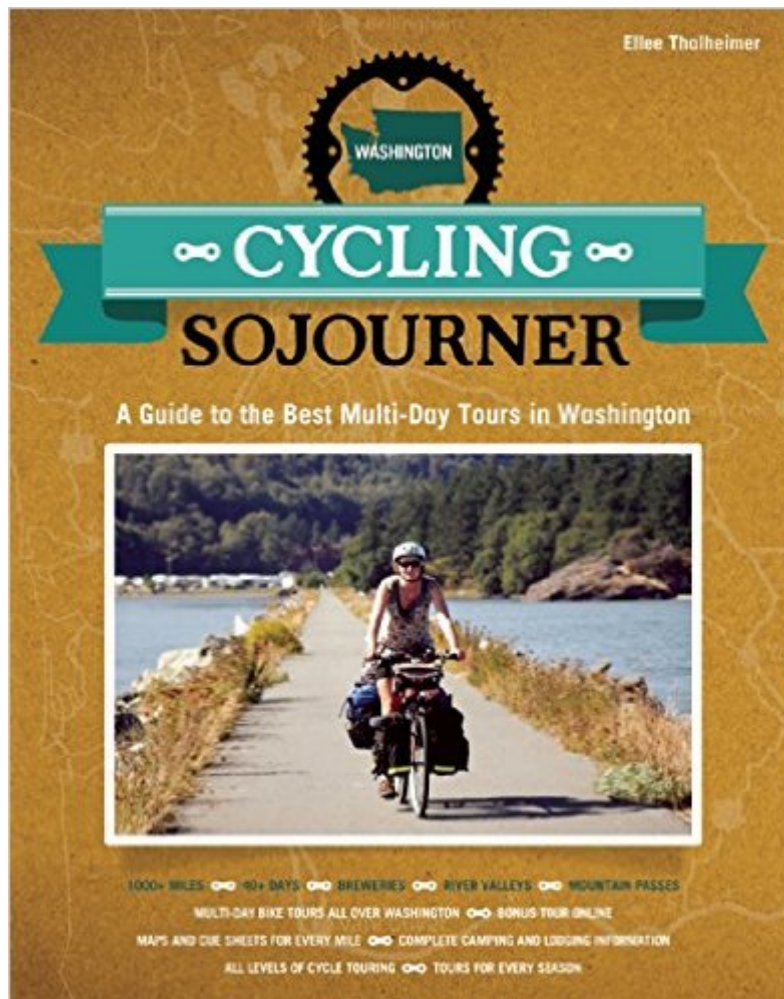


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# Cycling Sojourner: A Guide To The Best Multi-Day Bicycle Tours In Washington (People's Guide)



## Synopsis

Cycling Sojourner is a one-of-a-kind cycle touring guidebook series. The Washington book reveals hard-to-find information about exploring the state by bike. Learn about the state's remotest ribbons of road in the Okanogan, the best bikeable berry stands in the San Juans Islands, luscious Walla Walla wine country vineyards best reached by bicycle, and routes across the Cascade Mountain Range that will transform you into an interminable lover of the Pacific Northwest. Like a cycle-touring concierge, Cycling Sojourner takes care of the logistics and removes obstacles between you and your two-wheeled adventure, so you can grab your bike and go. The nine tours in the book are meticulously laid out and include cue sheets; maps; and information about weather, difficulty level, camping and lodging options, and how to get to the ride's start. Yet, the soul of the book lies in the voices of Thalheimer and the four contributing Washingtonian authors who use storytelling, local history, and humor to elevate the book beyond just an everyday guidebook to an inspirational muse that draws out your inner adventurer.

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I'm not much of a cyclist, but I am interested in what routes are available in my region especially for visitors, and there is a major map error for the route through the Okanogan region in this guide. Hopefully the author eventually notices this review and makes a correction in the next edition. Otherwise this book seems very well put together, and covers a nice range of tours through a diversity of regions around the state. The error I'm referring to is on the map for day 1 (p.213). The

map shows the route leaving Tonasket and heading up the Airport Rd to Holmes Rd to reach the Loomis-Oroville Rd., but this isn't the route. The Airport Rd is okay (although gravel) but Holmes Rd is dirt and private, posted "no trespassing" and behind a locked gate. The next page lists the actual mileage and directions correctly (staying on the old Hwy 7 to the Loomis-Oroville Rd.) and makes no mention of the Airport (dead-end variation). The rest of the tour's maps are accurate. The only other things I'd add are a possible detour to Molson before getting to Chesaw on day 2 (with its great summer season's 7 day a week museum in the old school house and year-round outdoor museum) which is well worth a visit for history buffs, and the free camping along the Kettle River (at tiny Beal Park just a mile or so after the Job Corps turn-off). The route on day 3 can probably be changed from Hwy 21 to the newly paved rail-trail path (which is being paved along Curlew Lake as I write this). Also on day 4 (the final stretch from Republic to Tonasket) there is possible camping along Hwy 20 on Forest Service land at Sweat Creek (free undeveloped camping at the trailhead to either Clakamas Mtn to the north, or Fir Mtn to the south), which is about a third of the way from Republic to Wauconda.

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