

The NWTR has traveled extensively throughout the northwest since 1986.

Join us in beautiful Cottage Grove, Oregon—the Covered Bridge Capital of the West—for a three-day celebration of cycling, community, and connection.

Hosted by Mudslinger Events LLC, and supported by the NWTR Board, the 2026 edition, themed "Wine & Covered Bridges," invites tandem riders from across the Northwest and beyond to explore the rolling hills, vineyards, and historic charm of the Willamette Valley. With routes designed for all abilities, participants will enjoy fully supported rides featuring Oregon's iconic covered bridges, scenic bikeways, and friendly small-town hospitality. Local Non-Profits will be on hand welcoming you, along with our friends at the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

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WELCOME!

The weekend includes:

Friday social and welcome gathering at Coast Fork Brewing

Saturday and Sunday supported rides showcasing the surrounding wine country west and the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway east for all abilities

Rest stops every 10–20 miles stocked with local treats and refreshments.

Evening entertainment, including live music on Saturday, local food, and craft beverages

Vendor expo and community fair celebrating cycling and regional partners

Whether you're new to tandem riding or a longtime NWTR participant, Cottage Grove offers the perfect mix of adventure, culture, and relaxation. Come ride, sip, and celebrate with fellow cycling enthusiasts in one of Oregon's most scenic settings.



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - June 5

11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Guided tour and lite refreshments at Co-Motion Cycles (4765 Pacific Avenue, Eugene, OR 97402 Reserve via registration

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Guided Tour Rolf Prima Wheels 940 Wilson St, Eugene, OR 97402 Reserve Via Registration

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Packet Pickup & Welcome Celebration supported by Coast Fork Brewing downtown Cottage Grove

SATURDAY - June 6

Siuslaw Valley's rolling vineyards and quiet backroads

Pancake Breakfast 7-9 am in Bohemia Park

9:00 am: Supported Rides Begin (multiple route options)

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Riders Return / Live Music/Vendor Fair & Beer/Wine Garden BBQ available for purchase through Registration or on-site

5:30 pm-6 pm: Raffle, Announcements, Final activities for the day

SUNDAY - June 7

Covered Bridge Scenic Bikeway

7am-9am Pancake Breakfast Free of Charge

8:00 am-9:30 am: Depart on your own after check-in at Bohemia Park

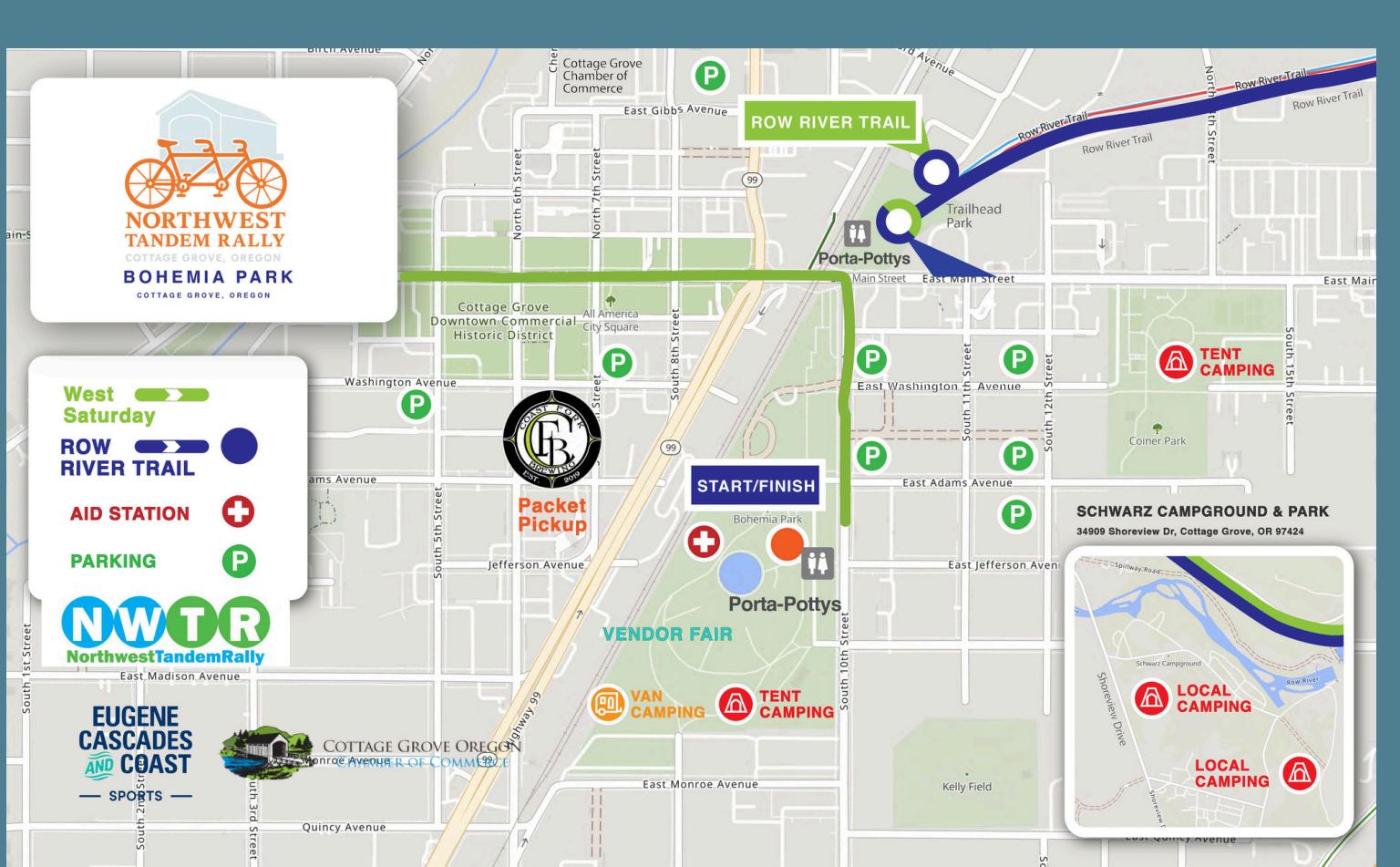
The Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway in Cottage Grove features peaceful country roads, six historic covered bridges, rolling farmland, and lakeside paths—an iconic Oregon ride blending history, beauty, and gentle adventure.

11:30 am - 3:30 pm: Ice Cream Social/Vendor Fair Celebration, Lunch provided until 3:30 pm

4:00 pm: Farewell & Volunteer Thank You

VENUE MAP

Staging from Bohemia Park, with all rides departing from this location, we welcome you to explore and relax with friends, starting Friday and ending Sunday with our final ride.



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REST STOPS / AID STATIONS

Both Saturday and Sunday, there will be rest stops every 10–20 miles stocked with local treats and refreshments.

Examples of items:

Orange Slices, Bananas, or other fruit

Energy Bars

Chips, potatoes

Fresh-baked Cookies

Pastries

Special local mystery treats



SOCIAL FRIDAY

Welcome Celebration in downtown Cottage Grove at Coast Fork Brewing and the Cottage Grove Armory. Located on the same block!

Stop by for a beverage and grab your welcome packet with a special announcement in January for this Friday activity

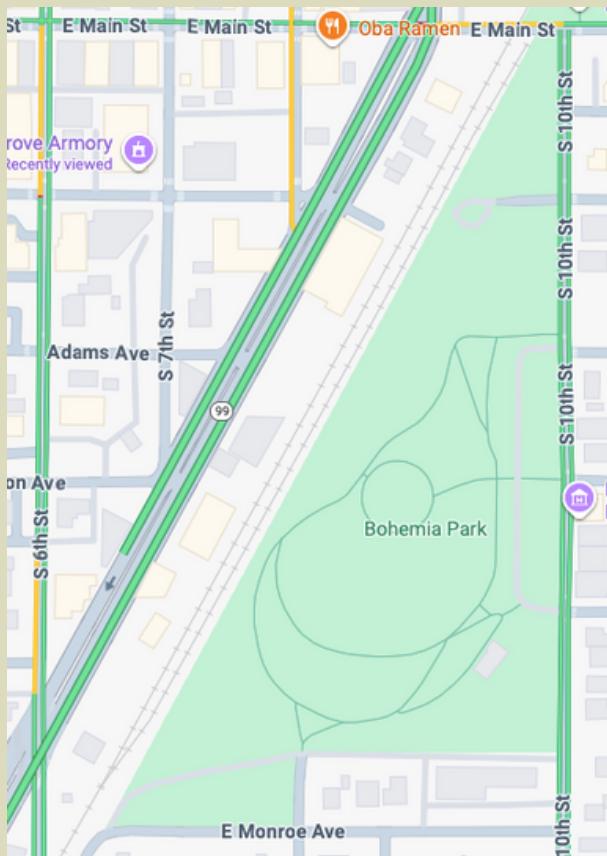


SOCIAL SATURDAY

Celebrate after your ride in Bohemia Park with Music, Food, and a Vendor Fair from 11-5 pm!

Entertainment, including live music, local food, and craft beverages.

Vendor expo and community fair celebrating Tandem cycling



ROUTES SATURDAY

Depart 9am

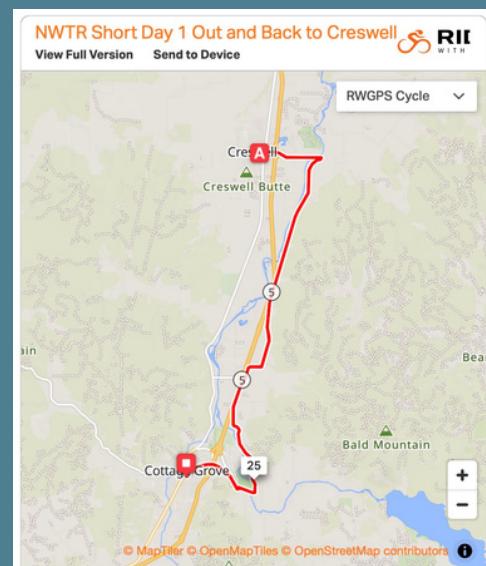
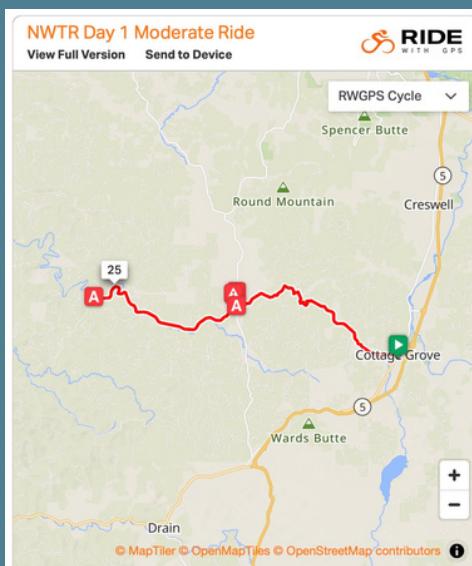
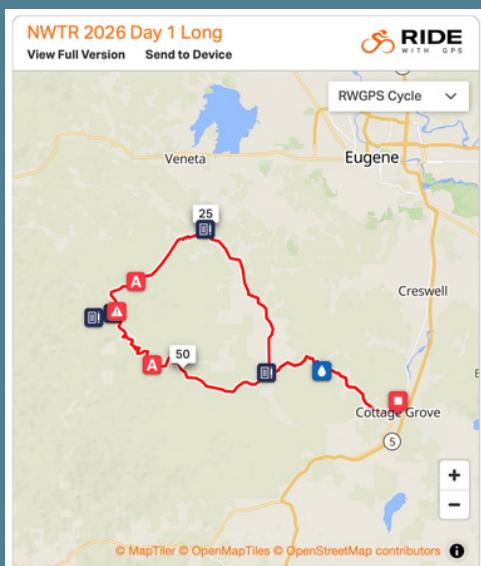
Choose between three route options:

A challenging 4,600-foot elevation gain for those who love adventure and can take on the hills in 70 miles.

Or a moderate 2,300-foot route for a rewarding but less grueling journey out and back to the beautiful Siuslaw River Valley in 46 miles.

For those seeking a lighter ride this relaxing out-and-back with 700 ft of climbing and 27 miles follows a portion of the scenic Row River Trail

Whether you're chasing elevation or coasting through gentle valleys, Day 1 offers something for every tandem team. Don't forget your camera—these are the roads memories are made on.



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SOCIAL SATURDAY

We love riding!

Celebrate after in Bohemia Park with Music, Food, and a Vendor Fair with all your favorite Tandem Friends and some Solo bikes as well. Custom NWTR Jerseys for sale, and a Big BBQ available for purchase pre-reg or on-site

. If you did not purchase with registration, please do so at any time, or email us to get a proper headcount.



ROUTES SUNDAY

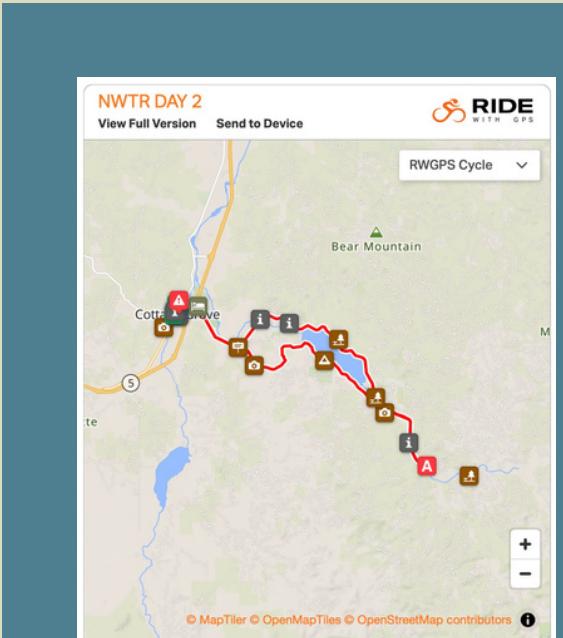
Depart after 8am until 9:30 am

Sunday's adventure takes you along the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway, a 34-mile ride with 1,210 feet of climbing that highlights Cottage Grove's historic charm and natural beauty. An option to cut off 200 or so feet will be available.

Follow peaceful roads and the Row River Trail past farms, forests, and six of Oregon's iconic covered bridges. Enjoy a smooth mix of paved paths and gentle hills—perfect for a relaxed day in the saddle.

For riders looking to add more miles, simply turn back and repeat any favorite section of the Row River Trail,

Return to Bohemia Park for a well-earned Sunday lunch and celebration to close out an unforgettable weekend.



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SWAG – What's Included

Custom NWTR 2026 Commemorative Pin

Personalized NWTR License Plate

Cycling Socks (custom design for 2026) for all riders registered through April

Access to all supported rides with marked routes and stocked rest stops

Sunday lunch from Dietz Deli in the park

Entry to afternoon/evening social events, including the Ice Cream Social Sunday and Wine/ Beer Garden Saturday with included beverage, plus non-alcoholic options.

Access to vendor fair, live music, and rally HQ activities

Thanks to you, your support will assist many local NPO community groups such as Coast Fork Kiwanis, Cottage Grove Aqua Lions, and many youth and civic groups coming on to support our aid station and venue activities, along with the generous support of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Eugene Cascades, Coast Sports Commission.



LODGING

Take advantage of special rates and unique lodging options close to Rally HQ:



La Quinta – Reserve with Rally Rate, Limited Rooms (20 Minutes away)



Holiday Inn Express – Book Now Limited Rooms (20 Minutes away)



Travel Lane County Visitor Page – Explore additional Travel opportunities throughout the Eugene, Cascades & Coast region



Sprinter Van and Tent Camping onsite at **Bohemia Park** (reservable on BikeReg registration)

RECREATION.gov

RV Camping can be located at **Recreation.gov**



Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce is a key partner in welcoming riders and supporting our local, bike-friendly community.

EXPLORE LANE COUNTY

Make the most of your trip by discovering nearby gems:



Ride or stroll the [**Row River Trail**](#) and its famous covered bridges



Visit the following location for local tasting:
[**Alesong Brewing and Blending**](#)



[**King Estate Winery**](#)



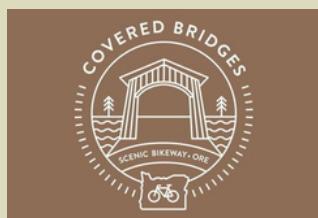
[**Iris Vineyards**](#)



[**Saginaw Vineyard**](#)



Explore the [**Mt. Pisgah Arboretum**](#)



Find more about the [**Cottage Grove Scenic Bikeway**](#)

SAFETY

ALWAYS FOLLOW: THE RULES OF THE ROAD

The course IS open for ALL riders, so PLEASE be aware of your surroundings at all times. Please be courteous to others and extend a friendly nod or "hello" when passing. Please know you are the person in charge of your bike and responsibilities around not injuring any other person while participating in this event.

Helmets required anytime you are on your bike at this event.

Please stay hydrated!

DO NOT LITTER AT ANYTIME ON COURSE! Place all gels back in your pockets or leave at the aid stations!

Course Markings will be as follows:

5 mile markers for each route with a specific name of the route
Distance to next aid station
Special markings on important corners

Sag Support Shuttles and tours available from Cog Wild



FAQ

Why a Tandem? Submitted by Team Walsh

I have a gravel bike, and I love my mountain bike; neither of those bikes make people smile.

The tandem starts conversations.

Parents with children stop and wave.

People are compelled to yell, "She is not peddling," and laugh out loud.

Even the ferry captain reassures us that our bike is safe.

It seems everyone wants to be a part of "our team".

It is bigger than just the 2 of us!

Team Walsh

See the [Webpage](#) for the Latest FAQ

We appreciate you coming to the NWTR 2026!

Canadians, make sure to send us an email for our special "We love Canada Discount" Last season we missed you!

