

Belt – Fort Benton Ride

Helena Bicycle Club

Dates: Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st

Description:

A two-day weekend ride with an overnight stay at the Grand Union Hotel in Ft. Benton.

Saturday ride is Belt to Ft. Benton.

Sunday ride is the return, Ft. Benton to Belt.

The group will meet in Helena at 8:30am – gathering at Four Georgians Elementary School to coordinate any carpooling.

We will depart for Belt at approximately 8:45, arriving at approximately 10:45am.

We have been granted permission to leave cars parked in the parking lot of the Belt School on Park Dr..

Estimated ride departure from Belt will be 11:30am.

The Saturday ride is 38 miles to Ft. Benton, with an overall elevation loss of 929 ft.

We will leave town on Belt Creek Rd., which follows Belt Creek. This becomes Highwood Rd. in approximately 9 miles. This brings us to Highway 80 right before the bridge over the Missouri into Ft. Benton. The Grand Union Hotel sits right along the Missouri within a block of the bridge. Most of the roads have minimal shoulder, but low traffic counts. There will not be any aid stations or sag vehicles. You must be able to carry all of your necessary supplies for an overnight.

The return ride will follow the same route in reverse.

Those who want, can make reservations for dinner that night at the Grand Union Hotel – they have a lovely restaurant. You can check out the menu at <https://www.grandunionhotel.com/> Other options in town include The Banque, Haze's Kitchen, and the Clubhouse VFW Post.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Grand Union Hotel (under Helena Bicycle Club) Anyone who wants to participate needs to reserve their own room and coordinate room sharing. Rooms with one bed are \$140 and rooms with two beds are \$155. Rooms will be held until one month prior to the event.

<https://www.grandunionhotel.com/>

What to do if you are interested:

1. Invite a friend.
2. Call the Grand Union Hotel at (406) 622-1882 to reserve your room (coordinate your own room-sharing please)
3. If you wish to eat Saturday dinner at the Grand Union, make that dinner reservation as well. Book your dinner reservation time for 6:30. If there are enough of us, we may be able to book their party room.

4. Contact Gretchen Krumm and let her know that you are participating and whether or not you have made dinner reservations at the Grand Union. (bgkrumm@bresnan.net)
5. Put it on your calendar!

What to Bring:

Water and snacks for the road

Sunscreen

Eye protection

Riding gear appropriate to the weather or surprise weather (rain gear)

Overnight toiletries

Change of clothes for dinner

Overnight sleepwear