

## **BIKE TOURS**

### **British Columbia is a Beautiful Place to Ride**

A SBC Touring Committee has been designing a potential “loop” tour leaving from Nelson, B.C. (pictured above) and tentatively scheduled for July 17 to 23. The committee needs to hear from those interested in this tour before proceeding to the next step of commitment.



The committee is proposing the following schedule for this SAG supported tour: Day One, Monday, July 17: Travel to and explore Nelson (approximately 150 miles). Day Two, Tuesday, July 18: Bike from Nelson to Kaslo on Kootenay Lake (approximately 43 miles). Day Three, Wednesday, July 19: Bike from Kaslo to New Denver on Slocan Lake (approximately 29 miles). Day Four, Thursday, July 20: Bike from New Denver to Winlaw (approximately 32 miles). Day Five, Friday, July 21: Bike back to Nelson. Day Six (optional), Saturday, July 22, drive to and explore Cranbrook (144 miles) and ride a paved section of Canada’s “Great Trail.” It is an 18-mile paved section so riders can choose how many miles they want to ride. Day Seven, Sunday, July 23, return to Spokane (approximately 188 miles).

Similar to last summer’s Oregon Coast Ride, we are trying to accommodate both campers and motel riders. It is designed for “moderate level” riders. Approximate cost of the tour is \$200 (covers SAG trailer, SAG volunteer accommodations, SAG vehicle gas and related). It is the same cost regardless of whether you choose the optional days or not.

Of course, there will be a list of activities to engage in when not riding, like soaking in the Ainsworth Hot Springs, exploring the Kokanee Glacier, swimming in Kootenay and Slocan Lakes, etc.

Our route is a copy, albeit with less miles per day, of the annual PAGE (Pedal Around a Glacier) ride scheduled for June 3 and 4 in Nelson.

Let Scott know if you are interested ([cshellws@comcast.net](mailto:cshellws@comcast.net)) or (509-954-6788). A cap of 15 riders is being considered.