



# — RAW FLASH —

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FIVE

SEABECK  
TO  
BRINNON

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

### WEDNESDAY

Dinner in Seabeck 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Brief rider meeting 7 p.m.  
Quiet time 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m.  
Load luggage & chairs onto luggage truck 6 - 7:45 a.m.  
Route opens in Seabeck 6:30 a.m.  
Riders should be on the road by 8 a.m.



## THURSDAY'S RIDE - DAY 5 ROUTE

Today we ride an almost-loop that ends three miles from where we started. If your bike has a kayak mode, you can beat everyone else to camp! But if you're riding on land, we'll be going over a plateau with lakes, along a fjord and past oyster beds.

# Points of Interest

## KITSAP PENINSULA

We start the day by ascending to the top of a plateau on the Kitsap Peninsula, riding through the Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests, and near the west slopes of Gold Mountain and Green Mountain, which at 1,761 feet and 1,639 feet, respectively, are the highest points in Kitsap County. The eastern half of Gold Mountain is also the watershed for the city of Bremerton.

## BELFAIR & HOOD CANAL

At mile 16, we pass through the town of Belfair, and begin riding along Hood Canal, a 50-mile fjord that extends from Puget Sound. Geologists believe it is about 13,000 years old, having been carved out during the last ice age. It was named after Admiral Lord Samuel Hood by Captain George Vancouver of the Discovery, who led the first British expedition to the area in 1792. Because it's not man-made, it's not really a canal, and there's some debate whether Vancouver meant it to be named "Hood's Channel."

## SKOKOMISH RIVER & SKOKOMISH INDIAN RESERVATION

After passing through the small town of Union at mile 32, we cross the Skokomish River, the most flood-prone river in Washington state and the largest river to flow in to Hood Canal. At the same time, we pass through the Skokomish Indian Reservation, the name coming for the word for "river people" in the Twana language. The Skokomish people were historically hunters, fishers and gatherers who led a nomadic

lifestyle during the warmer months, while living in more permanent homes in the winter.

## HIGHWAY 101

Turning on to highway 101 at mile 37, we pass through Potlatch, named after a Native American gift-giving feast, then Hoodsport, which is renowned among SCUBA divers as a good staging area to view giant Pacific octopuses. Next is Lilliwaup, where explorer John O'Neill began an expedition in June 1890 to find a practical route from Hood Canal to the Pacific Ocean. He found no such route, but part of his group did succeed in the first recorded ascent of Mount Olympus. He reached Hoquiam in October 1890. Later, he advocated for the creation of a national park. At mile 58, we pass Camp Robbinswold, a 570-acre Girl Scout camp. The week of RAW, the theme there is "Mermaids, Unicorns and Dragons!" so you might try singing a musical number from The Little Mermaid as you ride by and see what happens.

## BRINNON

Brinnon, population 800, is home to Dosewallips State Park, a fresh and salt water park where we'll camp for the night. The park offers opportunities for clam-diggers, anglers, and birders - look out for bald eagles and blue herons along the shore. It's also home to Camp Parsons, the oldest Boy Scout camp west of the Mississippi, founded in 1919. It contains the Fort Duckabush Museum, which details the history of the camp.

