

Okanagan Tour  
June 3-12, 2023



22 Trip Participants:

(Left to right as shown in picture) Gino Salamatian, Danilo Filippin, Diane Swindell, Maureen Weston, Berni Koppe, Gerry Porter, Elisabeth Buxbaum, Delores Franz Los, Rob Haigh, Denise Howes, Lani Schultz, Garry Esau (leader), Dianne White (leader), Dick Carpenter, Elaine Carpenter, June Gallagher, Robin Howe, Sandy Brodie, Daniel Carey, Lawrence Veal, Mardi Leslie, Bob Scoverski

What's not to love about the Okanagan? Our eight rides led us through tranquil and verdant rolling countryside from Vernon to Penticton to Oliver. Scenery included beautiful lakes, vineyards, and orchards, and vehicle traffic was minimal on many sections of the routes. Weather was mostly warm and gorgeous, although we experienced just a bit of rain on the last couple days of the tour. As usual, the clouds passed once we all broke out our rain jackets. We encountered and conquered (!!!) many hills, most notable of which was probably the 500 meter climb on Green Mountain Road near Kaledon. But then few of us will forget the steady climb up Fairview Road near Oliver which we tackled, or at least parts of, on both days 7 and 8.

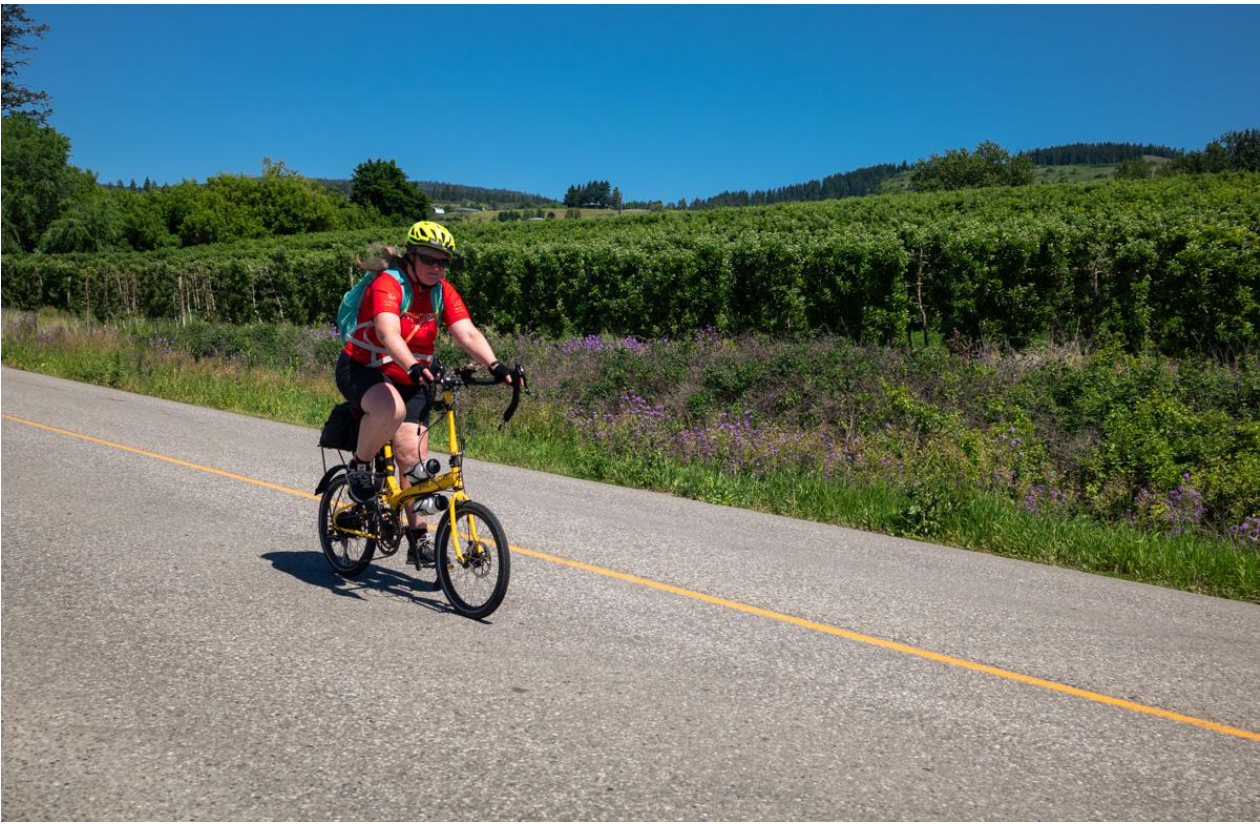
All the hill climbing allowed us to enjoy guilt-free sampling of local treats. Daily happy hours prepared by riders included a wide variety of tasty appetizers. Artisan breads at Platinum Bench Winery in Oliver and ice cream at Tickleberry's in Ok Falls were very popular indulgences. And of course the wine. What fun to sample so many tasty wines from vineyards throughout the Okanagan.

Special thanks to ride leaders Garry Esau and Dianne White who did a marvelous job of planning all details of this tour, communicating with participants, and leading daily rides. Garry and Dianne also graciously hosted a pre-dinner Okanagan wine sampling on our last night together.

Day 2 - first ride, Vernon to Armstrong 78 km / 857 meters







Day 3 - three lakes tour, Vernon 66 km / 889 meters











Day 4 - Penticton to Naramata 51 km / 636 meters











Day 5 - Kaledon loop 80 km / 1174 meters











Day 6 - McLean Creek 50 km / 537 meters









**Day 7 - Oliver southern loop 46 km / 452 meters**



**Rain mid-way through ride.**

**Day 8 - Osooyoos loop 65 km / 506 meters**









Day 9 - OK Falls loop 53 km / 638 meters





