Itinerary and Route Options

Ride to RIMS 2020 - Santa Fe to Denver
From the start in Santa Fe, for the first two days only, the tour group has the option of following a more mountainous route, immediately heading out onto the high plains or a more moderate (less climbing) route. Route options for Days 1 & 2, originating from Santa Fe, and leaving from Taos, are shown below. You will be given the option to choose when you register. The group will adopt whichever option (A or B) was chosen most amongst all participants. After Day 2, the tour follows a single route (no options) through the mountains and high plains to its end-point in Centennial, CO, just outside of Denver. In its entirety, the route is one that Lizard Head Cycling uses often on its cycling tours in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

NOTE: Sag support is offered and daily mileage totals can be adjusted (lowered), if necessary.

Day 0 - Sat. April 25: Preregistered participants fly into Albuquerque, NM. Riders make their own hotel reservations at the Courtyard Marriott Albuquerque Airport. A mandatory pre-tour meeting will be held at 6PM that evening to review the tour plan, inspect bicycles, fit rental bikes, and get ready for Day 1.

Tour starts at 8 AM sharp Sunday morning.

Day 1 - Sun. April 26 - Option A: Ride I-25 frontage road to the High Plains from Santa Fe
Day 1 - Sun. April 26 - Option B: Santa Fe to Taos via the "High Road"

Day 2 - Mon. April 27 - Option A: Taos to Raton (starts in the mountains & then leaves)
Day 2 - Mon. April 27 - Option B: (stays in the mountains): Taos to San Luis

Day 3 - Tue. April 28: (staying in the mountains): San Luis to Walsenburg

Day 4 - Wed. April 29: (staying near the mountains): Walsenburg to Florence

Day 5 - Thu. April 30: Florence to Deckers, Colorado

Day 6 - Fri. May 1: Deckers to Centennial, Colorado

NOTE: Following Day 6’s ride, cyclists make their own hotel reservation at the ending hotel in Centennial or conference hotel in Denver (TBD).

Do the Bump! Lizard Head Cycling provides daily mileage options that allow cyclists of varying abilities to enjoy our tours. One of our favourite options is to give cyclists a “bump” via the support vehicle. A bump is a 10 to 20-mile lift down the road representing an hour of pedal time. After the bump the rider is now “off the front” and riding at his or her own pace without feeling they are being left behind the group. It allows riders to linger and take in the spectacular scenery. When the support vehicle arrives cyclists can take another bump or continue riding.

Slow or Fast? What Level Cyclist are You?

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