



Ride Planning

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Agenda



- ❑ Planning your trip
- ❑ Tools
- ❑ Rushmore GPS (2014+)
- ❑ Shipping your bike
- ❑ Q & A



Planning Your Trip

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- ❑ Decide where you want to go and what you want to do
- ❑ Duration – day, weekend, week, week+
 - Longer the trip, more collaboration with other riders
- ❑ Scenic vs. destination (e.g. Sturgis)
 - Destination Highways (B.C., WA, Northern CA)
 - H-D events, dealers
 - USGS Park passes - \$80, \$10 62+, Free perm disability
 - Online search – “motorcycle touring”, “motorcycle trip planning”
- ❑ GPS vs. hard maps (on-the-fly changes, scenic roads, etc.)
- ❑ Hotel vs. camping
 - Consider budget, convenience, safety
 - Best Western (bike wash, laundry)
- ❑ How many people are going, travel preferences and experience level?
- ❑ Planned fuel stops after 150 miles
- ❑ Planned rest stops after 90-120 minutes depending on riding conditions

Considerations



- ❑ Consider stopping within one hour of a meal stop
- ❑ Recommend stopping more frequent for:
 - Heavy rain
 - Extreme heat and cold
 - Why? People get tired faster with extreme weather elements
- ❑ Recommend not riding more that two hours at a time
- ❑ Consider gas stations over rest stops so people can cool down, warm up, purchase food & drink, fuel up, restrooms
- ❑ Try to find lodging where restaurants are within walking distance
- ❑ Plan to be at your destination by 3pm at the latest. This allows time for unexpected events (e.g. construction delays, photo stops, bike issues, etc.)



Tools

What Tools are Available?



- ❑ GPS Software (Basecamp, Tom Tom, Magellan etc.)
 - Pros: most accurate for your GPS, POI, stops, durations, itinerary
 - Cons: Not necessarily user friendly, may require device connection

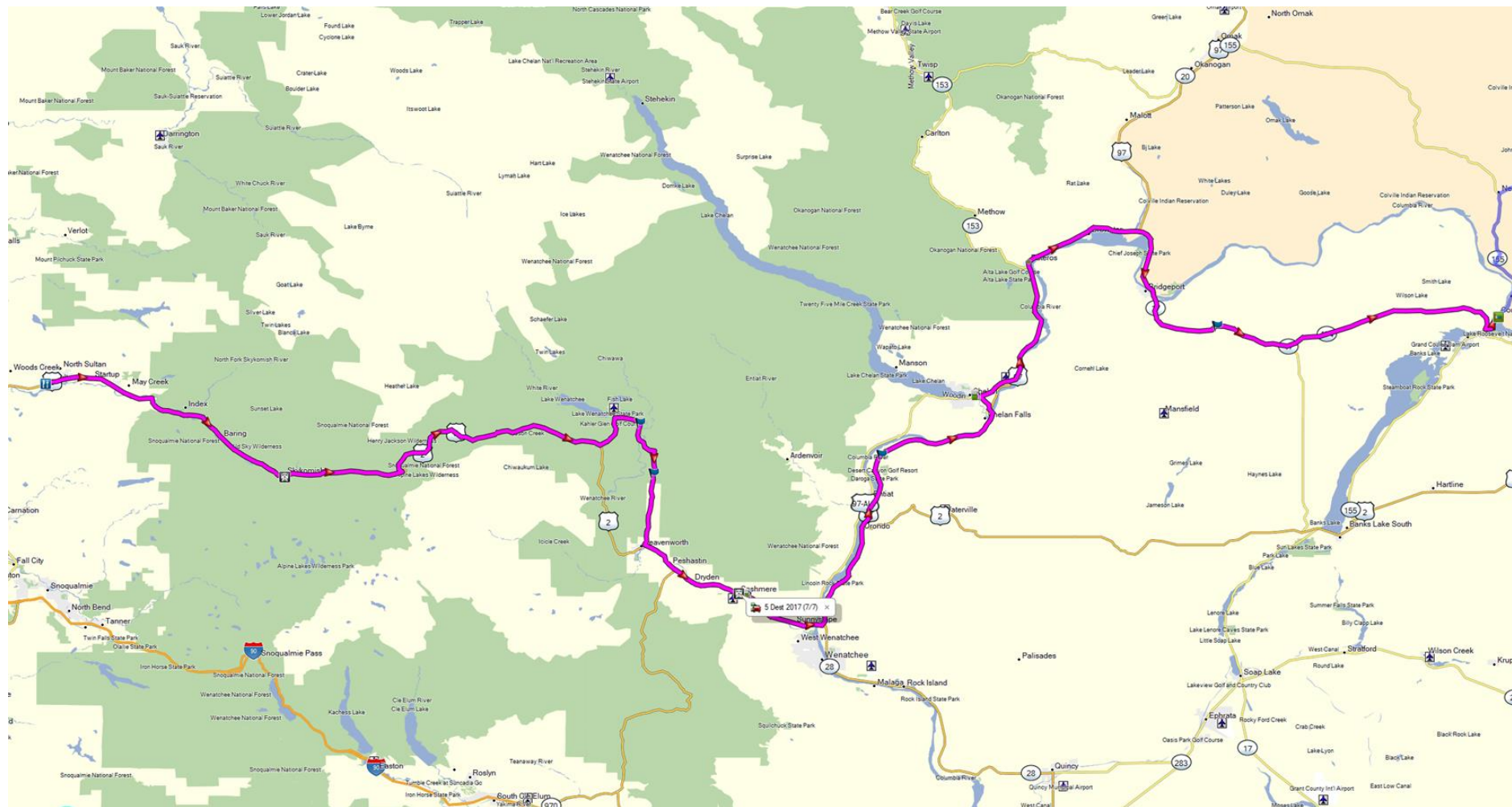
- ❑ Free Online mapping programs such as Mapquest, Bing, Google
 - Pros: Free, easy to use
 - Cons: no GPX file, POI, stops, durations

- ❑ Free Online Planning Software
 - Harley-Davidson Ride Planner
 - Pros: Easy to use, POI, HD dealers
 - Cons: doesn't give you time between stops, durations. Very limited.
 - Tyre
 - Pros: Creates Tom-Tom or Garmin GPX files. Ride itinerary. Integrates Google maps and search.
 - Cons: Non-intuitive user interface, can't add durations, hard to find stop locations.

- ❑ Others: Streets & Trips (discontinued), Trackmaker, EasyGPS, etc.

- ❑ Note – when using any GPS software other than from your GPS manufacturer, the routes might change due to algorithm differences. Besure to double check your GPS route!

Basecamp Example



Basecamp Example



Symbol	Via Point Name	Distance	Time	Total Distance	Total Time
	{B} Sultan Bakery (Ride Start) <u>Depart: 7/7/2017 9:00 AM</u>				
	{TD} Skykomish (Bonus) <u>Arrive: 9:34 AM , Depart: 10:34 AM , Layover: 1:00</u>	27.20 mi	35 min	27.2 mi	35 min
	Beaver Valley Rd <u>Arrive: 11:26 AM</u>	42.37 mi	51 min	69.6 mi	2 h, 26 min
	Chumstick Hwy <u>Arrive: 11:43 AM</u>	8.07 mi	17 min	77.6 mi	2 h, 43 min
	{TD} Cashmere <u>Arrive: 12:23 PM , Depart: 12:53 PM , Layover: 0:30</u>	19.57 mi	40 min	97.2 mi	3 h, 23 min
	{F} Chevron - Cashmere <u>Arrive: 12:57 PM , Depart: 1:27 PM , Layover: 0:30</u>	0.90 mi	4 min	98.1 mi	3 h, 57 min
	US 97 <u>Arrive: 2:03 PM</u>	30.34 mi	36 min	128 mi	5 h, 3 min
	{R} Chevron - Chelan <u>Arrive: 2:25 PM , Depart: 2:55 PM , Layover: 0:30</u>	16.22 mi	23 min	145 mi	5 h, 26 min
	Pateros <u>Arrive: 3:18 PM</u>	18.74 mi	23 min	163 mi	6 h, 19 min
	Hwy 17 <u>Arrive: 3:50 PM</u>	28.57 mi	32 min	192 mi	6 h, 50 min
	Coulee House Inn & Suites (2017) <u>Arrive: 4:29 PM</u>	30.59 mi	39 min	223 mi	7 h, 30 min

Rushmore GPS



- ❑ Found to work well
- ❑ Keep your Infotainment and GPS software current
- ❑ Ensure you add plenty of waypoints
- ❑ Break up into smaller segments – I use days
- ❑ Select the next waypoint, not “Start” or the destination, if you’re in the middle of a route
 - Touching start will cause the GPS to keep recalculating your route to the beginning
 - Using any other forward waypoint other than the next one will cause the GPS to reroute you to that point vs. follow the planned route.
- ❑ Know where you’re going!



Shipping

Shipping Your Bike – How To



- ❑ Get a quote. What you'll need:
 - Origin and destination of transport
 - Departure date
 - Type of motorcycle
 - Does the fuel tank need to be empty?
 - Service type : door-to-door or terminal-to-terminal
 - Insurance (more on this later)
 - Understand all fees including if there are crating/uncrating charges, fuel surcharge, etc.

- ❑ Prepare your bike
 - Wash it to make it easier to see any damage prior to shipment
 - Remove all personal and valuable items
 - Deactivate alarms if possible so they don't go off during transport
 - Verify all items in/on the bike are secure
 - Get an inventory of your bike
 - Take pictures!

Shipping Your Bike – How To



- ❑ Picking up bike
 - Inspect carefully for any damage
 - Take pictures for insurance purposes
 - Review the bike inventory to ensure everything is still there
 - If shipped to an H-D dealer, be there to inspect it upon arrival

- ❑ Other considerations
 - Check the insurance to make sure it will cover your bike including add-ons!
 - Crated or not.
 - Door-to-door or central terminal
 - For door-to-door, make sure that a large 18-wheeler can navigate the area
 - Extra cost
 - Risk – damage, loss

Shipping Info



Shipper	Web	Phone
Haul Bikes ⁽¹⁾	www.haulbikes.com	888-428-5245
Shippingmasters	www.shippingmasters.com	866-383-1307
Heritage Motorcycle Shipping	www.heritagemotorcycleshipping.com	800-615-3011
JC Motors	www.motocycleshippers.com	800-730-3151
Freightcenter.com	www.freightcenter.com	800-716-7608
Federal Motorcycle Transport ⁽²⁾	www.funtransport.com/harley-davidson	866-848-5089
Claridon (International)	www.claridon.com	888-212-5294

Notes:

1) Not recommended



Web Links

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- ❑ Destination Highways
 - <http://www.destinationhighways.com/>
- ❑ H-D Events
 - http://www.harley-davidson.com/en_US/Content/Pages/Events/events.html
- ❑ H-D Ride Planning –
 - http://www.harley-davidson.com/en_US/Content/Pages/Plan-Your-Ride/plan.html
- ❑ US Park Pass
 - <http://store.usgs.gov>
- ❑ Motorcycle Roads NW
 - <http://www.roadsnw.com/>
- ❑ RoadRUNNER Motorcycle Touring & Travel
 - <http://www.roadrunner.travel/find/tours>
- ❑ Eagle Rider
 - <http://www.eaglerider.com/motorcycle-tours.aspx>
- ❑ Tripit Motorcycle Websites –
 - <http://www.tripit.com/destinations/11-excellent-motorcycle-trip-planning-websites/>
- ❑ Tyre
 - <http://www.tyretotravel.com/>



Q & A