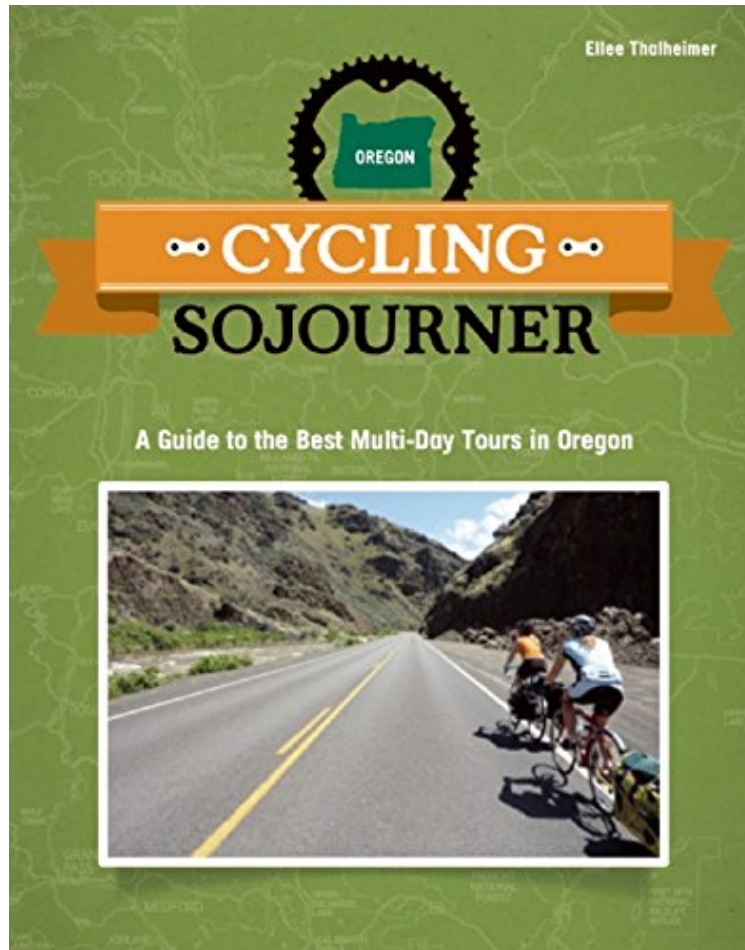


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Ellee Thalheimer : Cycling Sojourner: A Guide to the Best Multi-Day Bicycle Tours in Oregon (People's Guide) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cycling Sojourner: A Guide to the Best Multi-Day Bicycle Tours in Oregon (People's Guide):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great tripBy E. WrightI live in California and wanted to visit my friend in Eugene and then do a bicycle tour of Oregon. This book was great. I've planned a few of my own tours and know how much work it takes. Some of my own planned tours were great and some were not. I love following Elee's trip guide. I didn't really need to plan anything. Just pack, drive to Oregon, and do a fun and challenging tour.The trip I took was the Cascade Classic. It was so nice that I plan on doing the same trip again in two years. At Quinn River campground I was cooking dinner and another guy rode in on his nice bicycle. We shared the campsite and it turns out that he is a friend of Elee.If you buy the book and do the Cascade Classic trip (which I highly recommend) here are

some tips:*The Oakridge Hostel is now called the Lodge and Guesthouse. It is either an expensive hostel or a very reasonable bed and breakfast. But the \$43 was well worth it. Nice, clean, lock up bicycle in garage with tools and lubes for you to use, and wonderful homemade organic breakfast included.*Terwilliger Hot Springs Highly Recommended.*I spent two days in Bend, but probably could have stayed three and still loved it.*Stay away from Sisters (or Bend) during 2nd Saturday in July. Sisters hosts world famous quilt festival and is a hellhole. A town of 2,000 people is bulging with 30,000 visitors that weekend. I was even lucky to get a hotel room in Bend and just lucked out that a party of six people just cancelled their room reservation. I called 9 other hotels and they were all booked.If your riding from Eugene, then Belknap Hot Springs Resort is a nice place to camp before riding back to Eugene.9 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Not for CampersBy RebeccaI followed the route for the Cascade Classic in July 2014. A few things stood out: The author is clearly not a camper, and her campsite recommendations were terrible; The route directions as outlined in the book weren't always clear (or complete - one route section was actually missing half the day's route); One section of the route was so dangerous that, although sections of the trip were lovely, I would not recommend this route to anyone.Campsites: Some of the campsites were unsafe, and some were just 10 miles short of a much superior campground. For example, in Oakridge, we stayed at the recommended RV Park. The owners were lovely, but the "camping" area was right next to a walking path by the river. Throughout the evening and night, somewhat dodgy people were passing right by our tent. This is the first campground we've stayed at where we were seriously worried about being robbed. Ten miles into the next day's route, there was a lovely looking forest service campground. I wish we had ignored the author's recommendations and done our own research. According to locals, the forest service campground was also close to hot springs.The Quinn River campground was nice, but again, ten miles into the next day's route, there's a lovely campground by a lake with a view of the mountains in the background. The campground also has hot showers and a small general store. The recommended campground in Sister's is right in the middle of town, but five miles further down the road, there's a lovely forest service campground in a secluded location. For our first day on the route, we skipped the recommended campground and stayed at French Pete campground. It was nice. For the last day, we stayed at the Belknap hot springs and resort, which has tent camping, a lodge, and cabins, with hot showers and hot spring to boot.Organization: One of the reasons we missed all these great campgrounds, in addition to the fact that they weren't highlighted as places to stay, is that they were never listed as spots to stay for the nights we would have wanted to stay there; if they were listed at all, they were on the route map for the next day. So, basing my decisions on the recommendations in the book, I didn't realize that there were much better options just down the road. In addition, the Day Two (Oakridge to Quinn River) route directions are missing half of the route.Safety: Day two takes you up Hwy 58, over Willamette pass. I'm sure this section was included purely to link two lovely rides, but Hwy 58 is extremely unsafe for cyclists. I bike everyday, and have done many bike touring trips. This route section was the only time I have ever felt truly unsafe. The drivers are not friendly to cyclists. I felt that some went out of their way to pass close to us, with the thought that if they hit us, it would have been our fault. The worst part was a tunnel with one lane in each direction and no shoulder that the author made sound like no big deal. That tunnel was terrifying. Large semis passed us in the tunnel without slowing down. There was no shoulder for us to move onto, and they couldn't move over into oncoming traffic. I think it's really irresponsible both that this book is sending cyclists on this road and that it doesn't provide appropriate warning about the danger.Overall, I buy books like this in part for the route and in part for the recommendations. The recommendations for camping were very poor, and I would definitely want to do my own research rather than trusting the author, and though some sections of the route are gorgeous, the unsafe sections make me hesitant to follow the other routes in the book.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This guide will make you smileBy Paul SUsually travel books can be quite dry but the author has a great sense of humor and quite a flair for writing. I actually have a hard time putting it down. I bought this because we were originally planning on riding the coast this summer but after reading up on it we are now planning on doing the Cascade Loop with a lot of mountain biking on our "rest" days. There is a ton of info in this small book with lots of maps. I usually like planning my tours but since we won't have as much time as we would like for our vacation, I am glad to follow the advice of someone who really knows Oregon. Perhaps the only thing I would like to see is a few longer tours or maybe recommendations for linking some of the tours together.

Cycling Sojourner is the only dynamic bike travel guidebook in the market. It contains superior route information for multi-day Oregon bicycle tours and every travel detail a budding or experienced cycle tourist needs. Beyond facts, maps, cue sheets and lodging and camping information, the book reads like a friend giving you advice over a beer and is a muse to all who might have even the dustiest thought that a bike journey might lead them down a strange and wonderful road.This guide opens the door to a complete experience of Oregon from the saddle. It gives the lowdown on microbreweries, yoga studios, the best coffee shops, outdoor festivals, dinosaur museums, restaurant hot spots, hiking trails, fishing spots, cowboys hangouts, pinot noir tastings, and Crater Lake National Park. The routes explore ranges of snow-capped extinct volcanoes, river valleys laced with vineyards, wild rivers teeming with salmon and cities with some of the best cycling culture and infrastructure in the country.

The Smithsonian includes Cycling Sojourner in their "Off the Road" Great Reads list. The Oregonian | Laurie Robinson Thalheimer's new book, "Cycling Sojourner: A Guide to the Best Multi-Day Tours in Oregon," is full of tidbits beyond route descriptions. (The route descriptions are notable, though, for being on perforated paper, with the map on the other side, so you can easily tear them out to take on the road.) Thalheimer covers both ends of the spectrum from free BLM campgrounds to hotels with bike valet parking and pillow menus (i.e. the Oxford Hotel in Bend, where you get to choose what kind of pillow you like). She includes eight multiday routes, from a beginner-friendly route through Willamette Valley wine country to the lung-buster up Steens Mountain in southeast Oregon. Smithsonian | Alastair Bland Ellee Thalheimer, a yoga instructor and writer...has been laboring by pedal and pen to promote the thrilling and rewarding experience of bicycle touring...To extol the virtues of her home state as seen from a bicycle and to encourage others (who might be on the fence about bike touring, she says) to get on their own bikes and go, Thalheimer is now wrapping up a guidebook about cycle touring in Oregon, a project shes been researching for years. The book is due out this spring. Asked whether shes at all reluctant to tell the world about her favorite places, she said, I love seeing other cyclists when Im traveling. When two cycle tourists meet somewhere in the middle of nowhere, you immediately have something in common with that person, and you connect in a way that you never could in an urban area. Anyway, if we ever had a glut of cycle tourists in remote areas, I think the world would be a better place. 1859 Magazine Bound to motivate even the most seasoned cyclists. Author Ellee Thalheimer, freelance writer and master of everything bike-related, provides readers with a helpful tool for touring Oregon on two wheels. Heidi Swift | Editor at Large, Peloton Magazine Thalheimers outright love for cyclo-touring is palpable throughout this superbly researched book. Aside from the usual practical information youd expect, its packed with geographical and historical insights and sprinkled with bits of philosophical reflection that get at the why of touring, as well as the how. Cycling Sojourner captures the essence of Oregons most breathtaking two-wheeled adventures while providing rock-solid route information that takes the guesswork out of heading to the hills. Finally, Oregon has the cyclo-touring bible that it so deserves. Celeste Brash | Long-time contributor to Lonely Planet guidebooks and contributing author in Lonely Planets Pacific Northwest guide. Cycling Sojourner provides stellar nuts and bolts information to help you explore one of the most beautiful states in the country in the best way possible: by bike. What's more it's a great read with a tone that feels like Thalheimer is giving you advice over a post-ride beer. After the hills, the fixed flats and nights under starry mountain skies, you'll feel like she's your good friend . . . at which point you'll probably want to go and get her other excellent book on cycling Oregon. Jonathan Mauss | BikePortland Another reason Im excited for this book is because it caters to the two types of bike travelers those on a budget, and those seeking a more luxurious experience. I also love how its chock-full of insider tips about where to camp, eat, and other extracurricular activities. Oh, and did I mention Thalheimers research and writing of the book were sponsored by Cycle Oregon and Travel Oregon? Earl Blumenauer, Oregon Representative, U.S. Congress Ellee Thalheimers love of bicycle touring is evident in her acute observations and useful information on Oregons varied landscapes, towns, attractions, and surprises. This book makes a compelling case for discovering the beauty and grandeur of Oregon on two wheels. Jim Sayer, Executive Director of the Adventure Cycling Association I have biked all over the great state of Washington and it is truly a cyclist's paradise, from the San Juan Islands to the Cascades to the wide open vistas of the Palouse. Thalheimer provides a uniquely useful guide to all the opportunities that await you -- and better yet, she acts as a convivial, detail-oriented bike concierge who gives you insight into the best multi-day loop tours in the state, local culture, and the most delicious places to eat, drink, and see the sights. Elly Blue | author of Everyday Bicycling and Bike Economics Cycling Sojourner sets a new, high bar for travel guide books. This series will change your life and help you change the world at the same time. If you can ride a bicycle, you can go on a bike tour and you'll likely find it to be an unmatched pleasure. Get out there and ride! Laura Crawford and Russ Roca | Path Less Pedaled Like a secret handshake, Cycling Sojourner Washington unlocks the best inside knowledge, inviting you to explore the kinds of landscapes and communities that make bike touring the best way to travel. Matt Picio, Founder and President of Cycle Wild Cycling Sojourner is possibly the best non-how-to cycle touring book I've ever seen. Good tone, excellent info, great routes. Thalheimer really did her research. If you want some great tours in Oregon, whether in a tent or in a hotel or BB, you WANT a copy of this book. Jerry Norquist, Executive Director of Cycle Oregon Oregon has some of the best bike rides in the world and Cycling Sojourner provides us with a way to enjoy them. In a world filled with great cycling, I keep coming back to Oregons superior routes. Ellees new book will expose these jewels to a world audience. Thanks, Ellee! Peter Zheutlin | author of Around the World on Two Wheels: Annie Londonderrys Extraordinary Ride If youre planning a bike trip anywhere in Oregon there are only three things you absolutely, positively must have besides your wheels: a well-equipped tool kit, a positive attitude and Ellee Thalheimers meticulously assembled Cycling Sojourner. Ryan Ver Berkmoes | longtime author, Lonely Planet Publications The next best thing to riding with Ellee is riding with her in this fabulous book! She explores every beautiful corner of Oregon and gives the advice nobody else dares to give. Chris Horner | professional racer for UCI Continental team Oregon is a great place to ride a bike, with fantastic scenery, wonderful roads, and friendly people. Everyone who lives here or comes to visit, quickly learns that this is an amazing place to be a cyclist, and Cycling Sojourner will be a very useful tool for riders looking for the inside scoop on some of Oregons great cycling routes. Dave Guettler | owner at River City Bicycles Cycling Sojourner

produces the desired effect: after reading it, I'm planning a family bike tour of Southern Oregon for this summer. The book makes it easy to do either camping tours or our family favorite, credit card touring. Josh Cohen | The Bicycle Story Thalheimer has done her research and never seems to skip out on the details. Each route gets almost 30 pages devoted to it. The chapters are teeming with URLs that provide the reader with most everything they could need while riding. Her tips and tricks range from safety conscious where to find cell coverage and when to stock up on extra water to fun and luxurious where to rent a kayak and how to successfully navigate a wine tasting. Adventure Junkies Ellee points out the simple truth, if you have a bicycle and know how to ride it, you are ready to start preparing for a tour. From the adventurous beginner to the epically inclined, there is a tour for everyone in this book. The routes have been categorized to help you choose the best ones for your riding level, the season and length of your tour. Russ Roca and Laura Crawford | The Path Less Pedaled Cycling Sojourner is like bike touring with a witty fellow bike nerd who is full of enough lively anecdotes to keep you entertained but enough information to keep you from getting lost. Whether you're planning a weekend bicycle get away or a multi-day fully loaded tour, Ellee's book is worth the weight in your pannier! Cycling Sojourner has set the bar high for other bike touring guides and it will no doubt join the ranks of other seminal bike touring books. Save yourself the hours of researching about bike touring in Oregon and get this book and start pedaling! Travelling Two We liked a lot of things about this book. For the person who wants detailed route advice, there are good maps and turn-by-turn cue sheets. The friendly, easy-going tone is also a plus. It's helpful without being preachy and includes plenty of handy and inspiring tips for bike touring newbies. Oregon was already a great bike touring destination before this book came out. Now, a few more of its secrets and most attractive rides are even easier to access. Nice work, Ellee! The Adventure Blog Cycling Sojourner is definitely a must read for anyone planning a cycling trip through Oregon, which is obviously who this book is going to appeal to the most. But there is also quite a bit of good practical advice for cycling in general here as well. If you're planning a long distance bike trip, you can still find some good information to aid you along on your journey as well."