

Bacona Banks

Portland Bicycling Club

This is an “easier” gravel ride. Still not easy but not the daunting 50 miles and 5,000+ feet of climbing of most Portland gravel rides. If you have a gravel bike, but are new to gravel riding, then this might be a good tour.

This ride is about ½ road and gravel. We’ll start at Banks Vernonia trailhead and make a loop. The gravel section is in the middle and is fairly scenic.

This is a regroup ride. I don’t mind if faster riders drop everyone but I’ll stay near the back and will wait for slower riders at regroup points

Basic Trip Info

Meeting Time: 9AM

Meeting Place: Banks Vernonia
Trailhead

Gravel Ride

Pace: Leisurely

Regroup Ride

Terrain: C-D

Distance: ~22 miles

Total Climb: ~2000 feet

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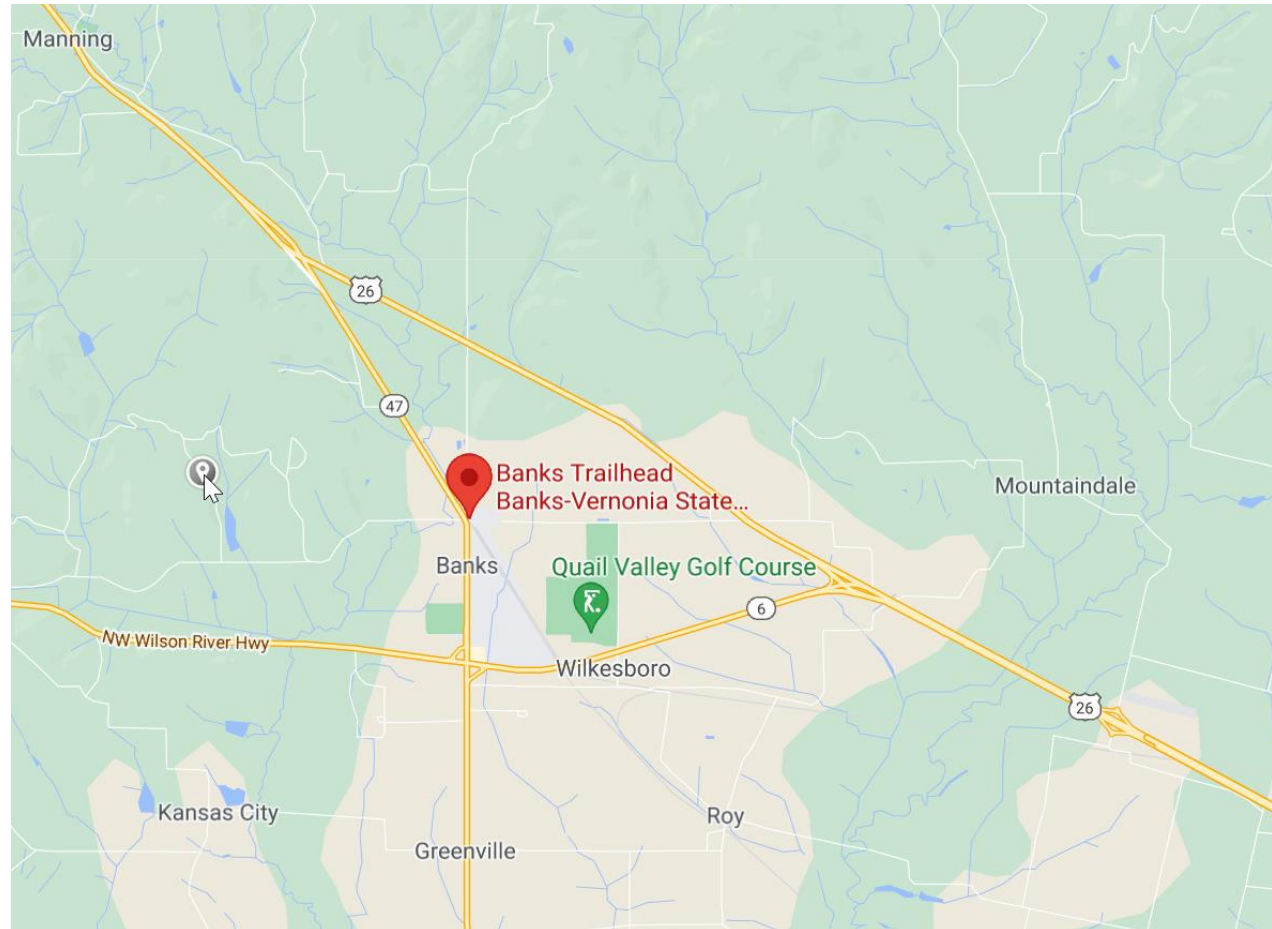
503.643.6779 (mobile)

Cancellation

- Cancellations are rare but they do occasionally happen
- Please check website before heading out

Ride Starting Point

- Meet at [Banks-Vernonia trail trailhead](#) in Banks (~1/2 hour drive from Portland)



Appropriate Bicycle for this Tour

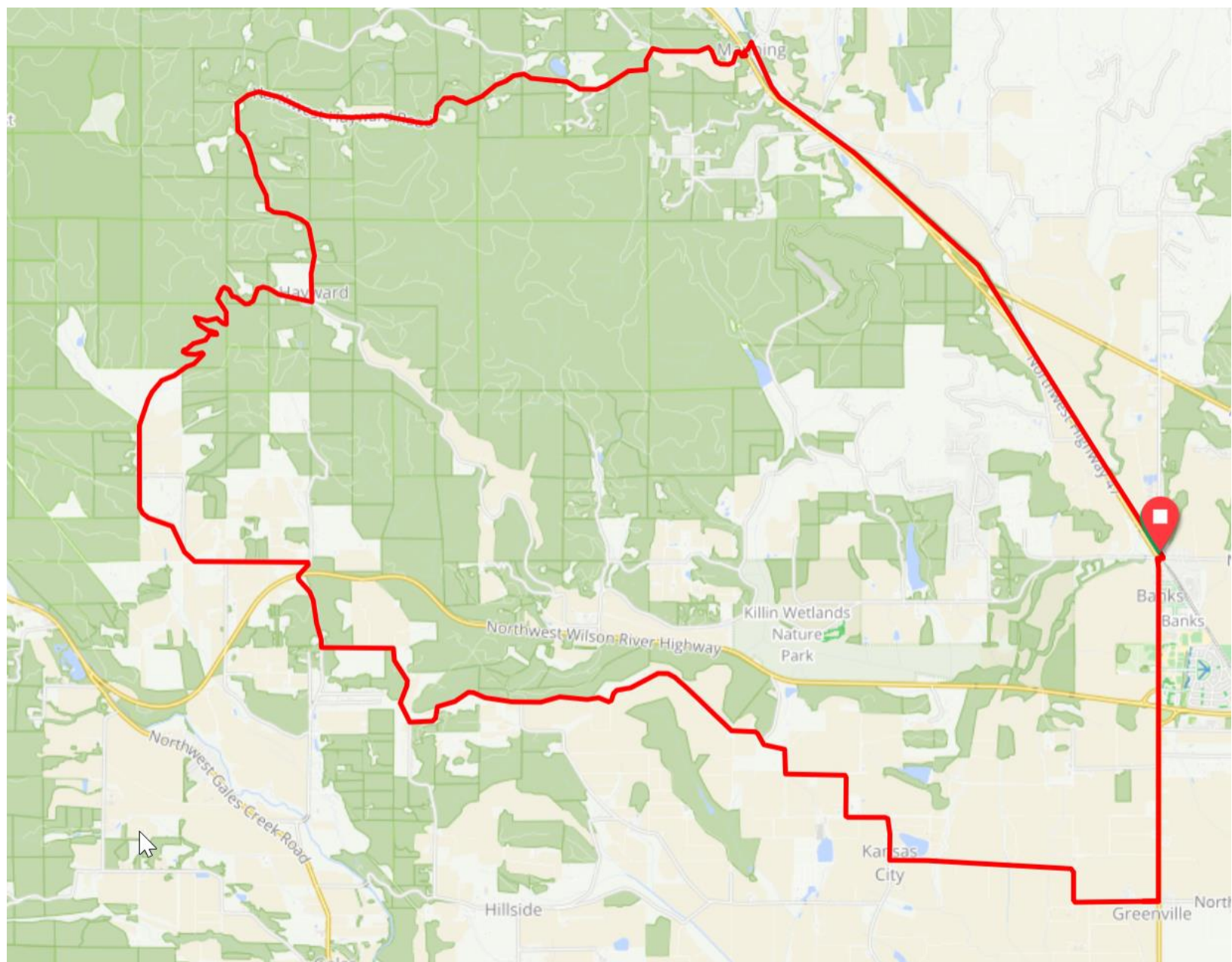
You really do need a gravel bike or mountain bike do this tour.

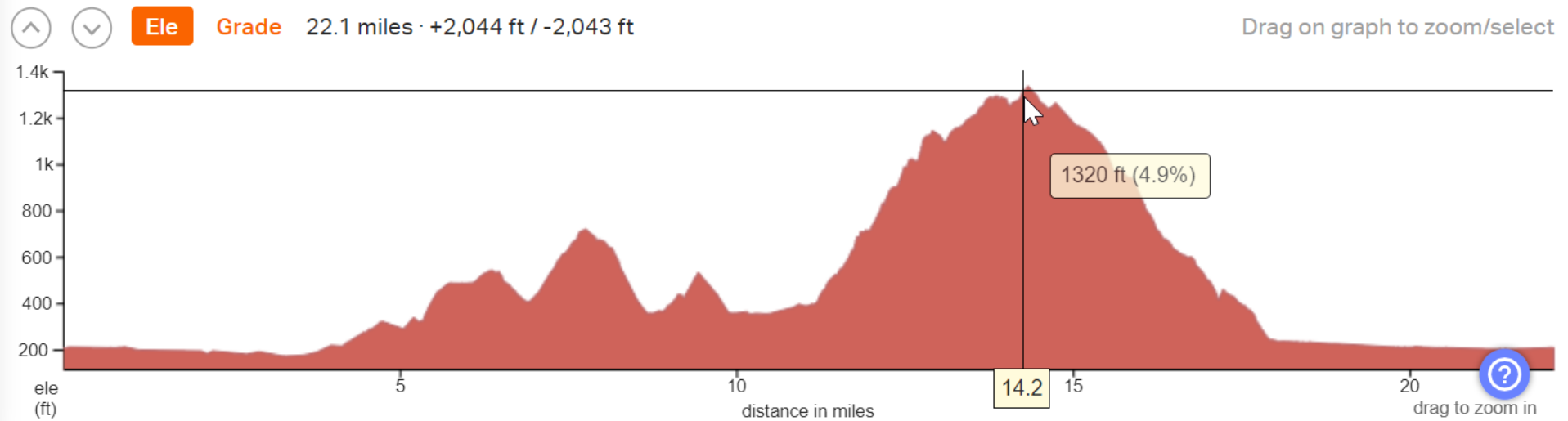
It is hard to say how big of tires you need since gravel riding ability varies (I'm amazed by how narrow of tires some people can use for gravel).

This is not especially nasty/difficult gravel but I'd think you need tires at least 35mm wide (I'll ride 42mm)

Ride Route

- With unmarked gravel roads, paper maps are not that useful.
- I highly recommend GPS navigation on bike
- If you don't have this you'll be OK. I'll wait at each turn for last rider
- Link to map:
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36570421>





Regroup Points

- 7.9 miles - Top of hill at right turn onto NW Shearer Hill Road
- 9.5 miles - Small rise on NW School road
- 12.8 miles – Road closed to vehicles (most of way up climb)
- 17.9 Banks/Vernonia Trail