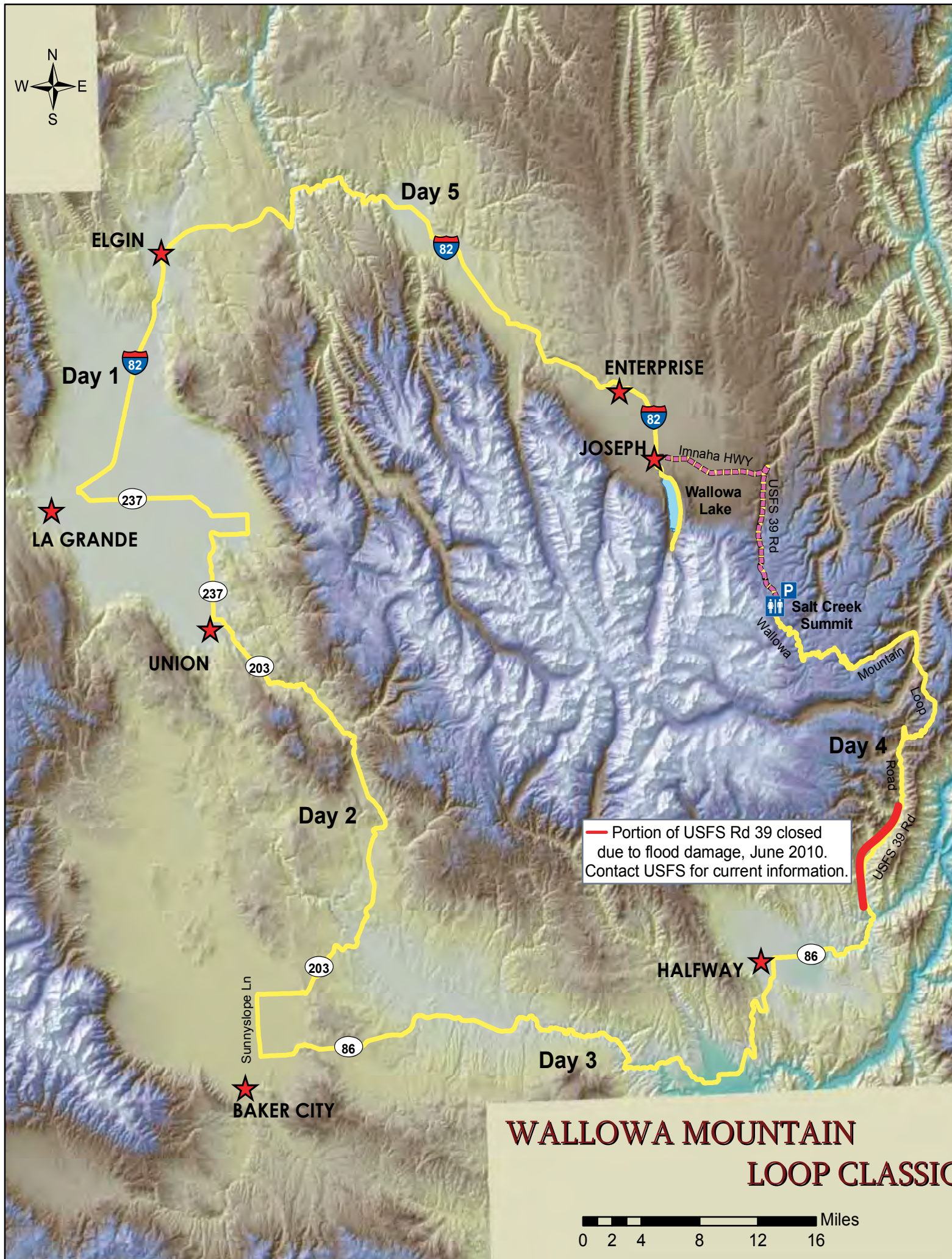


## TIPS FOR SAFE RIDING

- ◆ Ride defensively.
- ◆ Always ride with the normal flow of traffic.
- ◆ Obey all traffic signs.
- ◆ Stop off of the roadway.
- ◆ Ride single file when vehicles are present.
- ◆ Use hand signals to indicate turns or stops.
- ◆ Watch for cars at driveways and intersections.
- ◆ If you encounter horses or cattle, clear the roadway and follow instructions from the riders or herders.
- ◆ Carry enough water.
- ◆ Mind the weather: be aware of thunderstorms, wet road surfaces, or excessive heat.
- ◆ Wear bright or light colored clothing with reflective materials.
- ◆ After dark, use a white light visible from 500 feet in front; use a red light visible from 600 feet in the rear.
- ◆ Wear a helmet. Required for cyclists 16 years and younger; recommended for all cyclists.

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## Wallowa Mountain Loop Classic

### Multi-day Ride

Northeast Oregon is home to one of Oregon's premiere cycling experiences: a trip around and through the Wallowa Mountains. This route is a favorite of Cycle Oregon's annual "week ride".

#### Day 1: Elgin to Union.

This mostly flat route travels 45 miles through the Grande Ronde Valley.

#### Day 2: Union to Baker City

Another 45-mile day, this route includes several climbs, including one over 1500 feet.

#### Day 3: Baker City to Halfway

This 52-mile ride follows the Powder River before heading into the Wallowa Mountains. A steep 1200-foot climb precedes the final descent into Halfway.

#### Day 4: Halfway to Wallowa Lake

A challenging 77-mile day that travels through Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and the eastern portion of the Wallowa Mountains: two major climbs, with an elevation change of 3900 feet.

#### Day 5: Wallowa Lake to Elgin

This 58-mile day traverses the north side of the Wallowa Mountains. The ride is mostly downhill, but includes a steep 1100-foot climb up Minam Grade.

Route information provided by Cycle Oregon.

### ----- Salt Creek Summit Climb

A challenging 37-mile return route from Joseph, this spur travels into the heart of the Wallowa Mountains. The scenic ride has an elevation gain of 2000 feet, including a steady 1800-foot climb along a winding road. No shoulders; light to moderate traffic. Follow Imnaha Hwy to the junction of USFS road 39 (mile post 8), then turn right.

All of the suggested routes are on asphalt or chip sealed asphalt and can be ridden on any type of bicycle. Surface quality varies.

Disclaimer: These maps provides suggested routes only. Users of the routes do so at their own risk and hold no individual or entity responsible for any loss, damage, or injury.

## Cycling Wallowa County

Road Cycling Map for the Wallowa Mountain Loop and the Wallowa Valley



**Tenderfoot-Walker Loop**

12.4-mile loop beginning in Joseph and stretching east and north. Mostly flat, with total elevation gain/loss of 250 feet. Old barns and farmhouses dot the landscape between open fields. Farm animals and birds of prey are frequently seen. Light traffic, sometimes including farming machinery. No shoulders. Great views of the Wallowa Mountains.

**Hurricane-Dobbin Route**

19-mile loop can begin in either Joseph or Enterprise. A perfect ride for seeing much of the upper Wallowa Valley. Travel through forest, farm and ranchland, and the towns of Joseph and Enterprise. Elevation gain and loss, 500 feet. Ranch animals, deer, hawks, and the occasional bald eagle. Traffic is light except on the Imnaha Hwy and Hurricane Creek Road, which can have moderate traffic. No shoulder on Hurricane Creek Road.

*\*A bike lane is planned for construction on Hurricane Creek Road for summer of 2010.*

**Rancho Loop**

14.5-mile route begins in Enterprise and avoids biking on main highways. Cyclists depart and return along the same stretch with a loop in the middle of the ride. Total elevation gain / loss is 275 feet. Ranch land, mountain views and open sky. Traffic is light, with a slight increase on Crow Creek Rd. Watch for hawks, eagles, swallows, red-winged blackbirds, marmots and white-tailed deer.

**Near-Town Route**

Excellent for beginners and families. 6.5-mile loop begins and ends in Enterprise. Nearly flat: 150 feet of elevation gain/loss. Loop can be shortened by coming back on Hurricane Creek Road and riding only the east or west sections. Light traffic except on Hurricane Creek Road, where traffic is moderate. Sheep, goats, cows, horses, hawks, and Great Blue herons are often seen.

**OK Gulch Spur**

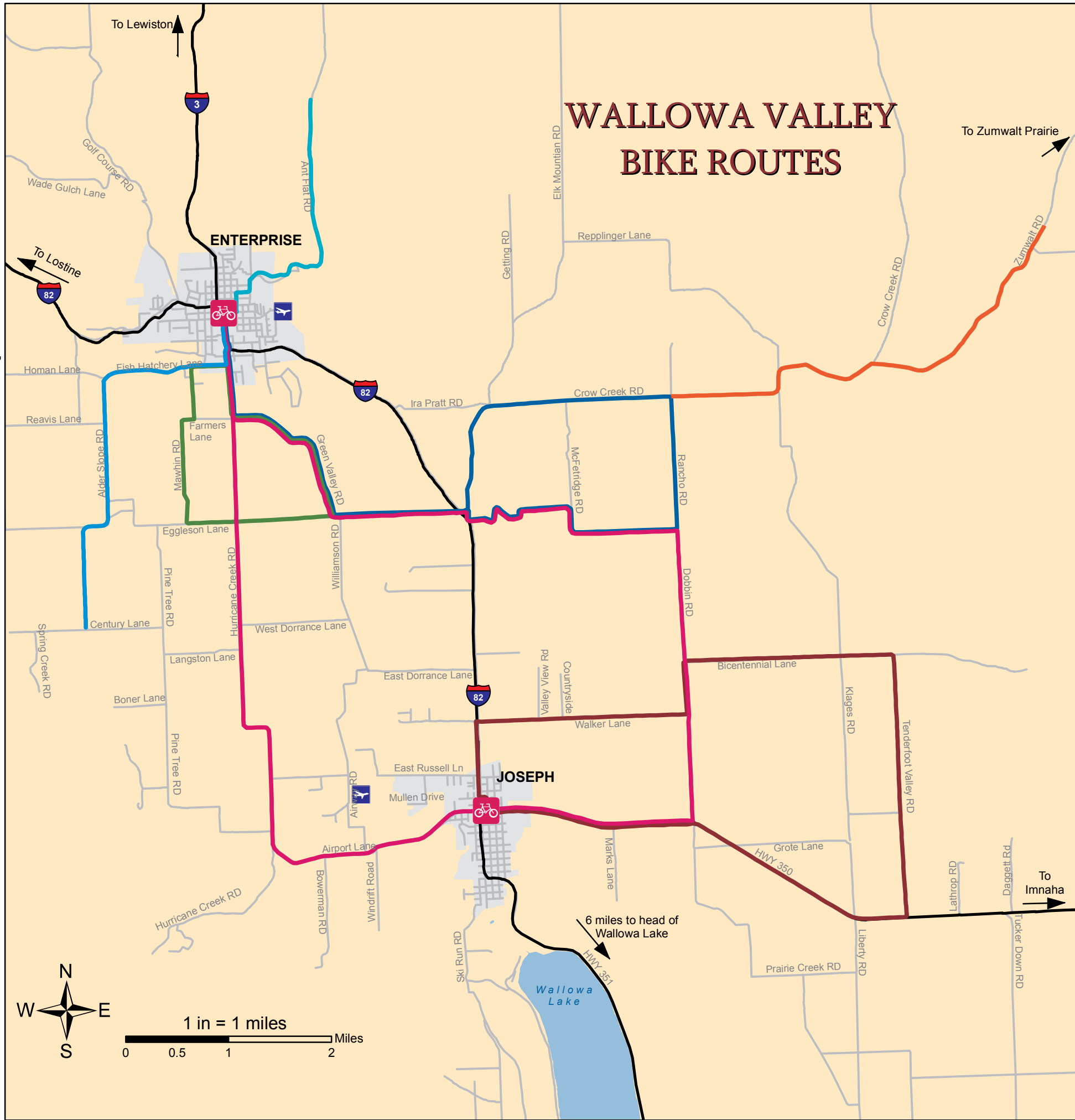
An excellent 9-mile add-on to the Rancho Loop ride. This spur begins at the NE corner of Rancho Loop and continues to pavement's end on the Zumwalt Prairie. The first half is fairly flat and transitions from Valley pastureland to bunchgrass prairie. The last 2.5 miles include a steep climb, over 600 feet, that winds through narrow OK Gulch. Outstanding views of the Wallowa Mountains and Valley. Traffic is typically light, but be cautious during your descent of OK Gulch.

**Alder Slope Spur**

This 8.5-mile return spur begins in downtown Enterprise and ascends to the base of the Wallowa Mountains. Steep at times. The route follows mostly pastureland. The turnaround occurs near the transition of pastureland and forest (4.25 miles). Total elevation gain is 500 feet. One of the best views of Idaho's Seven Devils Mountains. Traffic is light.

**Ant Flat Spur**

This short, steep spur is a good add-on to flatter Valley routes, or as a stand-alone for a brief but vigorous ride (6-mile return). Terrain is pastureland; several hawk species, ground squirrels, and bison can often be seen. The route gains over 400 feet before the pavement ends. Turn around here, and enjoy a commanding view of the Wallowa Mountains. Light traffic, moderate on weekends.



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