.

## BIKES ON BUSES

If you would like to ride a bus while traveling with your bicycle, you can do so at no added cost. Ben Franklin Transit has installed bike racks on all buses, providing a convenient way to bike-and-ride. You may load and unload your bicycle at any bus stop between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays. There is no Sunday or major holiday service. Schedules are such that transfers can be accomplished at transit centers or transfer points with minimal or no delay. For further information call BFT at 735-5100 or visit their website at www.bft.org.



At Wal-Mart, turn right on Queensgate Road, then cross over I-182 then left on Columbia Park Trail, left again at Windmill Lane and proceed to the I-182 bicycle path at the cul-de-sac. Follow the path easterly across the Yakima River, and over I-182. Cross Aaron Drive at Jadwin Avenue and continue north to Falley. Turn right on Falley and follow it to cross George Washington Way where Falley becomes Bradley Boulevard. Proceed a short distance on Bradley Boulevard then turn left on Amon Park Drive to Howard Amon Park.

**Clodfelter Road Loop** 43 miles

Leave Columbia Center from the west via Gage Boulevard to Leslie Road. Turn left and follow Leslie 2 miles to Clearwater Avenue near I-82. Cross Clearwater and traverse up Leslie to Clodfelter Road. Turn right on Clodfelter Road into the Horse Heaven Hills about eight miles and turn right on Plymouth Road. Turn left onto Sellards Road and proceed west 4.5 miles to Travis Road. Right on Travis 3.7 miles then angle right again on Weber Canyon Road. Proceed down Weber Canyon about 5 miles, then right onto Badger Road. Follow Badger nearly 13 miles, crossing under I-82, then left onto Leslie Road. Follow Leslie north 2 miles, then right on Gage Boulevard for the return to Columbia Center.

**Chiawana Park Loop** 9 miles

This loop begins in Chiawana Park in West Pasco. Follow the bike path easterly along the Columbia River levee to the trailhead near Road 39 and Riverhaven Street. Proceed westerly along Riverhaven to Road 44. Follow Road 44 north to Livingston. Turn left on Livingston and go west to Road 48. Turn right on Road 48 and proceed to Argent Road. At Argent Road, turn left and follow Argent to Road 88. Turn left on Road 88 and proceed south to the main entrance to Chiawana Park.

**Columbia Park Loop** 8 miles

Begin at the Family Fishing Pond in the east end of Columbia Park. Follow the bike path signs through the parking lot and around the flagpole circle heading west. Follow the path along the Columbia River to Columbia Park West Marina. Return to the fishing pond via the path or the bike lanes on Columbia Park Trail.

**Grosscup Road Loop** 18 miles

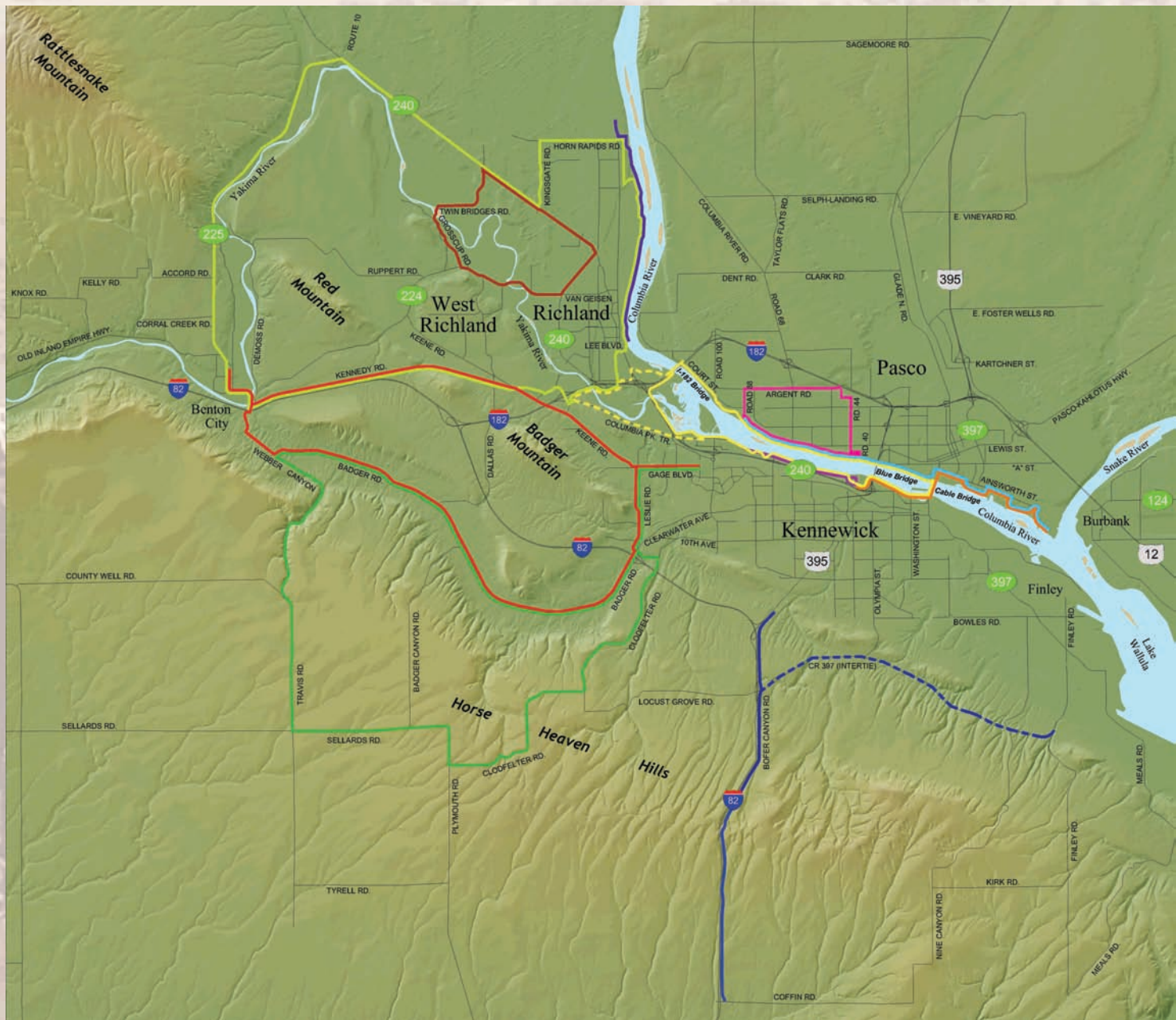
This ride originates in Richland at the SR 240/SR 224 (Van Giesen Street) park and ride lot. Follow Van Giesen Street west across the Yakima River and through downtown West Richland. Turn right at Grosscup Road. Take Grosscup along the canal and across the Yakima River Twin Bridges to SR 240. Turn right and follow SR 240 to the stoplight. Turn right and follow SR 240 southerly to Van Giesen Street. Turn right on Van Giesen then right on Terminal Drive to the park and ride lot.

**Columbia Park to Sacajawea State Park** 18 miles

Start at the Family Fishing Pond in the east end of Columbia Park. There is a bike path along the SR 240 /Blue Bridge interchange. Follow that path east under the SR 395 Blue Bridge, and proceed to the Cable Bridge along the levee trail, pass under the Bridge, then cross the Columbia River into Pasco on the Cable Bridge. Turn right onto Ainsworth Avenue, use the Charles Kilbury Overpass to cross the railroad tracks and follow the SR 397 shoulder, turn right at the bike path trailhead near the Port of Pasco. Follow the bike path along the Columbia River eastward to Sacajawea State Park Road. Turn right and follow this road into Sacajawea State Park. After touring the park, return by the same route. It is expected that by 2008 the City of Pasco will complete the levee segment between the Cable Bridge and the Port of Pasco trailhead.

**Columbia Center Mall to Benton City** 27 miles

Leave Columbia Center from the west via Gage Boulevard to Keene Road. Turn right (north) on Keene Road, continue west on Keene Road into West Richland and turn left onto Kennedy Road. Follow Kennedy Road all the way to SR 225 (7.5 miles) and turn right, crossing the Yakima River



(narrow bridge/no shoulder) into Benton City. From Benton City return south on SR 225, crossing under I-82. Continue south on Weber Canyon Road, then left onto Badger Road. Follow Badger Road to south Kennewick, crossing under I-82, then left on to Leslie Road. Proceed north on Leslie then right onto Gage Boulevard for the return to Columbia Center.

**Chiawana Park to Sacajawea State Park Loop** 18 miles

This ride begins in the east end of Chiawana Park (Road 88) at the boat ramp parking lot in west Pasco. Follow the bike path easterly along the Columbia River Levee to the end of the existing paved path near the Cable Bridge (approximately South 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Proceed north two blocks on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Ainsworth Avenue. Turn right onto Ainsworth Avenue heading east to the Big Pasco port sign and turn right at the bike path trailhead. Continue easterly along the path traversing through the Port of Pasco to Sacajawea Park Road. Turn right onto Sacajawea Park Road and proceed into Sacajawea Park. After enjoying the Park, return by the same route. It is expected that by 2008 the City of Pasco will complete the levee segment from 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Port of Pasco trailhead.

**Bofer Canyon Climb** 21 miles

Drive south on Union St. in Kennewick past Southridge High School to the Christenson Road exit on SR 395. Note: The Christenson Road crossing of SR 395 is not controlled by traffic lights and is not advisable for bicyclists. Park at the foot of Bofer Canyon Road just east of the freeway exit. Climb Bofer Canyon Road 2.25 miles to Cofer (County Road) 397. For the climb, continue on Bofer Canyon Road to Coffin Road, about 10.6 miles. The peak of the climb occurs at about 6.6 miles. Return to Christenson Road.

For an alternate ride, at CR 397, turn east (left), which travels 9.0 miles to Finley Road. Return to Bofer Canyon Road along the same road.

## Taptal Greenway Trail

The Taptal Greenway Trail is shown on the front of the map by a dotted orange line. The map indicates the trail starting east of the Channa Natural Preserve.

The Taptal Greenway Trail is a soft-surface, point-to-point linear trail that parallels the Yakima River. The Trail extends from Bateman Island at the confluence of the Yakima and Columbia Rivers in Richland, across the SR 240 causeway, through the Channa Natural Preserve, and through Johnson Park.

A second, disconnected five-mile segment of the Taptal Greenway Trail runs the length of Horn Rapids County Park northwest of Richland. While that segment is not shown on this map, it is accessible by taking SR 240 north to the intersection with SR 225, then taking SR 225 for 1/2-mile to the entrance of the park. Over ninety-five percent of the trail is packed dirt or wood chips, with occasional areas of pavement and soft sand. Other non-cycling users include hikers and equestrians.

The best trail accesses are from... Bateman Island: The TGT connects with the Sacagawea Heritage Trail, and can be accessed from the parking lot at Wye Park along Columbia Park Trail... Channa Natural Preserve: A parking area is at the Preserve entrance off of Jadwin Avenue... Duportal: Turning south onto Duportal Street from SR 240 leads to a parking area and access to the trail... WE Johnson Park: Turning south from SR 224 (Van Giesen Street) onto Hall Road leads to the parking area of the park.

## EQUIPPING YOUR BICYCLE



- A front head lamp which can be seen for 500 feet is required for night cycling, as is a rear reflector visible from 100 to 600 feet in the low beam headlights of an automobile. A front reflector is required at all times. Rear tail lights are readily available and an advisable option.

- Carry a basic tool kit consisting of the levers, patch kit, wrenches, screw drivers, Allen keys, needle nose pliers, pocket knife and spoke wrench, as well as a spare inner tube, rear brake cable and light bulbs.
- A chain and lock should always be carried.
- A handlebar or helmet mirror is a valuable tool for riders.
- Pay special attention to your brakes.

### Equipping Yourself

- Carry extra water and foul weather clothing.
- Wear sunglasses to protect eyes from bugs and ultra-violet rays.
- Wear a Snell, ANSL, or CPSC approved helmet.
- Wear bright colored clothing. Yellow or lime green is most visible. Increase your visibility by adding reflective tapes to your helmet and clothing. Pant clips will keep pant legs away from the bicycle chain.
- A rain cape or suit will keep you dry. A helmet cover is preferable to a hood, which can obstruct vision when you turn your head.
- Dress in layers so you can subtract or add garments to suit the temperature.

## RIDING SAFELY



This map is designed as an aid to safe bicycling in the Tri-Cities. Experiment with different options, making the route longer or shorter to fit your ability. Before starting a longer ride give your bicycle a thorough inspection, using the ABC-Quick Check method:

- A - check the tires for proper Air pressure.
- B - check the Brakes to ensure that they are able to lock up the wheels from a rolling stop.
- C - make sure the Chain is clean and properly lubricated.
- Quick - make sure the Quick Release levers (or wheel nuts) are tight.
- Check - Check the rest of the bike for loose parts, proper gear shifting, other needed adjustments and fix problems before you hit the road.

### Riding Defensively.



- Assume motorists don't see you! Keep your eyes on other drivers.
- Motorists are more likely to respect your right to share the roadway if you drive legally and predictably. Avoid weaving in and out of traffic.

- Be alert. Watch for debris on the roadway.
- Cross railroad tracks at right angles or walk your bicycle.
- Avoid grates and manhole covers.

- Never ride closer than three feet to a parked car. If you notice someone sitting in a car, move left or be prepared to stop. The car door may open.

### Turning Left Safely:



- Like an auto. Signal and move into left lane and turn left, or
- Like a pedestrian. Ride straight to the far side crosswalk, then walk your bike across.

### Avoiding Accidents



- Motorists' failure to yield the right-of-way causes 1/3 of all bike/car collisions. Don't be taken unprepared if a vehicle pulls out in front of you from a stop sign or a left turn. The best way to avoid accidents of this type is to ride in a straight line and stay where the motorist expects to see traffic. Make yourself visible by wearing brightly colored clothing. Make eye contact with drivers whenever possible to clarify your intent and also to verify their intent to yield.



- Cyclists' failure to yield accounts for the other major cause of car/bike collision. Don't ride out of driveways without stopping, run red lights and stop signs, or turn left in front of cars without checking for traffic.

- Do not pass cars on the right, especially at an intersection.

- Another problem is created by bicyclists who ride at night without lights. Make sure to use headlights and consider tall lights and other reflective material to increase your visibility.

- To avoid being hit from behind, become proficient at looking over your shoulder without swerving. Obtain a rear view mirror and use it regularly to check traffic.

- On freeways where bicycles are permitted, use only the shoulders and not the freeway travel lanes. Travel in the same direction as traffic. Take special care when crossing on and off ramps since cyclists are not expected there. Be sure to use hand signals.

### Riding Legally



As a bicyclist, you are entitled to all the rights of the road, but you must accept the responsibilities, too.

- NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC.**
- Obey all traffic lights, signs and other traffic control devices.
- Pull over if you are holding up five or more vehicles.



- Do not use sidewalks except where designated as a bicycle path.
- Maintain a safe speed on paths shared with pedestrians.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way; always yield to them.

- Restrictions:** Bicycles are not allowed on the SR 240 Yakima River bridge roadway or the SR 395 Columbia River bridge roadway. Bikes must use the side paths on these structures.



- Use hand signals for left turn, right turn, slow or stop. (Washington allows use of the right hand to signal a right turn for bicycles.)



- Water decreases braking efficiency, and wet pavement can be slick on turns. Railroad tracks and steel grades are also especially slick when wet.



- Even a friendly dog can be a hazard if he gets in front of your wheel or jumps up on you. Command the dog to "Go home!" in a loud, firm voice. If it doesn't respond, dismount and walk away slowly with the bicycle between you and the dog. To discourage a truly aggressive dog you may have to resort to throwing dirt or using a commercial spray deterrent (this should be done only as the last resort).

- The Tri-Cities' desert condition can easily cause the cyclist to dehydrate. Carry two water bottles and drink frequently.

- Use an adequate sunscreen to block excess exposure to ultraviolet rays from the hot desert sun. The most intense rays occur between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., May through October.

- Winds with gusts up to 35 miles an hour or more are a common occurrence in the Tri-Cities. Be sure to travel a safe distance from traffic in case a wind gust blows you.

- "Tackweed" or "Goathead" are small thorns found on a plant (*Tribulus terrestris*) common to our area. These pests can be a problem on city streets as well as on off-street paths. A rider could install metal "tire savers" under the caliper brake supports, use thorn-resistant tubes or Kevlar strips between the tube and tire or use Slime (a puncture sealant) in your wheels.



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