

# Let's go for a bike ride at the Route of the Hiawatha August 19 & 20, 2020



**The Route of the Hiawatha** is one of only 15 trails across the United States to receive the Rails-to-Trail designation. Begin your odyssey in Montana and immediately plunge into the first tunnel to surface in Idaho, where you'll stay for the rest of your historic wanderings. The Route of the Hiawatha may very well be the pride of America when it comes to biking trails. The trail is studded with ten tunnels (the longest is 8771 feet long), seven trestles (the highest is 850 feet long and 230 feet high), dozens of educational signs, thousands of trees and animals, and hundreds of.... Well, hopefully you get the picture. And while numbers don't lie, they also can't come close to describing the beauty and grandeur of this Montana/Idaho classic biking route.

All bike riders can enjoy the Hiawatha trail. It follows the path of the Milwaukee Road and you can ride without concern about your biking skills or experience.

This is a 14 mile downhill bicycle ride on a 1% grade through tunnels and over trestles to the shuttle stop. A leisurely shuttle ride provides your return to the trail head! The round-trip bike and shuttle ride will take about 4 hours.

## **The outline for this Newcomers Excursion includes the following:**

### **August 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Depart Bozeman at about 8 am and travel to Missoula where we will enjoy a no host lunch at Missoula's famed Out-To-Lunch event with entertainment and several food trucks options.

We will visit “A Carousel for Missoula” for a ride on their hand carved carousel horses and chariots and receive a carousel gift. Our next stop will be at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for a quick film about this influential organization and visit their wildlife museum. Then we will travel to Wallace, Idaho for a tour in the historic underground mine with a trolley ride as well. Our evening will be at the Wallace Inn and a (no host) dinner.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Rise and shine early for an eventful day beginning with (no host) breakfast (7:30 am), bike rental pick-up, trail ride, return shuttle, lunch, and return home by about 8:30 pm.

**This excursion includes the following:**

A ride on “A Carousel for Missoula” and a free gift,  
Entertainment at Out-To-Lunch,  
The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation visit,  
The underground mine and trolley tour in Wallace, Idaho,  
Lodging (taxes & fees) at the Wallace Inn,  
Bike, helmet & head lamp rental,  
Trail & shuttle passes,  
Box lunch on August 20<sup>th</sup>,  
Water and trail snacks, and  
Transportation (gas money).

**The cost** is \$270 per person double occupancy in Wallace, Idaho.  
Single supplement \$95 per person. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Your reservation requires a \$130 nonrefundable deposit. If you must cancel, we will attempt to fill your spot from a wait list. If we are able to fill your spot a refund will be offered. Final payment payable on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up [on-line](#) where you will be able to note single or double occupancy / roommate, drive.

Once completed mail your deposit check payable to GVNC for \$130 to Karen Liechty, 217 Stubble Lane, Belgrade, MT 59717.

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